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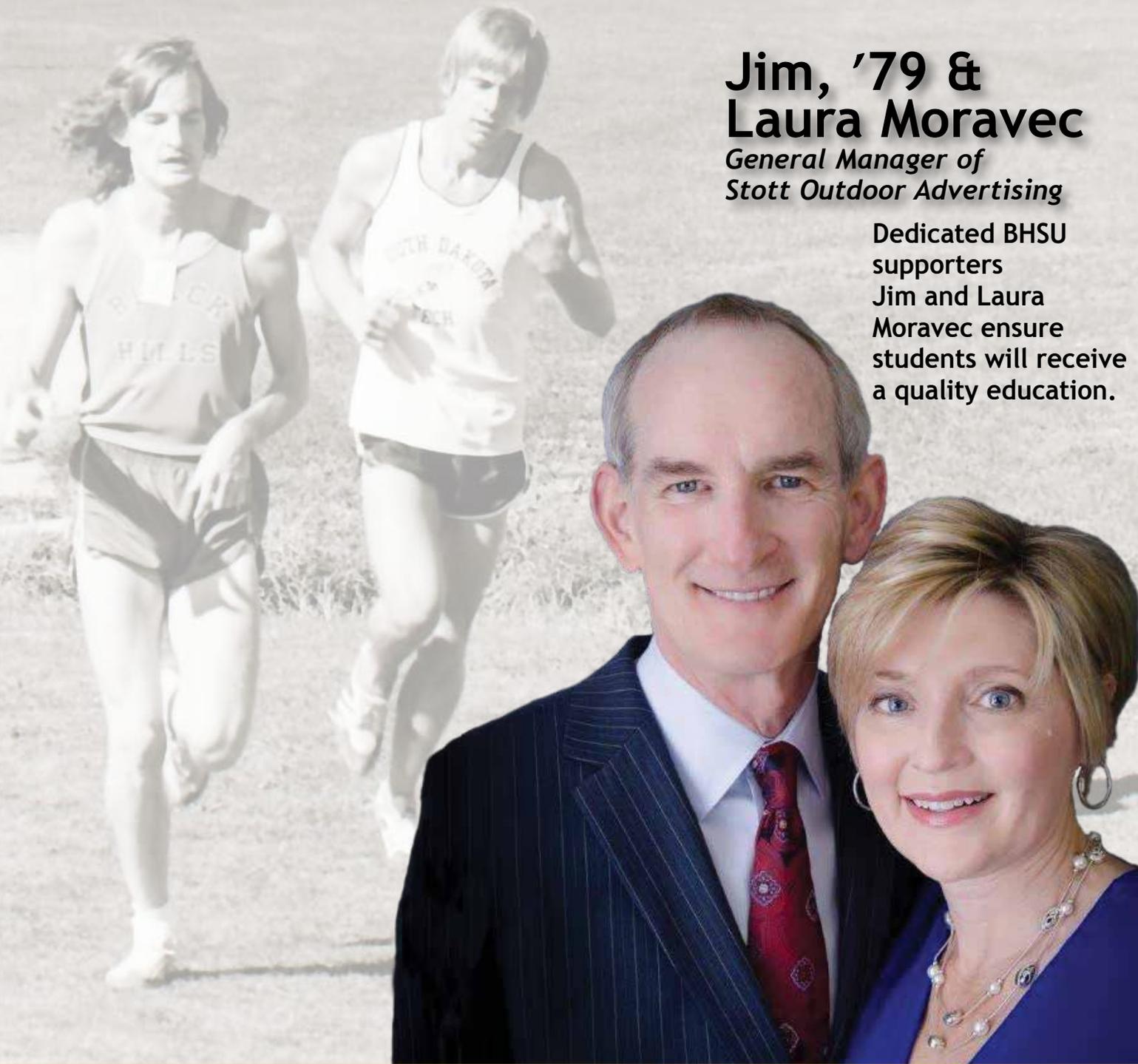
Spring 2016



Jim, '79 & Laura Moravec

*General Manager of
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Dedicated BHSU supporters Jim and Laura Moravec ensure students will receive a quality education.



Greetings BHSU Alumni,

The only constant is change. BHSU continues to change to meet the needs of today's students while honoring our legacy and remembering the people through the years that have made Black Hills State a unique and memorable place where students are encouraged to dream and consider possibilities for their future.

I invite you to return to your alma mater. On campus you'll see some very evident changes (the addition of Crow Peak Hall, landscaping, removal of Pangburn Hall and the first stage of an ambitious tree planting plan). I also invite you to take a few minutes to read the success stories of your fellow alumni and learn more about recent University initiatives including our transition to NCAA Division II athletics and the addition of two sports – women's triathlon and women's soccer.

BHSU continues to celebrate its exemplary synergy with the residents of Spearfish and the entire Black Hills region. Our students and faculty have the opportunity to conduct research 4,850 feet underground at the Sanford Lab (former Homestake Mine) in nearby Lead. Our newest location, BHSU-Rapid City, offers educational opportunities in the state's second largest city. You'll also see Jacket Zone retail gift and apparel stores located throughout the state including our newest location in Sioux Falls which is creating some buzz East River.

You, the BHSU alumni, have played a major role in the continuing evolution of the University. Students and prospective students seek your guidance. I hope to see you soon either on campus, in one of our Jacket Zone stores, or at our upcoming alumni reunions. Make plans now to join us for commencement, the Jacket Ride during the Sturgis Rally or Swarm Days 2016. You are always welcome here on the BHSU campus.

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



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Upcoming **BHSU** Alumni Gatherings

CLASS OF 1966 / 50-YEAR CLUB REUNION - MAY 6 & 7, 2016

Members of the Class of 1966 are invited to a gathering May 6 & 7 to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club at Black Hills State University. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior classes are also invited to a banquet in honor of the class celebrating its 50th. Contact Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or call (605) 642-6385 to receive a registration packet. Pre-registration for this event is required.

BHSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERING IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA - JULY 19, 2016

The BHSU Alumni Association will host an alumni and friends gathering in Omaha, Neb., July 19. The gathering will take place in conjunction with the Omaha Storm Chasers vs. Salt Lake Bees baseball game. For more information and/or to register please contact Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or call (605) 642-6385. Pre-registration for this event is required.

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2006 BHSU FOOTBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIP - SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

We are inviting back members of the 2006 BHSU football team to campus to recognize the team on the 10th anniversary of their DAC-10 championship on Saturday, Sept. 17. The gathering is being held in conjunction with the Yellow Jackets football home opener against Dixie State University. For more information contact Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or call (605) 642-6385.

THE 1979-1982 BHSC FOOTBALL TEAMS - OCTOBER 1, 2016

The 1979 through 1982 football teams are invited back to campus for a reunion in honor of their head football coach Gene Schlekeway during the 2016 Swarm Week festivities. For more information, contact Gene Schlekeway at normagene52@gmail.com or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu, (605) 642-6385.

BHSU ALUMNI RUN 24TH ANNUAL STADIUM SPORTS GRILL ALUMNI MILE



Left, more than 30 former BHSU track and field and cross country runners returned to campus to participate in the 24th Annual Stadium Sports Grill Alumni Mile. Each year this event raises money for the Alumni Mile endowment. This endowment goes to BHSU track and field and cross country student-athletes. Alec Baldwin, exercise science major from Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Sierra Miles, human services major from Montrose, were awarded this year's Alumni Mile Scholarships.

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BLACK HILLS STATE HOSTS UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN IN PHYSICS CONFERENCE

More than 80 undergraduate physics majors from throughout the Midwest descended on campus at BHSU in January for the American Physical Society's Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP). The conference was held in partnership with Sanford Underground Research Facility.

Kristin Rath, a secondary science education and physical science major from Canton who served as the student chair of the conference's local organizing committee, said the conference was especially important for undergraduate women in science. Nationally, women are under-represented in the field of physics.

"While undergraduate women in science may be one of only two or three girls in their class at school, they are one of many women in science across the nation," said Rath. "This conference helped them to see that they are not alone in their love of science."

The three-day conference included research talks by faculty, panel discussions about graduate school and careers in physics, presentations and discussions about women in physics, laboratory tours, and a student poster session.



Physics students showcase their research at the American Physical Society's Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics in January. Held in conjunction with the Sanford Lab in Lead, more than 80 undergraduate physics students were able to network with fellow physics students and educators.

BHSU UNDERGOES CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS

As the spring 2016 semester began at BHSU, several campus construction projects to meet the needs of students were nearly complete or underway.

Projects included the removal of Pangburn Hall, hillside bank stabilization, and the addition of an Einstein Bros Bagels coffee shop in the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center.

Pangburn Hall, a former residence hall, had significant infrastructure problems that made it cost-prohibitive to remodel. Originally built in the early 50s, Pangburn Hall served a number of purposes through the years (dining area, residence hall, classrooms, small theatre and photography studio) but was

physically and structurally unfit for continued use.

Several historic items from Pangburn Hall, including a fireplace grate, were removed and will be displayed at the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center. Furthering BHSU's commitment to environmental sustainability, University facilities staff removed a wide variety of recyclable and reusable materials that will be salvaged and repurposed.

The Black Box Theatre has been relocated to third floor of Woodburn Hall directly above the Theatre Department space on second floor.

When the Pangburn project is

complete, a hillside stabilization and landscaping project, which is designed to provide greater access to the University and connect the upper and lower parts of campus, will begin.

Other projects on campus included:

- The Admissions Welcome Center was added in the Student Union.
- Crow Peak Hall, the first new residence hall in 50 years, opened for students this fall.
- The Sanford Science Education Center in Jonas Hall opened last semester. The Center offers science labs, interactive classrooms and displays for visitors to campus.



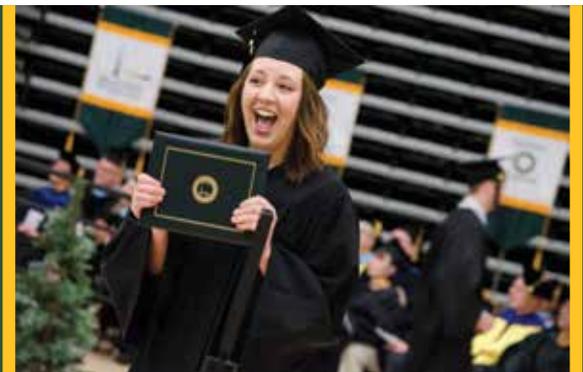
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SPOTLIGHT

ALUM RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE DURING FALL COMMENCEMENT



Jerome A. Greene, '68, received an Honorary Doctor of Letters and Literature Degree during the 170th BHSU Commencement Ceremony Dec. 12. Greene is a retired curator, historian and award-winning author.

Greene has always been interested in American Indian history. He was a longtime National Park Service employee and professor, serving as a research historian and manager with the National Park Service over the years. Greene credits BHSU with cultivating his interest in history and providing him the expertise to create a lifelong career as a historian and curator.

Greene has authored 17 books, many of which focus on American Indian history in the United States. Four of Greene's books focus on South Dakota history.

BHSU HONORS CENTER RENAMED BELLMAN HONORS CENTER



The Honors Center at BHSU is now officially known as the Stewart and Wanda Bellman Honors Center. In October, a group of BHSU faculty, staff, students and BHSU alumni honored Dr. Wanda Bellman, BHSU professor emeritus and her late husband Stewart, for the tremendous impact the longtime professors had on the campus and community.

The Center has a true Bellman influence thanks to the artwork, literature and furniture that the Bellmans donated for the Center.

Both Wanda and Stewart Bellman began teaching at Black Hills State College in 1966. Wanda Bellman primarily was a speech and theater orientation teacher; Stewart Bellman taught English.

BHSU RECEIVES NEARLY \$1.5 MILLION GRANT FOR STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAM



A highly successful program at BHSU, which more than doubles the graduation rate of qualifying students, earned a grant for nearly \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Education.

The competitive five-year grant for the Federal TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program allows for continuation of BHSU outreach and student services to first-generation college students, low-income individuals, and those with disabilities. The funds provide support for services including academic advising and tutoring to help students successfully graduate from college.

BHSU has offered the TRIO SSS Program since the first grant was awarded in 1971 positively impacting academic and professional careers of several thousand students.

TOP 10 IN 2015 AT BHSU



1 Black Hills State University - Rapid City was established to provide increased higher education opportunities. In addition to the rebranding, new programs and classes were added throughout the year.



2 RENOVATIONS

BHSU continues to evolve to meet the needs of students. In 2015 the University opened Crow Peak Hall, the Sanford Science Education Center, and added an Admissions Welcome Center in the Student Union.



5 The BHSU Underground Campus at Sanford Lab in Lead opened in 2015.

The cleanroom and adjoining workspace at the 4,850-foot level of the lab will be used for multidisciplinary research.



4 INCREASED PARTNERSHIPS

BHSU established new international partnerships. The University is now connected to more than 30 countries where students can travel, learn and earn their degree.



3 **600**

MORE THAN 600 STUDENTS EARNED DEGREES IN 2015



6 BHSU continues to enhance its dedication to military veterans. The University was named to several lists noting our academic dedication to student veterans.



7 It was another record year for donations in 2015, with nearly \$10.2 million raised. There were also nearly 800 new donors in 2015.



8 BHSU and Spearfish are recognized for their exceptional synergy. Spearfish received numerous national rankings as one of the best small towns in the nation. The community welcomes BHSU and collaborates on many initiatives.



10 The BHSU Spearfish Local Program received a \$100,000 grant from the USDA Local Food Program.

The grant will help incubate a local food hub for the Northern Hills.



9 BHSU added two new sports, now offering 14 NCAA sports. Women's soccer was added to the line-up. Women's triathlon also started in 2015.



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BHSU ALUM SAVES LIVES, EDUCATES OTHERS THROUGH NPS CAREER

Each day, **Danny Fairchild, '13**, puts his life at risk to help others.

Danny's passion in service is one he cultivated during his years at BHSU, earning his teaching degree.

Now Danny works for the National Park Service, where he most recently completed duties as a Wildland Firefighter and Helitack Crew Member in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in California.

Danny talks about his career, education at BHSU and love for the outdoors.

Q: Tell me about your job as a Wildland Firefighter and Helitack Crew Member.

A: "Helitack" mainly means Helicopter Attack. We complete operations in remote areas that are 500- to 14,500-foot operations in 40 to 110 degree temperatures.

We do several missions through wildland fire, search and rescue, re-supply orders and drug interaction. Through wildland fire we have a crew of eight men and women, with five of us flying on board, dropped in the vicinity of the fire.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your career?

A: I've been in fire for six years and search and rescue for four years. I started at the park service when I was 19 years old and have truly loved it. I'm a teacher, adrenaline junkie, outdoorsman, competitive individual, and truly like to help someone who needs it.

Q: What's the job like? I'd imagine it's quite a rush.

A: Honestly, it's a rush all the time! I find myself running a million miles a minute. The NPS is one of the best in the business when it comes to rescues. We train daily - physically and mentally - and when a situation comes up we all thoughtfully and methodically go through the process.

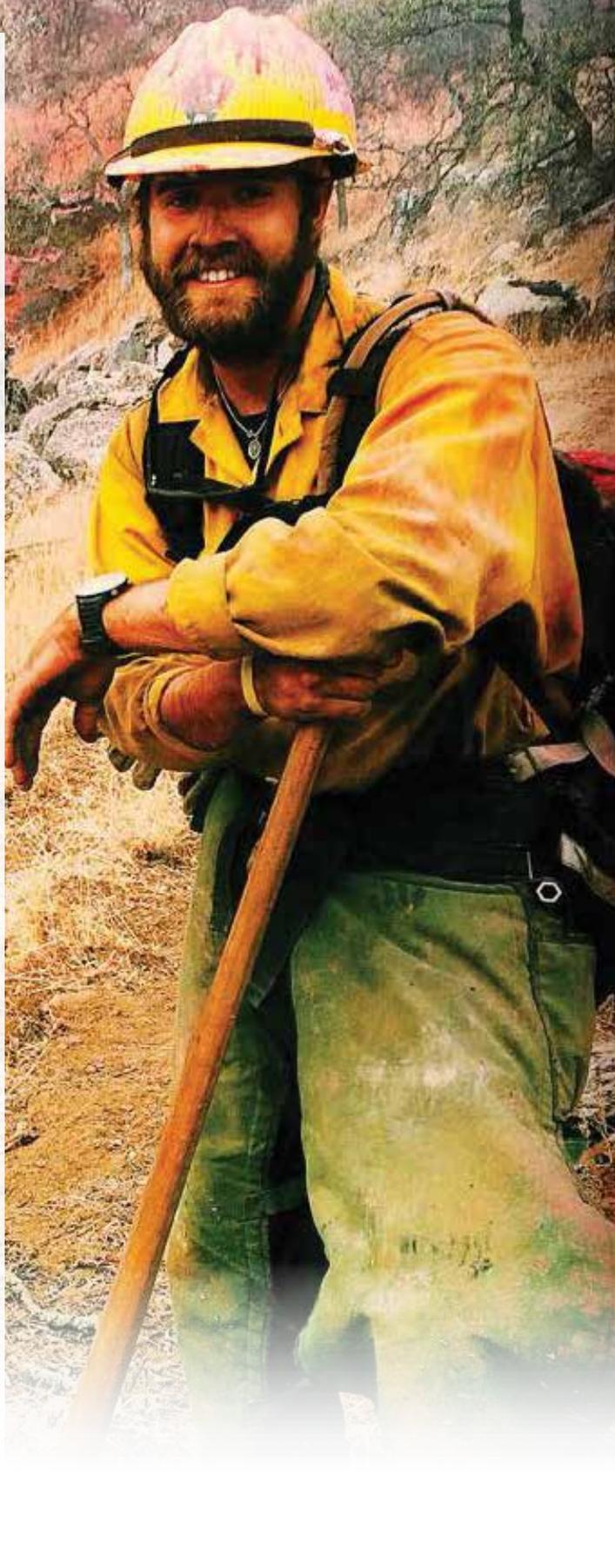
Q: Have you had any big saves through your job? Close calls? Memorable moments?

A: My first wildland fire I'll never forget! I felt like I was in war! Just madness, just crazy! And now I'm addicted to it!

I remember a few medical calls that I'll never forget. I remember my hands pressed firmly against a patient's neck, who was bleeding profusely. The patient couldn't speak English, but when I looked into her eyes, all I could see was fear. I remember just looking into their eyes and saying "It's ok, it's ok. I'm here, it's ok." I'll never forget the sheer terror, fear, helplessness in her eyes.

Q: At BHSU, Anything is Possible. What is your Anything?

A: My life pretty much fits that motto to the T. I was unsure of what to do so I just did what I liked. I found out I liked history, teaching, and helping people so I became a history teacher. But instead of teaching in a classroom, I teach in the outdoors. I'm teaching new rookie firefighters fire line safety and tactics and I'm teaching students fire prevention. The park service is filled with history and all the parks I've worked at have a strong history that will be there for generations to come.



CARRIE LEWIS, '03

MARKETING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, PANDORA

Carrie Lewis always had a creative side. She took that passion for creativity and education from BHSU to build a career in marketing.

Carrie comes from a line of BHSU graduates. Her mother attended BHSU and her grandfather taught at the University. So Carrie said it was only fitting she would earn her business administration-marketing degree from BHSU.

While at BHSU, she was part of the Buzz Marketing team which gave her immediate experience with the professional marketing industry.

"That's where I first learned the marketing business in Spearfish," Carrie said. "I graduated under the wings of Dr. Priscilla Romkema and Dr. Wei Song. They guided my path."

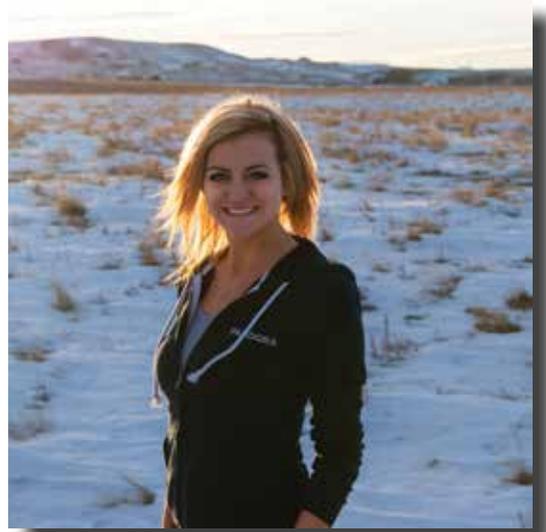
After earning her degree, Carrie worked with a local radio station as a marketing account executive. She now works for Pandora and was the only female sales staff member at the time of her hire. She attended Pandora University, where she learned about the core of Pandora and the company's vision.

"I love that I am able to provide clients advertising platforms locally in South Dakota, but also on a national level with Pandora," Carrie said. "Marketing is my passion and I am thrilled to learn where Pandora is headed."

Through her work, Carrie works with clients on advertising campaigns from audio to visual displays.

Carrie encourages others to pursue their dreams and she shares advice she received upon working with Pandora.

"Pursue a career that is always growing and always training; pursue what you love. Find those niches and you will find yourself successful," Carrie said. "You'll find yourself successful if you're always growing."



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- CARRIE LEWIS,
MARKETING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, PANDORA

RYLAN SPRAGUE, '12

BOTANIST, BLACK HILLS FOREST SERVICE

DONOVIN SPRAGUE, '82

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES INSTRUCTOR, AUTHOR

Black Hills State University alums and father/son, Donovan Sprague and Rylan Sprague, recently published their book *Standing Rock: Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Nation*.

Standing Rock: Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Nation is a contemporary book that showcases the most recent history of the Standing Rock Reservation through photographs. The oldest photos in the book date from the 1930s.

The Standing Rock Reservation is home to 8,250 Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people of the Oceti Sakowin Nation, located in south central North Dakota and north central South Dakota. The reservation is the sixth largest in the United States.

"As members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, we are familiar with the great people and achievements from all of our Lakota/Dakota/Nakota tiospaye (family)," Rylan said. "Some of the more significant events, like last year's visit from President Obama, led us to focus on this effort on Standing Rock."

"It's so rewarding," Donovan said. "The history and the pride and the interest in the people we work with is tremendous."

Donovin and Rylan have collaborated on musical projects over the years, however this is their first book project together.

Donovin Sprague is a 1982 BHSU graduate and American Indian Studies adjunct instructor. He also is a tour guide, musician, artisan and historian. Rylan Sprague is a 2012 BHSU graduate and a Northern Hills District Botanist for the Black Hills Forest Service in Spearfish.



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SHELLY MIKKELSON, '96 & '06

SECOND GRADE TEACHER, BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shelly (Brink) Mikkelson encourages her students to set goals for learning, advice she also follows herself. Recently named the South Dakota Education Association's 2016 Teacher of Excellence, Shelly will travel internationally next summer visiting schools with other top teachers from around the nation.

Shelly grew up in a country school in South Dakota where she and her peers participated in cooperative learning and peer teaching. That experience motivated Shelly to become a teacher, a passion that continues to inspire over a decade of work in the second-grade classroom.

"Second grade is a year where students are absorbing everything you're teaching them. It's a big year," said Shelly, who has taught 20 total years in the Belle Fourche School District.

While at BHSU, Shelly said Dr. Dean Myers, then director of field experience and dean of education, was like a "second dad to me."

"Dr. Myers was a great listener and was always ready to share his words of wisdom with me," said Shelly.

Shelly follows Dr. Myers' example and has mentored BHSU education students every year of her teaching career. Each semester, students visit her classroom to observe and ask questions about best practices. Shelly says helping students gain confidence and become independent thinkers continues to be a gratifying part of her profession.

"When you see the lightbulb come on for your students, when they start thinking for themselves, and making smart decisions, that's when it's so rewarding to be their teacher," said Shelly.

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- SHELLY MIKKELSON,
SECOND GRADE TEACHER, BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT



KELLY RHODERICK, '98

MARKETING COORDINATOR, CITY OF MONTROSE
OFFICE OF BUSINESS & TOURISM

Kelly Rhoderick knows the equation for success. Energy, plus great teachers at BHSU, combined with the tools to succeed have certainly paid off for Kelly.

Kelly served as assistant editor of the BHSU school newspaper and tutored fellow students while obtaining her degree. She credits BHSU with nurturing her work ethic.

"I had professors that put in the hours and one-on-one time to make my visions come to fruition. I love saying that I went to a small school that isn't necessarily a design school and that I got out of it what I put into it," said Kelly.

As a marketing strategist with more than 15 years of experience, Kelly has worked both for firms and as a creative consultant across the fields of technology, construction, and medicine. Kelly has used her skills in the community serving as a board member for the Montrose Wine and Food Festival, a weeklong event that has raised thousands of dollars for local children's charities.

In her day job, she creates messaging strategies to garner business and tourism for the City of Montrose, Colo. But for Kelly, the end to the success equation is still in the numbers.

"I enjoy watching the analytics return with what is working and what isn't," said Kelly. "I love digging into the numbers to see what makes people engage most."

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A man with short grey hair, wearing a blue V-neck sweater over a plaid shirt and dark jeans, is sitting on a desk in a home office. He is smiling at the camera. Behind him is a wooden bookshelf filled with books and a yellow jacket. To his right is a wooden desk with a laptop and a framed picture. A potted plant is on the desk to his left.

RACE TO SUCCESS: BHSU ALUM BUILDS MARKETING CAREER, GIVES BACK TO STUDENTS

When Jim Moravec was a student at Black Hills State University, he became determined to accomplish great things. And he did. He says his accomplishments all have roots at BHSU where he learned success is the result of hard work, determination and encouragement.

Jim has accomplished much success in his life as an entrepreneur, athlete and dedicated supporter of BHSU.

A Wyoming native, Jim earned his physical education degree from BHSU in 1979. A first-generation college student, Jim was recruited to run cross country for the Yellow Jackets.

The BHSU athletic department is where Jim said he first learned the results of hard work and dedication. That coupled with encouragement from BHSU faculty and staff drove him to success as a runner, as a student, and as a business person.

In the past 37 years, Jim has built a successful advertising business in California. Grateful for his educational experience, Jim made a commitment to his alma mater through on-going involvement in the annual Alumni Mile and establishment of scholarships to benefit student-athletes and business students.

"I came from a background where college was something that wasn't strongly considered," Jim said. "All my examples of going to college were from teachers and coaches. That is what was known to me, so I chose physical education based on the examples of others."

Jim says he learned many educational and training qualities at BHSU that he credits to his exponential success in the advertising field.



Jim is the general manager of Stott Outdoor Advertising in Chico, Calif. He and a group of partners bought Stott Outdoor Advertising 25 years ago. Prior to moving to California with his wife, Laura, Jim worked in radio advertising in Wyoming.

At the time, Stott Outdoor Advertising was a small company doing business in one California county. Today, Stott Outdoor Advertising operates in 25 California counties, as well as Oregon and Nevada primarily with billboard and transit advertising. Jim employs 28 people and manages the largest independent outdoor advertising company in the state of California.

IT ALL STARTED AT BHSU

As Jim reflects on his career, he finds the roots of his success started at B-H.

"It all started at Black Hills State. By working hard, you accomplish things. That philosophy continued to serve me well over the years," Jim said.

Jim was recruited to run cross country and track for the Yellow Jackets in 1974. Many of his college memories come from his coach Dave Little and fellow teammates.

"At that time we were emerging as being a regional power," Jim said.

Jim recalls winning the district title in 1977 – the first title in the University's history. He also notes the team's bid to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Cross Country meet in 1976. Jim was the top finisher for BHSU at the meet, coming in 103rd out of 900 runners. The Yellow Jackets also sealed the South Dakota Intercollegiate Sports Conference title while Jim was part of the team.

Although he accomplished much during his athletic career at BHSU, Jim said his work ethic came from the encouragement of Coach Little.

Jim recalls the Chadron State Cross Country Invitational in 1977 where BHSU placed runners in the top five, giving the Yellow Jackets a perfect score for the meet.

"That was the first time any of us

had ever experienced this rare feat; it was something that was virtually unheard of in an invitational," Jim said.

The team expected a celebratory trip back to Spearfish, however Coach Little sent them on a run. The bus picked the team up nearly 10 miles north of Chadron.

"That was quite a statement that we were willing to work that hard to ensure future success," Jim said. "We never were to rely on being more talented than other teams to win. We were going to work harder, as well. That translates to business. When you undertake a project, you do whatever it takes to achieve the objective, as long as it is legal, moral and ethical."

Jim continued to run competitively for 30-plus years after leaving Black Hills State. He recently transitioned into cycling and rides 7,000-plus miles a year and competes in competitive bicycling events.

In addition to Coach Little and his Yellow Jacket teammates, Jim says many faculty and staff were instrumental to building a successful career.

"The faculty and staff were all supportive and encouraging of everything I did as a student," Jim said. "That encouragement kept me striving to do better, athletically and academically. I felt involved. I felt I was a part of something."

After earning his degree, Jim moved to Portland and managed a health and fitness club where he learned more about marketing. He pursued advertising positions and worked with direct mail and radio. He was a general manager of a radio station and worked as a sales manager before becoming involved in outdoor advertising.

"I enjoy business in general. It's always challenging, always obstacles to overcome," he said. "I found it suited my talents well."

Jim enjoys discovering businesses' challenges and how they can be overcome through marketing.

"It is always interesting to see how

different businesses are using different mediums to achieve their objective," Jim said. "It's as if you are always in a large classroom."

MORAVEC GIVES BACK

Jim applied the lessons he learned at BHSU to his business pursuits.

"Through hard work you can accomplish great things. Applying that principal to business, good things started to happen for me," Jim said.

To ensure that students at BHSU will be able to achieve their goals, Jim and his wife have become dedicated supporters of the University.

They established the Jim and Laura Moravec Cross Country Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2012, and have been annual supporters for student scholarships.

Jim serves on the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors and most recently, the couple left a portion of their estate to the BHSU Foundation. The gift, expected to be nearly \$3 million, will be divided in three ways.

One third will be awarded to the University athletic department to create the Jim and Laura Moravec Athletic Scholarship Fund, the Jim and Laura Moravec Athletic Operations Fund and other athletic scholarships. The athletic department portion also will be used for athletic travel or operations.

A third will be given to supplement the current Jim and Laura Moravec Cross Country Scholarship Fund.

Another third is earmarked for the School of Business, with an emphasis on entrepreneurial studies to create the Jim and Laura Moravec Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund and supplement the current Jim and Laura Moravec Entrepreneurial Activities Fund.

Jim added he hopes his support of the Entrepreneurial Scholarship and Entrepreneurial Activities funds will inspire students.

"It's been gratifying to help the University reach its goals and objectives," he said.



2015



To watch a video from the 2015 Swarm Days celebration, go to www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState.

SWARM DAYS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2016 SWARM DAYS, SATURDAY, OCT. 1

It was spurs and chaps and cowboy hats during the 2015 Black Hills State University Swarm Week celebration. Throughout the week, activities showcased the Yellow Jacket spirit under the theme Boot Scootin' Victory.

More than 60 floats made their way through downtown Spearfish Oct. 10, decked out in western décor and blasting country music favorites. BHSU supporter Carol Lundberg led the parade as the 2015 Swarm Days Parade Marshal.



Highlights of the parade included a float by the new BHSU Student Organization Talking Hands. The group used sign language to interpret popular country songs. Other community organizations showed their support of the Yellow Jackets, tossing out toy footballs and candy to kids.



Parade winners were announced during half-time of the Swarm Days football game. The winners were:

- Best Community Float: Kenadi Jean Weis Foundation
- Best Band: Spearfish Middle School
- First Place BHSU Student Organization: BHSU Talking Hands
- Second Place BHSU Student Organization: BHSU Honors Club
- Third Place BHSU Student Organization: BHSU Jacket Pack



BHSU alumni visited campus throughout the week, reminiscing of Swarm Days past, and several were honored during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon and Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Banquet. During the celebrations, they shared their memories of BHSU.

BHSU selected the 2015 Swarm Days King and Queen Jordan Hauger, applied health sciences major from Yankton, and Kristin Rath, secondary science education and physical science major from Canton. They were honored during a special coronation celebration before the annual burning of the "B-H."



Other Swarm Week events included the annual Hike to the H, a country bonfire, and decorating contest. The BHSU volleyball team held three games during Swarm Week, including a win against rival South Dakota School of Mines.

From top to bottom, (1) The 1964-65 men's basketball team, and (2) the 1973 men's cross country team were inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the annual Hall of Fame Banquet; (3) Inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame were (from left to right) Dennis R. Newell, Jr., Dwight Gunnare, Chris & Belva Anderson, Annie Deaver-Faustino, and Stacy Finkbeiner; (4) Black Hills State University honored alumni (from left to right) Dan Green, Tom Hills, Amber (Moeding) Bell, Sharon House, and William A. Roberts, III, during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon. The banquet and luncheon were held in conjunction with the annual Swarm Days homecoming celebration. The 1932 football team was also inducted (posthumously) into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame.

YOUNG CENTER GETS A FACELIFT



From left: The BHSU locker rooms were remodeled; the athletic weight room was relocated to the main floor of the Young Center; football suites were added to Lyle Hare Stadium; and new artwork in the Young Center showcases the Yellow Jacket spirit.

Athletic department revamps locker and weight rooms, adds football suites

The BHSU athletic department saw improvements in facilities over the course of the summer and fall months. Renovation of locker rooms, the athletic weight room and the addition of luxury boxes at Lyle Hare Stadium are among the improvements.

“Continuing to provide first class facilities at Black Hills State and within the Yellow Jackets Athletic Department is a priority that allows us to showcase to recruits what we have to offer above and beyond our quality of education, competitive sports programs and beautiful and friendly campus,” said

Jhett Albers, director of athletics.

The upgrades included new wooden lockers, matching stools, large television screens to watch game film and wall coverings featuring past athletes of each sport.

The other major change, and maybe the most visible to visitors on campus, was the addition of suites at Lyle Hare Stadium.

The luxury boxes offer a VIP experience while raising money for BHSU student-athlete scholarships. The suites offer amazing views of the football field, with access to watch

the game from the comfort of an air conditioned/heated room or on the balcony overlooking the stadium.

Each suite is equipped with cable and a flat screen television, adding to the feeling of a true luxury box with the attempt to give fans a Division I experience at a Division II game.

“We are very fortunate to have some amazing sponsors and supporters at Black Hills State and they are just one of the things that truly set us apart from everyone else,” said Albers.

New BHSU soccer coach leads first women’s soccer team

Climbing to the top of a mountain requires time and commitment. It also leaves bumps and bruises in the process. Approaching the mountain’s peak was a breeze to many coaches, but for BHSU head women’s soccer coach Rob Blake, the journey to the top was a long one that required sacrifice, hard work and heartbreak.

Blake left his native Grimsby, England, to attend Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wis., where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 2008.

His passion for coaching didn’t begin until his tenure at Cardinal Stritch was in full swing.

Blake’s attempt at getting his foot in the door was a challenge that required coaching multiple teams concurrently while holding a full time job as a team leader at Target.



Blake

“Because I was behind the eight ball with my experience and connections, I decided I would do college coaching part time, high school coaching and club coaching all at the same time on top of a day job to try and give me that edge,” said Blake.

“I made a commitment to my wife to stay in Milwaukee for five years and do whatever I needed to do to get full time soccer,” said Blake.

He did just that when the opportunity to build a program from scratch at BHSU presented itself. Blake’s reaction to his dream coming true was nothing short of excitement.

“I got two phone calls from Jhett (Albers) while I was at work. I called him back and he offered me the job. I was jumping for joy as soon as I got home.”

Blake and the Black Hills State women’s soccer team will embark on their inaugural season in the fall of 2016.





BHSU SOARS TO THE TOP DURING EMOTIONAL SEASON

The BHSU men's cross country team had its best season since moving to the NCAA and arguably, one of its best seasons in recent history. What is not arguable was the emotion the Yellow Jackets ran with throughout the season.

The Yellow Jackets opened the season winning their first four meets, including the prestigious Roy Griak Invitational, defeating two top-10 teams. Alec Baldwin, the individual winner of the Griak Invite, won two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Runner of the Week honors up to that point.

After the victory at Griak, the squad earned its first-ever NCAA National Ranking from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, coming in at No. 18.

For many programs, that would have been enough to make it a great season. However, for the Yellow Jackets, the season began emotionally after having lost senior Gage McSpadden.

A SEASON DEDICATED TO GAGE

McSpadden had high hopes for Black Hills State, with a goal of the team making the NCAA National Championship during his senior

season. However, McSpadden would not get to experience the magical run as he was tragically killed by a lightning strike in July while disc golfing in Spearfish Park.

The entire season was dedicated in Gage's honor, including the Yellow Jacket Invitational that the Green and Gold won over the University of Mary. Head coach Scott Walkinshaw announced that the race would become the Gage McSpadden Memorial Invitational.

With McSpadden in the Yellow Jackets' hearts, the Green and Gold ran through the season with the ultimate goal in mind. At the RMAC Championship with the Yellow Jackets owning a school-best No. 16 national ranking, the team placed sixth overall, facing an uphill battle to make the national meet.

Running what could be considered the race of a lifetime, the Yellow Jackets made McSpadden's goal come true finishing sixth in the South Central Regional meet.

Black Hills State entered the national meet with a No. 22 national ranking. It was Walkinshaw's goal to finish higher than its national ranking, beat one of the five teams who beat them at the South Central Regional and beat their highest

national ranking throughout the season, which was No. 16.

ACHIEVING GOALS

The Yellow Jackets had a surge over the final 5,000 meters from 19th position to the actual finish of 14th, achieving those three goals, plus an individual goal of Baldwin earning All-American status. Baldwin was a major part of the surge, moving from 34th place at the halfway point, to 21st at 6,870 meters before his final finishing position of ninth.

In all, the top-four finishers for the Yellow Jackets picked up a combined 63 places over the final two miles of the race as Kendall Murie nearly earned All-American honors in 43rd position, followed by Aaron Schone and Jonah Theisen in 132nd and 133rd, respectively. Isaac Iverson, the final point-scoring runner for BHSU placed 157th in the 246-runner field in Joplin, Mo.

BHSU had many chances to call it a good season but didn't give up after losing a teammate and friend. Instead, they ran a great season, one that will go down in history, not only for what they accomplished on the course but for what they did for the family of McSpadden and Black Hills State.

CREATING A LEGACY

Three generations honored as Legacy Family

In February BHSU honored retired teacher Anna Jean (Hutchens) McKee of Sturgis and 45 members of her family as the 2016 BHSU Legacy Family.

This year's Legacy Family includes three generations of students who attended, graduated, or are currently attending BHSU, including all four children of Jean and Robert McKee. Their youngest daughter, **Joyce (McKee) Schieffer, '82**, said being part of the 2016 BHSU Legacy Family is an honor.

"Attending BHSU provided so many members of our family an opportunity to better our lives," said Schieffer. "We are a family of teachers. Education is very important in our lives."

Joyce's mother, Jean McKee, first attended BHSU, then called Black Hills Teachers College. Less than one year after enrolling at BH, Jean began teaching in rural schools in the town of Wood.

Jean later returned to BHSU to complete her education degree in 1973 and retired from teaching in the Meade County School District.

She attended BHSU at the same time as her two sons, **Robert McKee, '71 and Kenneth McKee, '72.**

"I went to BHSU because my family went there but also because of the University's reputation in preparing teachers," said Schieffer. "I had the opportunity to have some of the same instructors as my mother and brother."

The BHSU Legacy Family award was first bestowed in 2008 to honor family members that have attended, graduated or are currently attending BHSU. To nominate a family, contact Tom Wheaton, director of alumni relations at BHSU, at 605-642-6385 or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu.



Black Hills State University honored Anna Jean (Hutchens) McKee and her family as the 2016 Legacy Family of the Year. The McKee Family includes three generations and 46 BHSU alumni.

BHSU sees record-breaking year for donations

For the fifth consecutive year, BHSU reported a record-breaking fundraising year.

BHSU University Advancement raised \$10,207,920 by 2,516 donors in 2015, more than double the amount raised just two years ago.

There were 797 first-time donors in 2015, a huge achievement for the University, said Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement.

Meeker noted that the largest cash gift awarded to the University in 2015 was \$1 million. A \$3 million donation was given as an estate gift to the University in 2015, as well, to enhance student-athlete scholarships and business students at BHSU.

Longtime BHSU supporters Joe and Elaine Floyd donated \$1 million to the University in 2015.

"What we really want to see is for everyone to know how



Joe & Elaine Floyd

important it is for our South Dakota children to receive a good education right here in our own state," said Joe Floyd. "Because they will stay here, raise a family, and become our next generation of leaders."

A majority of the donations will be used toward student scholarships, Meeker said, offering students increased opportunities to receive a high-quality education at BHSU and utilize the new educational facilities on campus.

About 10 years ago, Meeker said an increased effort was made to enhance fundraising goals. New fundraising events were added to the calendar, and others were revamped.

The annual 1883 Dinner was modified to become not only an event to recognize University donors, but to raise additional money for student scholarships.

University Advancement also increased the number of events for alumni and friends to donate to the University. BHSU hosts seven golf tournaments each year, the BHSU Jacket Ride, Kevin Whirlwind Memorial Run and others.

As a BHSU alum, Meeker said he looks forward to awarding more student scholarships and continuing this record-breaking success into the future.

BHSU PROFESSOR NAMED BHSU DIFFERENCE MAKER

Black Hills State University professor Dr. James Hess was awarded the 2014 Difference Maker at the 1883 Gala in August 2015.

The 1883 Gala honored Hess, along with other BHSU contributors that donated more than \$1,883 in a calendar year or more than \$50,000 in a lifetime. The Gala also raised funds for BHSU scholarships.

The Difference Maker Award is presented to the University's top donor for the previous calendar year. Hess, a professor in psychology and chair of the School of Behavioral Sciences at BHSU, pledged a \$1 million gift to the University to establish the Make a Difference Initiative. Through the Make a Difference Initiative, in exchange for scholarship funds, students are challenged to develop a sustainable community project that will make a difference in the lives of others.

"Part of the reason I went into teaching is to make a difference in people's lives," Hess said. "To have the University give me this honor, verifies I made the right choice to become a professor and make



BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., left, presents Dr. Jim Hess with the 2014 Difference Maker award at the 1883 Gala in August 2015.

an impact on the lives of college students."

Hess has taught psychology at BHSU for 33 years. His \$1 million donation is equivalent to the salary he made during his first 19 years of teaching at the University.

Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, said the Gala was a huge success, providing the opportunity to honor and thank the University's dedicated donors, while also raising additional money for BHSU scholarships. The Gala raised nearly \$16,000 for scholarships with 170 people in attendance.

BHSU student launches successful mentoring program through Make A Difference Initiative

Shenae LaCroix is making quite the difference at BHSU and in Spearfish with a new mentoring program.

The BHSU exercise science major from Newcastle, Wyo., was awarded the first-ever Make a Difference Initiative, a scholarship program that along with scholarship funds, encourage students to give back to the community.

LaCroix started YJ (Yellow Jacket) Friends, a mentoring program that matches BHSU student volunteers, or mentors, with a non-college person with special needs. The program allows community members with special needs an opportunity to have a college experience they might not otherwise get.

Currently, 14 mentors participate in YJ Friends. LaCroix expects that number to grow over the next year and already has students on a waiting list for the program.

REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS: DONATE A TREE TO BHSU!

Black Hills State University invites alumni and friends to donate a tree for campus beautification. More than 230 campus trees were lost in fall 2013 due to the devastation from Storm Atlas. In 2014 students in biology and geographic information systems (GIS) classes at BHSU collaborated to identify each campus tree's species and location. BHSU Facilities Services used the information collected by the students to create a Campus Tree Inventory available for view in Google Maps. Throughout the next year, the map will be updated to honor those who have donated a campus tree in memory of a loved one.

The first target area for the new grove of donated trees will be along St. Joe Street near the Donald E. Young Center. If a certain tree species or another campus location is desired, BHSU Facilities Services will work



with individuals and families to find the perfect tree type and location. Trees can be donated in memory, honor, or in celebration of loved ones, friends, and life events such as graduation, births, marriages, or anniversaries. The BHSU Foundation requests \$500 per tree. To donate a tree, contact University Advancement at 605-642-6385.

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RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF GREETED BY BHSU PRESIDENTS

Left, last fall the alumni association hosted the annual retired faculty and staff picnic. The gathering marked the first time, to our knowledge, that four living BHSU presidents were gathered in the same location at the same time, left to right, BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., and former presidents Kay Schallenkamp, Tom Flickema, and Clifford Trump.

Below, the gathering also marked the first time the event was held in the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center (Joy Center). Close to 70 former faculty and staff members were in attendance.

[The 60s]

Spike Jorgensen, '65, Tok, Alaska, received the 2016 AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Distinguished Service Award during the AASA National Conference on Education (NCE) held last February in Phoenix. Distinguished Service Awards are given annually to senior AASA members who exhibit exemplary leadership throughout their career and who have enhanced the profession of school administration. Spike retired as the longest tenured full time superintendent in Alaska.

Santiago "Sandy" Michelena, '60, Sheridan, Wyo., will bring 55 years of coaching to a close. Sandy is currently the assistant golf coach at Sheridan High School. For the 2015-16 season he was named the Wyoming Assistant Golf Coach of the Year by the Wyoming Coaches Association.

John Nicholas, '62, Eau Claire, Wis., received the WBCA TRIBUTE AWARD from **Bob Buck, '61**, Dodgeville, Wisc., at the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame banquet.

Jeannie (Gorham) Salazar, Attended, Spearfish, retired as the program assistant for the University Advancement Office at BHSU. She worked at the University for 9½ years.

[The 70s]

David "Dave" Broadie, '76, Rapid City, was given the honor of having a football field named after him. On Sept. 18, during

the Douglas High School (Box Elder) homecoming football game, Patriot Field received a new name - Dave Broadie Field at Patriot Stadium. During half-time, Patriot alumni presented him with a signed football from the 1977 football team, the first year he coached the Patriots. Earlier in the day Dave, and his wife Deb, were Grand Marshals in the homecoming parade. Thirty-nine years and counting, Dave continues to teach physical education and coach football at Douglas High School.

Aileen (Salmo) Brunner, '73, Nisland, is serving as president of the state K12 technology coordinators' organization, South Dakota Society for Technology in Education. She has been on the SDSTE Executive Board since 2004 and this is the second time she has served as president. Aileen has been technology coordinator at Newell School since 1999 and one of the state's "pioneers" as the SD K12 schools moved into the digital age.

Elaine (Doll) Dunn, '79, Spearfish, received the Spirit of Spearfish Award during the 97th annual Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce banquet and awards ceremony. Elaine retired in 2014 as the school counselor at Spearfish Middle School.

Mel Dutton, '76, Faith, and family, were



honored last fall at the 2015 South Dakota State Fair, receiving the Century Farm award from the South Dakota Farm Bureau and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture. The Dutton family have ranched in Perkins County since Hiram Dutton (Mel's grandfather) began homesteading in Beck/Highland Township over 100+ years ago.

Carol (Braxter) Gee, '79 & '80, Stone Mountain, Ga., started A Feast of Words, LLC., a writing service. A component of Carol Gee's Literary Café, she specializes in writing case studies that are taught in classrooms at colleges and universities. After 21 years at Emory University, Carol retired to continue her life-long dream of writing.

Lyle Harter, '79, Dell Rapids, has retired from the State of South Dakota after 34 years of service. Lyle was the finance director for the Department of Labor and Regulations.

Laurie (Williams) Hayes, '74, Spearfish, co-authored a children's book with Joanna Jones, a former BHSU professor. The book, *Shakespeare and the Crown Jewel: A Story of the Matthews Opera House*, includes 32 full-color

pages following the journey of three children auditioning for a play at The Matthews. While preparing for their theatre production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the children explore the opera house learning tidbits of history along the way. Laurie also illustrated the book.

Lester "Les" Karas, '76, Deadwood, received the 2015 Nell Perrigou Award from the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce. The Nell Perrigou award is presented to individuals who showcase the true spirit of Deadwood. Les has written several books on the subject, the most recent being recognized by Deadwood History, as well as a congressional record by Sen. John Thune. This award winner's book, the *Denver to Deadwood by Stage*, is in recognition of South Dakota's 75th anniversary of statehood.

Duane "Spike" Millslagle, '73, Savage, Minn./Green Valley, Ariz., retired after 42 years of teaching, coaching, and conducting research. His most recent full professor position was the motor behavior specialist in the Department of Applied Human Sciences at the University of Minnesota, Duluth campus.

[The 80s]

Carl Christensen, '83 & '88, Northglenn, Colo., was promoted to business integration consultant in the Western Service Center for Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association - College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) in Denver.

Todd Eddy, '84, Rapid City, was hired by BankWest as a business development officer for its Rapid City branch. Todd has nearly 30 years of lending experience in the Rapid City market.

Mitch Fuller, Attended, Omaha, Neb., was inducted into the 2015 Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame. He was recognized in the theater arts and music category and currently works in the music department of the Omaha, Neb., school district. Mitch has received numerous Theatre Arts Guild awards for his musical directing, as have the actors under his direction.

[The 90s]

Adam DeHaan, '95, Lakeville, Minn., was named Ducks Unlimited's 2014-15 Director of Development of the Year for his outstanding efforts as senior director of development for Iowa and Minnesota. Adam works with individuals, foundations and businesses in Iowa and Minnesota to provide major sponsor support opportunities for Ducks Unlimited. He also manages the volunteer major gift committees in both states.

Jeanne Hanson, Attended, Spearfish, retired as the assistant director of Facilities Services at BHSU. She worked at BHSU for 19 years.

Diane (Cummings) Houdek, '90, Spearfish, was hired as a marketing and communication associate for the department of Marketing and Communications at BHSU.

Greg Krajewski, '96 & Lesa (Gropper) Krajewski, '90 & '96, opened Indian Firearms in Belle Fourche last October. The gun retailer deals in a wide range of merchandise from concealed carry handguns to AR's and hunting rifles, specifically for bird and deer hunting.

Jimmy LaSalvia, '96, New York, published *No Hope: Why I Left the GOP (and You Should Too)*. The book is a behind-the-scenes look at the GOP and explains why more voters should consider the "No Party."

John E. Lee, '92, Spearfish, was appointed by Spearfish Mayor Dana Boke to the Ward 3 City Council seat vacated by Don Aaker. John is the current CEO at Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Kory Menken, '90, N. Sioux City, was hired as the Siouxland Initiative's first director of workforce solutions. The position was created by the regional economic development organization to address a growing shortage of skilled workers. Kory spent the previous 12 years as the economic development director in N. Sioux City.

Marcus Stacey, '90 & '15, Spearfish, recently joined Thrivent Financial as an associate representative with the organization's Rocky Mountain Region regional financial office. Before joining Thrivent Financial,

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Marcus worked at Lueders Food Center and is enlisted with the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Julie Wilkinson, '93, Chandler, Ariz., was hired as the Dean of Students at Perry High School in Chandler. Julie spent the last 18 years teaching history; the last 13 years teaching AP U.S. history and serving as department head at Basha High School in Chandler.

[The 00s]

Ryan Grams, '09, Sturgis, graduated from the Police Academy in Pierre last November. Ryan is now a police officer in Belle Fourche.

Greg Harrell, '01, Sioux Falls, has been hired as the new senior vice president at Quoin Financial Bank in Sioux Falls. Greg spent the previous 11 years with Wells Fargo Financial.

Lex Kinghorn, Attended, Saint Onge, was promoted to sales manager at Juneks Chrysler dealership in Spearfish.

Martin Lemke, '05, Stillwater, Minn., was recently hired as the lighting auditor at Energy Management Collaborative in Plymouth, Minn. Martin travels to different parts of the country and looks at their customer's energy usage and finds a product that will help them save energy.

Erin Melling, '08, Hettinger, N.D., was appointed as the new state's attorney for Slope County (North Dakota). Erin graduated from law school in 2013 and earned her North Dakota license in 2014. She is licensed in South Dakota and is working on her license for Montana.

Shayna Monnens, '09, Spearfish, was named the New Librarian of the Year by the South Dakota Library Association. Shayna is the youth services librarian at Grace Balloch Memorial Library in Spearfish.

Michael "Mike" Odle, '02, Washington, D.C., has been appointed as the new executive director, office of communications, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Mike will lead the national policy, planning, management and evaluation of communication programs encompassing

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media engagement, internal information and volunteer services for VHA. Mike also serves as a commissioned officer with the 113th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, District of Columbia Air National Guard, where he serves as the Chief of Public Affairs.

Erin Power, '06, Denver, graduated from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver with a Master of Divinity in 2014. In 2015 she was consecrated as a Diaconal Minister in the ELCA. Erin currently serves in two half-time positions: synod minister for hospitality & mission at the Office of the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, and community life coordinator at Urban Servant Corps.

Dirk Remily, '07 & '09, Denver, is a second-year student at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Since arriving at Law school, he has worked for the Honorable Judge Lemon in the 2nd District and the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. Dirk serves as a board member on both the Student Trial Lawyers Association and the Sports and Entertainment Society.

Adam Roosa, '08, Spearfish, won the "Epic Video of the Year" award from the New York-based media company Network A, for the video *South Dakota Drift - GoPro Edit*. The video depicts a number of South Dakota drivers "drifting" (sliding a car sideways around corners). Adam, who has his own production company Live Wild Media, is a video and graphic design specialist for the department of Marketing and Communications at BHSU.

Josh Stadler, '09, Sheridan, Wyo., was inducted into the 2016 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Josh was a three sport standout during his career at Spearfish High. In football, he was named the Joe Robbie MVP in the 2003 state championship game (the Spartans won the state title that year). In basketball he was a member of the 2002 State Championship team, and earned Honorable Mention All-Conference (GDC) in 2004. In track, he was named a four-year letter winner. In 2004, Josh had a sixth-place finish in the 100 meter dash and an eighth-place finish in the 200 meter dash at state.

Jonathen "Jon" Vance, '01 & '07, Casper,

Wyo., has been named the head coach of the 43rd Annual Wyoming Shrine Bowl. Jon has completed five seasons as head coach at Kelly Walsh High School in Casper, Wyo., leading the Trojans to the playoffs each of the past four years. He will lead the North Squad during the Shrine Bowl. The Shrine Bowl is scheduled for June 11, 2016, in Casper.

Andy VanDeest, '04, Spearfish, received the Area 4A Coach of the Year honor from the South Dakota High School Cross Country Track and Field Coaches Association. The Spartan boys' team placed third at this season's state meet, and the girls' team finished 11th. Spearfish also earned the boys' titles at the Black Hills Conference and Region 5A meets, with the girls placing fifth and fourth, respectively, at those events.

Tessa (Anderson) Voyles, '01, Belle Fourche, was recognized during a Belle Fourche City Council meeting for her 20 years of service with the Belle Fourche Area Community Center (BFACC). She has held the position of program coordinator since 2001.

[The 10s]

Kaitlyn "Katie" (Shackleton) Adam, '15, Box Elder, was hired last fall by the Custer School District. Katie is a second grade teacher at Custer Elementary School.

Kenzie Bailey, '14, Spearfish, had her artwork on display last fall in the Emerging Artists Gallery at The Dahl Arts Center in Rapid City. The exhibit included artwork encompassing abstracted views of the human form, created using paper and silk.

Boone Bowker, '15, Rushville, Neb., was hired last fall by the Gordon-Rushville Public Schools. Boone teaches physical education at Gordon-Rushville High School.

Sara Brunner, '13, Rapid City, was hired by the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce as the events manager.

Dustin Christensen, '13, Cowley, Wyo., has been hired as the 6th-8th grade special education teacher at Rocky Mountain Middle/High School in Cowley.

Samantha (Nelson) Christensen, '13, Cowley, Wyo., has been hired as a biology teacher at Lovell High School in Lovell, Wyo.

Tania (New) DeMers, '12 & '15, Winner, was hired last fall as the special education teacher at Winner Middle and High School.

Summer (Running Wolf) DiGioia, '11, Spearfish, was hired as the department secretary for the College of Business and Natural Sciences at BHSU.

Courtney Gross, '15, Brandon, was accepted into the Peace Corps where she will serve as a primary literacy advisor in Jamaica.

Taylor Guthmiller, '15, Spearfish was hired as the event and entertainment assistant for the Deadwood Mountain Grand.

Gina (Stach) Kassube, '13, Hill City, was hired last fall by the Custer School District and teaches in two schools. In Custer, she teaches "Art-in-a-Cart", where she takes a mobile cart stocked with all her materials to every classroom to teach her lessons. In Hermosa, she teaches to students in her own classroom. Gina is in Hermosa 1 ½ days and in Custer the rest of the week.

Keely Krolkowski, '12, Winner, was inducted into the Bennett County High School (BCHS) Athletics Wall of Honor. Playing basketball for the Lady Warriors, she helped lead the team to a second place finish and was named to the State A Girls High School Tournament All Tourney Team in 2007. That same year she was named the West River Conference MVP, and in 2008 she was named the Western Great Plains Conference MVP. Keely scored 1,530 points in her high school career, averaging more than 25 points a game during her senior year. In volleyball she was named to the Badlands Conference All Conference Team in 2005, and the Western Great Plains All Conference Team in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

[1883-2015]

The City of Deadwood recognized the following alumni for their years of service: **Carol Hauck, '74** (25 years); and **Robert Lester, Attended**, (20 years).

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

[The 00s]

Theresa (Mutter), '06, married Richard Moore, May 30, 2015. Theresa works for a bakery-restaurant group Le Pain Quotidien. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

[The 10s]

Maggie (Gilliland), '12, married **Austin Albers, '12**, Jan. 2, 2016. Maggie is a provisional professional counselor and professional marriage and family therapist with Hanson and Associates. Austin is the head women's volleyball coach at Laramie County Community College and owner and club director of the Windy City Juniors Volleyball Club. The couple resides in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Tessa (Martz), '14, married, **Riley P. Burke, Attended**, July 11, 2015. Tessa is an early intervention specialist for the Rapid City School District. Riley works for the Pool & Spa Center in Rapid City. The couple resides in Rapid City.

Katherine (Malin), '12, married Tyler French, Aug. 15, 2015. Katie is currently employed as a broker agent at Farm Bureau Financial in Bozeman, Mont. The couple resides in Bozeman.

April (Laabs), '10, married Tyson Johannsen, Oct. 24, 2015. April is the Assistant Director for Apple Tree Children Center. The couple resides in Sioux Falls.

Maria (Highland), '10, married Matthew Kemp, Sept. 12, 2015. Maria is currently a teacher at Moorcroft Elementary in

Moorcroft, Wyo. The couple resides in Spearfish.

Ashley (Stevenson), '15, will marry Aaron Mines, July 30, 2016. The wedding will take place at The Bradford Brinton Memorial in Big Horn, Wyo. Ashley is currently an English/journalism teacher at Cody High School in Cody, Wyo.

Katie (Doll), '15, married Taygen Schuelke, Jan. 2, 2016. Katie currently works for Peaceful Prairie Estates in Buffalo. This July she plans to attend USD and pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Alison (Turner), '15, married John Walk, July 11, 2015. Alison is currently employed at the Black Hills Pioneer as the layout designer for the newspaper. The couple resides in Spearfish.

BIRTHS

[The 90s]

Brenda (Randall), '99, and husband **Micah Lewis, '11**, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Aurora Autumn Rose, Sept. 23, 2015. Brenda is an associate director with Campus Ventures (CV) at BHSU in Spearfish. Micah is currently an auto mechanic at Exhaust Pros and a volunteer with Campus Ventures.

Megan (Beckwith), '07 and husband **Jade Temple, '99 & '15**, Sturgis, had a baby girl, Brielle Avery, July 31, 2015. Megan is a partner at Schneider Dental in Sturgis. Jade is the assistant athletic director of compliance at BHSU.

Monique (Dana), Attended, and husband Thane Tetrault, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Tristi Vi, Sept. 22, 2015. She joins big sisters TyLee (6) and Taisley (3). Monique is a dentist with Dana Dental Arts in Spearfish and Rapid City.

[The 00s]

Brooke (Bellet), '09, and husband Chad Anderson, Lead, had a baby boy, Emitt John, June 10, 2015. Emitt joins big sister Kinley Lou (2).

Amber (Moeding), '06, and husband Justin Bell, Pierre, had a baby boy, Micah Richard, July 4, 2015. Amber works for the Division of Criminal Investigation's Forensic Laboratory, as a forensic scientist III, in Pierre.

Beth (Shaw), '06, and husband Craig Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M., had a baby girl, Skylar Ann, July 6, 2015.

Beth (Bauld), '09, and husband Trent Odenbach, Reserve, Mont., had a baby boy, Cohen Edmond, Sept. 14, 2015. He joins big brothers Harrison (5) and Treston (2). Beth has taken a leave of absence from teaching so that she may stay home with her boys.

Nicole (Dana), '02, and husband Bart Samuelson, Spearfish, had triplets Aug. 3, 2015. A son, Brekken Aaron, and two daughters JerZee DeVe and Joey Marie. Brekken, JerZee, and Joey join big brother Ryker Lee (3). Nicole practices dentistry at Dana Dental Arts in Spearfish and Rapid City.

[The 10s]

Jamie (Kimball), Attended, and husband **Zachary Burke, '10**, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Anderson Patrick, Nov. 7, 2015. He joins big sister Adilynn LaRue (2). Jamie is

a dental hygienist at Nehl Dental in Belle Fourche. Zachary is an advisor at Financial Benefits in Spearfish.

Shelby (Tollefson), '13, and husband, Zachery Hartung, Bismarck, N.D., had a baby boy, Bryer Todd, July 29, 2015. Shelby is the marketing and administrative assistant for EAPC Architects Engineers in Bismarck.

Katelynn (Lamb), '11, and husband **Clay Pottorff, '12**, Belle Fourche, had a baby girl, Harper Lynn, April 12, 2015. Katelynn is currently a dental hygienist at Nehl Dental in Belle Fourche. Clay is a Middle School Special Education teacher. He is also the boys' varsity head basketball coach at Belle Fourche High School.

Kimberly (Swanson), '11, and husband, Corey Somervold, Belle Fourche, had a baby boy, Oliver Graham, Oct. 22, 2015. He joins big brother Reid David (2).

Joey (Painter), '13, and husband **Taylor Williams, '10 & '12**, Buffalo, S.D., had a baby boy, Landon Ward, Jan. 12, 2016. Joey and Taylor are full-time ranchers in Buffalo and Broadus, Mont.

IN MEMORY

Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School 1883-1940

Harold R. Bauer, Attended, Rapid City
Lester "Les" J. Blomberg, Attended, Sturgis
Vera (Simons) Denker, Attended, Sturgis
Thelma V. (Johnson) Frame, Attended, Rapid City
Marjorie J. (Thomson) Hafner, Attended, Newell
Myrna R. Harwood, Attended, Sturgis
Lois "Lu" (Running) Henderson, Attended, Temple City, Calif.
Cecilia M. (Ellis) Sutton, Attended, Oracle, Ariz.

Black Hills Teachers College 1941-1963

Winifred "Wynn" R. (Nemec) Bergeson, Attended, Fort Pierre
Louise "Dolly" C. (Block) Blucher, Attended, Pierre
Gerald "Jerry" L. Cetto, '62, Dallas, Ore.
Irene S. (Owens) Cline, '63, Ekalaka, Mont.
Jennie L. (Dutton) Collins, Attended, Lemmon
Shirley J. (Kitterman) Crawford, Attended, Rapid City
Lawrence H. Dienstel, Attended, Boise, Idaho
Ronald "Ron" E. Freemole, '51, Fountain Hills, Ariz.
Mary E. (Kingsbury) Fox, '60, Hailey, Idaho
Mary L. (Comes) Girardi, '50, Merced, Calif.
Arthur G. Glynn, '63, Rapid City
Maurice M. Hanify, Attended, Belle Fourche
Emily "Betty" E. (Barker) Harvey, '61, Custer
Deloras R. Heinrich, Attended, Spearfish
Jack R. Helmer, '60, Glen Mills, Pa.
Ruby "Irene" I. (Finney) Hlousek, '58, Zillah, Wash.
Curtis "Curt" G. Johnson, '58, Rapid City
Johann "John" Klein Jr., '59, Klamath Falls, Ore.
Roger V. Kuoppala, Attended, Los Angeles, Calif.
Donald "Don" L. Lowry, '51, Vancouver, Wash.
Jessie M. (Barker) Nelson, '55, Spearfish
Jill (Anfinson) Pontius, '59 & '72, Deadwood
Roseada (Conner) Rasmussen, '60 & '61, Rapid City
Ben K. Sager, '63, Spearfish
Wilma L. (Davidson) Shamley, '62, Casper, Wyo.
Imogene L. (Crane) Somers, Attended, Spearfish
Lucille L. (Englehart) Stoesser, Attended, Fort Pierre
Margaret M. (Morlan) Sullivan, '63 & '65, Spearfish
Honour M. (Kelly) Weichert, '63, Rapid City
Audrey G. (Nachtigall) Wieser, '53, Wasta
Dorothea "Dodie" L. (Kerr) Williams, '58, Hibbing, Minn.
Shirley M. (Petersen) Williams-Raethz, Attended, Aberdeen
Caryl A. (McKibbin) Winterholler, Attended, Cody, Wyo.
Maxine M. (Burgess) Wright, Attended, Deadwood
Donald Yestness, '56, Victor, Idaho

Black Hills State College 1964-1988

Richard B. Barnes, Sr., '66, Whispering Pines, N.C.
Jerry W. Benning, Attended, Ilwaco, Wash.
Gregory L. Bishop, '83, Rapid City
Karen A. (Smith) Bridges, '72, Spearfish
Monte J. Cass, Attended, Belle Fourche
Bernice I. (Schwartz) Cepak, '64, Spearfish
Cloreta C. (Riggins) Eisenbraun, '81, Kadoka
Rodney M. Evans, Attended, Rapid City
Loren "Rocky" R. Fallis, Sr., Attended, Gettysburg
Ann M. (Stockinger) Gibson, Attended, Crystal Falls, Mich.
David R. Gorsuch, '71, Rapid City
Sherri E. (Reeves) Hedlund, Attended, Lead
Kathy M. Herrlein, Attended, Custer
Dwight D. Hurst, Attended, Murdo
Sandra "Sandy" R. (Walker) Jaafar, '70, Minnetonka, Minn.
Kevin J. Jordan, Attended, Lemmon
Thomas "Tom" C. Leonard, Attended, Long Beach, Wash.
LaCinda C. Mielke, '88, Barnesville, Minn.
Anita L. (Allard) Miller, '87, Rapid City
Janice K. Mittelstadt, '69, Watauga, Texas
Elizabeth "Liz" B. (Swint) Morris, '89, Durango, Colo.
Carol J. (Hoss) Olson, '83, Pierre
Marjorie A. Perry, '67, Humboldt, Iowa
Karen L. (Birdie) Roberts, '72, Las Cruces, N.M.
Eileen L. (Taney) Schuttler, '78, Spearfish
Margaret M. (Morlan) Sullivan, '65, Spearfish
George "Bob" R. Trohkimoinen, '69, Vale
Robert "Bob" W. Ulrich, '75, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Jeffrey D. White, Attended, Burney, Calif.
Michael "Mike" W. White, '74, Pleasant Prairie, Wisc.
Thomas "Tom" S. White, Attended, Hanover, N.H.
Raymond E. Widner, '79, Tucson, Ariz.
Nelson "Ed" E. Williams, '65, Surprise, Ariz.
Sandra L. Williams, '67, Spearfish
Robert "Bob" C. Word, Attended, Kadoka

Black Hills State University 1989-Present

Roger L. Booher, '00, Barberton, Ohio
Katrina "Trina" M. (Foley) Burns, '04, Henderson, Nev.
Clair "Bryon" Christy, '91, Belle Fourche
Kristin M. Hoff, '13, Spearfish
Elizabeth "Liz" B. (Swint) Morris, '89, Durango, Colo.
Nancy L. Veal, '95, Belle Fourche
Nathanial "Nate" E. Weinand, '02, Gillette, Wyo.
Loraine E. (Torp) White, '89, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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- James C. Chandler, '78, Spearfish
- Laverne "Verne" C. Cowles, Spearfish
- Jeanne (DeVries) Higgins, Spearfish
- Jerry G. Jeffery, Spearfish
- William "Bill" J. Klautdt, '61, Jamestown, N.D.
- Betty L. (Schwab) Peters, '70, Duncan, Okla.
- James M. Rominger, Flagstaff, Ariz.
- Edna G. (Joens) Strong, Spearfish
- Robert J. Templeton, Sr., Rapid City
- Elma (Koski) Wendel, Spearfish



Margaret Lewis, age 76, passed away Jan. 20, 2016 in Spearfish. After attending Kansas State University, Lewis taught public grade school in Cheyenne, Wyo. for two years. Following a calling, she joined the Convent of Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, Kan., and served in the religious order for 20 years. During this time she received

a master's degree in sociology. While serving as a nun, she taught at Marymount College in Salina, Kan. She became a paraplegic in 1976 and overcame many health challenges over the years. She went on to teach at BHSU for nearly 30 years before retiring in 2002 with the title of emeritus professor in the College of Arts and Sciences. After retirement she kept active in the community with numerous volunteer projects. Lewis is survived by her brothers, James (Jane) Lewis, of Cheyenne, and George (Kathleen) Lewis, of Bullhead City, Ariz.; niece, Krystal Lewis, of Cheyenne, and nephew, Kirk Lewis, of Denver, Colo.; numerous cousins; and a host of friends. A memorial has been established to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia.



Clifford "Cliff" Papik, age 98, of Spearfish died July 25, 2015. Papik joined the BHSU faculty in 1948, serving 20 years as athletic director and head of the physical education department. He started the University's first baseball program a year after coming to BHSU and served as head coach. Throughout

his 28 years serving as baseball coach, Papik's teams compiled a 326-179 record, won eight conference titles, and produced five National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-Americans. In addition to coaching baseball, Papik served as head football coach, assistant football coach, assistant basketball coach, and golf coach. He retired in 1978 and continued to enjoy and support BHSU athletics. Papik was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1980 as a baseball coach and is a member of the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame. BHSU honored Papik and his years of service in promoting BHSU athletics by naming a new practice field the Cliff G. Papik Practice Field in 1997. In 2012 Papik and his wife,

Jeanne, served as BHSU Swarm Day Parade Grand Marshals. Papik is survived by his wife of almost 75 years, Jeanne; brother, James Stange of Rapid City and many nieces and nephews. Memorials have been established to benefit the Spearfish Veterans Monument and the Clifford G. Papik Scholarship Fund at Black Hills State University.



Doris (Alexander) Phillips, age 98, died Oct. 4, 2015 in Spearfish. In 1952, Doris was invited to apply for the opening position of head librarian at BHSU. After serving for 30 years, Phillips retired as library services coordinator in 1982. During her time at BHSU, Phillips taught library science courses and served as faculty advisor for the YWCA from

1953-1965. She also helped with the startup of the library at Sinte Gleska at Pine Ridge in 1978. After retirement, she remained active in librarianship, cataloging and filing the BHSU picture file in the Leland Case Library as a volunteer. Phillips served as South Dakota's State Representative in the Mountain Plains Library Association from 1971-1973 and was State President of the South Dakota Library Association in 1968-1969. Phillips was included in the first edition of World Who's Who of Women in Education in 1978 and was named South Dakota Librarian of the Year in 1982. Doris was involved in many organizations throughout her life, including Friends of the Grace Balloch Memorial Library and Friends of the Leland D. Case Library. Doris married Ronald O. Phillips in June 1958. Doris is survived by her sister, Dorothy Collins; nephews, nieces, and several great and great-great nieces and nephews. Memorial donations can be made to the Ronald O. and Doris M. Phillips Scholarship at Black Hills State University.



Dr. Charles "Charlie" Schad, age 84, passed away Jan. 8, 2016 in Spearfish. Schad graduated from Black Hills Teachers College in 1956 and received his Master's in Education in 1960. He went on to receive his Doctorate in Education from USD in 1967. His teaching career started in 1956, at Iron Lightning Day School on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation. From

1960-1965, he supervised student teachers at Black Hills Teachers College before taking a sabbatical to complete his doctorate. From 1967-1987, he was the director of external affairs at BHSU and from 1987-1996, a professor for the College of Education at BHSU. Schad was also a true friend of the community of Spearfish, BHSU, and the voice of the Spearfish Spartans. He married Nyla Wince in March 1954. To this union five daughters and one son were born. He is survived by his children, Terri (Dick) Dunwoody, Lynette (Teryl) Kelley, Nathel (James) Coca, Cami (Gary) Dohman, and Michael (Jackie) Schad; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Shirley (Banning) Sipe, age 78, passed away Feb. 10, 2016. At the time of her retirement in 1996, Sipe was the Vice President of Finance and Administration at BHSU. Due to the print deadline for the 2016 Spring Alumni Magazine, a full obituary will be in the 2016 Fall Alumni Magazine.

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Looking ahead

Gridiron Gathering
April 16

Student Volunteer Awards Celebration
April 18

Class of 1966: 50-Year Club Reunion
May 6-7

Commencement
May 7

Old Baldy Golf Classic
June 3-5

Stadium Sports Grill Yellow Jacket Golf
Classic & Auction
June 25

Mark Larscheid Memorial Golf Classic
July 2

Omaha, Neb. Gathering
July 19

Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride
Aug. 9

Sutton Bay Golf Getaway
Aug. 15-17

Yellow Jacket Golf Classic presented by
White's Canyon Motors
Aug. 19

The 2006 Football Team Gathering
Sept. 17

Swarm Week
Sept. 26 - Oct. 1

Rope and Stroke by Black Hills
Rodeo Scholarship Fund, Inc.
Sept. 26

Alumni Art Show
Sept. 29 - Oct. 16

The 1979-82 Football Team Reunion
Oct. 1



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