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Spring is fast approaching and that means a time of anticipation on campus as seniors look forward to the May commencement ceremony and begin the next phase of their lives. We feel sadness as we bid these fine students farewell, but we also feel a sense of excitement as we wish them well and have great expectations for their future accomplishments.

In that respect, we feature the accomplishments of many graduates from past years in this edition of the *Alumni Magazine*. These BHSU alumni represent high degrees of success in diverse ways. As future graduates enter the world beyond the campus, they will do well to keep in mind the thoughts and advice of these highly successful alumni.

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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](http://www.bhsu.edu).

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# Vi Cowden flies through life inspiring others



Vi Cowden, one of the first women to fly airplanes for the military, has made her mark and inspired people throughout her lifetime. Her zest for life and penchant for living life to the fullest continues to serve as a source of inspiration for people of all ages.

just wanted to show my appreciation. You have inspired me." Vi recalls her days in Spearfish fondly. "I love that place. I truly love Spearfish," Vi says.

While attending summer school, she had the opportunity to take part in the Passion Play during the first years of the longstanding Spearfish tradition, when it was actually held in the Woodburn Auditorium on the BHSU campus. Vi performed as a temple dancer and remembers Johanna Meier, then just a baby, crawling over to her father Josef, who was playing the part of Jesus.

While at college, Vi was a cheerleader and played intercollegiate basketball. She also took part in other campus groups including the drama club and was voted "Most Representative Woman" when she attended BH. She remembers hiking up Lookout Mountain every Friday afternoon to reflect on her week and make plans for the future. She also participated in recreational activities in the Hills including skiing at Terry Peak. Once she spent the day skiing and then skied through the canyon and caught a ride back to town by holding onto a moving car while she was still in her wooden skis.

After graduating, Vi taught for several years and that's when she decided to pursue her lifelong dream of learning to fly. She said she had always been intrigued by flying and thought often of flying like a bird. "As a young girl, I watched the hawks soar around and then buzz down, and I thought if I could only do that. If I could fly like the birds. Even now, when I see the seagulls, I think about flying," Vi says.

She was determined to learn to fly even though it meant riding her bicycle six miles to the airport early in the morning before teaching and then riding back to town in time for the school day. She took ground school classes at night at the Spearfish airport, which is now known as Clyde Ice Field. Vi earned her private flying certificate and flew small airplanes in the area. She remembers her instructor Clyde Ice saying that she would be "a damn good girl pilot."

Like most Americans who are her age, Dec. 7, 1941, is a day that she remembers clearly. It was a pivotal day in American history and a life-changing moment for Vi. Now known as Pearl Harbor Day, Vi was listening to the radio when she heard reports of the attack which brought the U.S. into World War II. In disbelief she listened to the news and President Roosevelt's message the following day. Right then, she knew

she wanted to volunteer, so she sent a wire to Washington, D.C., and told them she had her private flying license, and if her country needed her, she was ready.

Vi waited for more than a year before she received an invitation to apply for the Women's Flying Training Detachment. She applied and was accepted into the flight-training program and became one of the first women military pilots to serve the United States Army Air Force during the war. Nearly 25,000 women applied to the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program and only 1,830 were accepted. The women flew wartime missions within the United States during a time when women could not be commissioned pilots in the military and were governed by the Civil Service Commission.

In March 1943, Vi began her training. She then flew planes for the military, primarily picking up planes and flying them where they were needed. She had quite a few adventures along the way. Vi put her flight training to good use and flew 19 different types of aircrafts, including the P51, which went up to 495 miles per hour. One of Vi's most memorable flying experiences during the war was being the first person to fly a new airplane from the factory.

"Every plane we picked up was supposed to be tested before we got it. I picked one up that had not been tested," Vi said. After checking with operations, a mechanic just wrote an hour on the log sheet. Vi wondered about flying the plane on its maiden flight and although she considered taking it back in, she decided why not fly it?

"I thought, oh well, I'll give it a try. When I lifted off, it was the most wonderful experience, because I was the very first person who ever flew this wonderful airplane," Vi remembers.

Later she thought, "What if I hadn't flown this airplane? I would have missed this wonderful opportunity. Sometimes when you take a risk it might be for the best. I learned then that when life throws a challenge, you either turn away or you take them. I like to take them." That's a philosophy that has provided Vi many opportunities in her life.

Vi wasn't ready to go back to teaching after the war ended and was unable to find a job where she could keep flying, so she decided on a new challenge and began a ceramics business. After being married and raising her daughter, she worked as a teacher's resource aid for many years. Now retired, she likes to travel and is active in her hometown community of Huntington Beach, Calif.

Her love for travel reflects her love for people. She especially enjoys traveling with her husband, daughter and granddaughters, and her travels include two separate "around the world" trips that provided her with the opportunity to see the sights and meet people from many different cultures.

"I love seeing people, seeing their cultures. I'm curious of why they are where they are and have found that, overall, people are wonderful," Vi says.

True to her nature, Vi tends to choose an active itinerary while traveling as well.

"We didn't go on a cruise," Vi explains. "We flew and backpacked around the world. It was wonderful."

On one of her trips, she hiked the Great Wall in China, at age 66.

"I just kept going," Vi remembers, noting she did better than former President Jimmy Carter who didn't quite make the hike.

Vi took to the sky in another way when she tried skydiving at age 76.

Vi remains active in local politics and participates in a variety of community activities. She recently spearheaded a project to get American flags donated for each of the 54 lamp posts on the Huntington Beach Pier to honor veterans on Veteran's Day. She also continues to share her story in an effort to encourage others to be active participants in their communities.

When Vi attended the Women in Aviation Conference recently, which included 2,500 young women pilots, several of the women thanked Vi for taking the initiative to learn to fly and living a life that has provided inspiration for future women pilots.

"I never thought of it that way," Vi says. "I just knew I wanted to fly. I didn't think it would be a legacy for women. It never occurred to me at the time."

With a personal history that is adventurous and inspirational, Vi is often called upon to speak to students, and she says she enjoys the opportunity to tell young people about her life.

"I don't think children, high school students or college students can imagine what it was like then," Vi says. "I usually end with this advice: work hard, get an education and do the right thing. Dream of something. Think of something that no one has done before and then do it. I did this 60 years ago when people thought women shouldn't be flying. Just imagine what you can do. Just think, maybe you'll discover a cure. Opportunities are so great. Dream your dreams. I did mine. I'm still doing it."

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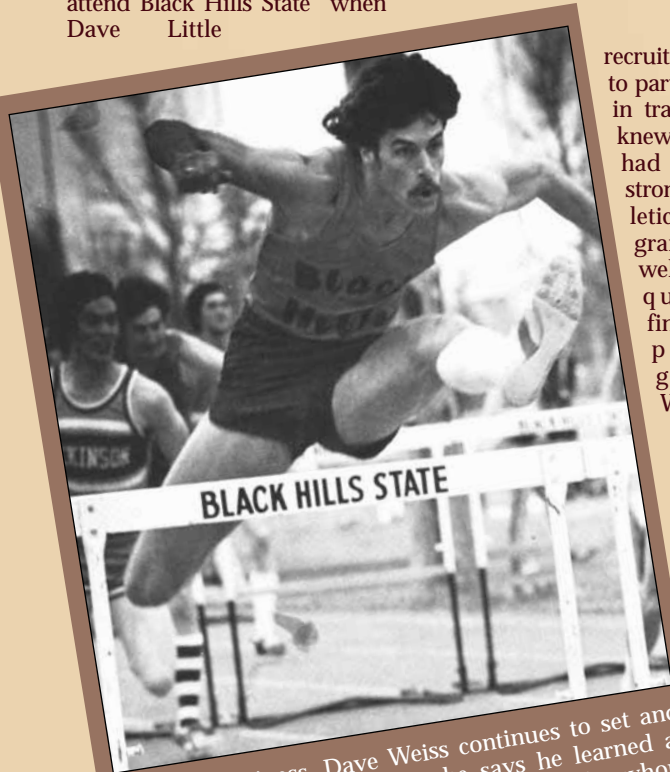
# Dave Weiss combines love of art and athletics for a unique career



As owner of a company that represents celebrity athletes like Mark Spitz and provides skilled sports talent for national print and television commercials for Nike, Bowflex, and Mountain Dew, Dave Weiss says his success is the result of an open mind, hard work and a long-term desire to be involved in the arts. Dave found a unique way to combine his love of athletics and the arts in a creative career that continues to be interesting and exciting.

His goal of a career in the arts began in high school in North Platte, Neb., and was the reason he chose to attend Black Hills State when Dave Little

recruited him to participate in track. He knew BHSU had a strong athletics program as well as a quality fine arts program. Weiss



In his business, Dave Weiss continues to set and achieve goals, something he says he learned at BHSU from his track coach Dave Little, whom Weiss describes as being "very influential for him while attending college in Spearfish." "I have tremendous respect for Coach Little. He taught me how to set goals and he convinced me I could accomplish those goals. This has carried over and helped me in my business," he said. Weiss laughs when he remembers his first track practice with Coach Little. "I remember the first day of track practice. The coach said 'OK guys run a few miles out on the road - I'll see you out there.' I thought, yeah right, you can't keep up with me." Shortly after, Weiss heard the footsteps of Coach Little coming from behind and then, passing him up. "Talk about a humbling experience."



also played football while at BHSU, and although he loves athletics, he always kept his career goals in focus and graduated in 1979 with a fine arts degree. Now he is working in a field that unites his love for the arts and athletics.

About a year after graduation, a former Yellow Jacket football teammate, Neil Grandbouche, Class of '79, encouraged Dave to move to Portland, Ore. Dave, who had always considered himself open-minded, moved to Portland sight unseen with plans to pursue his dream of a career in commercial arts.

In Portland, he found a job as a bartender, falling back on a job he had relied on as a college student, to "pay the bills." One evening, a customer suggested he should consider a career in modeling. At first he was reluctant, due to misconceptions about the modeling industry, but he reconsidered when the customer reminded him to be open-minded. He followed the well-given advice and called the suggested agent. For the next 11 years, Dave worked as a commercial sports model for companies including Nike, Columbia Sportswear, REI and Adidas.

"At the time, I was surprised by my success, but the reason I was so successful was because this is a very active marketplace, and as an athlete, my skills and comfort level were as an athlete, which is what companies like Nike are looking for," Dave explained.

In addition to commercial modeling for print and television, Dave did live presentations at national sales meetings and worked as a fit model for Nike. A fit model is someone who fits a specific size for a company's label - in essence, a live mannequin for those who design and make the garments, Weiss explained.

Following 11 years in the commercial modeling industry, Dave saw there was a real niche that wasn't being filled for sports models and his business, Sports Unlimited, was founded with his wife, Molly.

"We started out representing 10 athletes and today we represent over 700. We provide expert-level skill abilities in over 80 different sports and categories, so we can provide an expert in any kind of sport a client might be looking for," Dave said.

Dave believes an important element to the success of his business is that Sports Unlimited is a resource that provides credibility and authenticity to its clients.

"Nike, for example, doesn't come to us to look for a model that



can look or act like an athlete, they come to us because they need real athletes with exceptional abilities. Today's consumer is very educated and savvy, so authenticity in these companies' advertisements is crucial," Dave said.

Sports Unlimited has grown into a diverse business over the past 13 years and now has three distinct business divisions that include: representing athletes for commercial modeling; celebrity athlete management for major sponsorships; and event entertainment which provides turn-key presentations of emerging sport athletes in areas such as Freestyle MotoX and BMX Stunt. Weiss admits that his favorite area of his business is the division he directs, event entertainment.

"Our company provides presentations at events like state fairs and concerts with our extreme, or what we call, alternative or emerging athletes. I think I enjoy working in this area because it gives me the chance to live vicariously through these athletes," Dave said.

About 8 years ago when he began working with the emerging sport athletes, primarily Skateboarders, Freestyle Moto X and BMX riders, people told him he was wasting his



time on this "fad." "I felt differently and I positioned our company to represent them. Today for example, we represent Tao Berman, who is the number one extreme kayaker in the world. Recently he broke three world records including going over a 100 foot waterfall," Dave said.

Dave's enthusiasm for his job has carried over to his family as well, which includes his oldest son, Ben, 25, who lives in South Dakota; and his three younger children, Alec, 11, and twins, Holly and Levi, 9. The younger kids get a kick out of meeting the extreme athletes and they have also worked as models. Alec is currently a fit model for Columbia Sportswear and Levi did a live presentation for a Nike show.

Reflecting on his 23-year career, Weiss said, "It certainly didn't turn out to be a typical career in commercial art, however, I have been fortunate that I have been involved in a creative industry that involves sports and athletics, which is important to me. After all of these years in the business, I'm more excited about this business than ever."



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# Numbers and notes important in Callahan's life

Her love of the Black Hills brought Susan (Whitney) Callahan back home to attend BHSU after spending her freshman semester at an east river university and then again in 1991 when she transferred her job as an IRS agent to Rapid City, so she could help care for her aging parents.

"Actually, I had always hoped to return to Rapid City and kept a close watch for the opportunity to transfer. In 1991, when my parents' health was failing I knew it was time and I applied for a hardship transfer," says Susan.

Coming back to South Dakota was a full-circle experience for her in many ways. While she continued in a satisfying career where she could utilize her accounting degree, she also became involved in community music endeavors, a real passion of hers.

"Shortly after I moved back to Rapid City, I contacted my high school band director, Milo Winter, about playing clarinet in the Rapid City Municipal band. I showed up at a tryout and he asked me if I minded sitting next to Vic. Of course, I would not mind sitting next to my college professor and music mentor, Vic Weidensee. It was quite an honor," laughs Susan.

Over the years her relationship with Vic and his wife, Charlotte, has evolved from one of professor-student to an adult friendship for which she is very grateful. Through Vic, Susan became involved on the board of directors of the Black Hills Chamber Music Society and is currently serving as president of the organization. She also plays as an

"under-cover BH graduate" on the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Symphonic Band.

Her love of music has eased the transition as she made several geographical moves in Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas, during the earlier years of her life. Shortly after moving to Iowa in 1973, she became involved in the community band in Bettendorf. As she settled in other communities, she would find a way to become involved in music through city bands.

"My vocation is accounting and I am very satisfied with my career, however, music is a hobby that is very much a part of my life," Susan says.

Music was a way of life for her family and is a common bond she has as the lone accountant in a family of health-care professionals. Her father, who was a prominent pediatrician in Rapid City, played piano in a physician's jazz band and her brother, a nephrologist, plays the bassoon. Her mother, who had been a dietician at a local nursing home, also loved music and Susan fondly remembers attending community concerts with her family while growing up in Rapid City.

After college, Susan held jobs as an accountant and a tax preparer. However, when she was laid off after the tax season one year, she decided to take a new job as an IRS tax professional on a part-time basis. This position segued into a 23-year career as a revenue agent for the IRS.

"I've enjoyed working as an IRS revenue agent and it's proven to be interesting and enjoyable, as it's



Susan Callahan's love of the Black Hills has brought her back to the area twice. She now works for the IRS in Rapid City and enjoys performing with local community music groups.

allowed me to use my previous experience as an accountant and tax preparer, but has offered variety. My job is diversified since I continually work with different people and businesses. I love the challenge and variety of the job," says Susan.

While in college, Susan says she learned a lot about accounting from her favorite instructor, Dale Sander.

"He was an excellent professor and his classes were so enjoyable because he had been a CPA prior to teaching at the university," Susan says. "He spiced up the classes with real world information."

Numbers and notes are part of Susan's everyday life and the fact that she is living in Rapid City makes the music even sweeter.

"I've lived other places, but the Black Hills are special," Susan says. "I don't think there are too many people who've moved away that don't have a longing to come back."

In addition to sharing the family love of music, Susan also shares the family passion for the outdoors. She, along with her brother, founded the Nature Conservancy's Nathaniel and Mary Whitney Preserve at Cascade Creek in the southern Black Hills in honor of their parents.

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Dick Termes, Class of '64, an internationally acclaimed artist who works out of his studio in Spearfish, was recently included in a book that features the 20 greatest optical illusion artists. Termes' work is described on pages 295-304 in the book Master's of Deception - Escher, Dali and the Artists of Optical Illusion by Al Seckel. According to Termes, two of his favorite artists, M.C. Escher and Salvador Dali, are featured along with 18 others including Giuseppe Arcimboldo, Jos De Mey, Rob Gonsalves, Scott Kim, Octavio Ocampo, Istvan Orosz, John Pugh, and Roger Shepard.

"All are serious artists who love to play with illusions within their work. Each of us is featured in a 'gallery' (chapter) with incredible color reproductions of our works along with explanations of how our illusions weave with in our art pieces. I think this is an outstanding book that has some of the most exciting illusion art found in the world and it's just fun to look at again and again," Termes says.

## Termes honored

Termes, unlike any other painter, paints on spheres which, when completed, are known as Termespheres. Each sphere is a revolving three-dimensional space/time exploration of an entirely closed universe.

Termes says his work is the result of "solving mathematical problems with art."

"I could hardly get through high school math; now I'm being featured in math magazines and books. That just shows there are different ways of learning the same things," Termes says.

Termes grew up in Spearfish and earned a bachelor of art degree at BHSU. He taught high school for a while; then decided to get his master's degree. Termes taught art at BHSU in the 70s. He now creates art full time and also does occasional workshops for schools in the region as well as around the world. The artist is requested to present at conferences nationally and internationally.

Termes began painting in high school and, from there, worked with the two-point perspective which would eventually evolve into what are now known as Termespheres.

"I knew there had to be something more. I kept working with the idea," Termes explains. His ongoing work lead him to the "discovery" of the unique six-point perspective that is the basis of his Termespheres.

The artist explains that what you are seeing when you look at a Termesphere painting is an optical illusion.

"It's an inside-out view of the total physical world around you on the outside surface of a hanging and rotating sphere. If you were on the inside of this sphere, this painted image around you would seem normal, but it is read from the outside. From any point when you look at the spherical paintings, the image reads correctly," Termes says.

Termespheres capture the up, down and all around visual world from one revolving point in space. Most of the time these spheres are painted on the outside so it takes a six point perspective system to keep the environment around you organized.

Termes has been painting spheres since 1968 when he received his masters degree in art from the University of Wyoming. He continued his pursuit of spherical paintings with his thesis on the Termesphere at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles where he received his masters in fine arts.



## around the world

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# Kudos & Announcements

## The 40s

**Dale Hardy**, Class of '48, Spearfish, who spent 27 years as a football and track coach at BHSU, was recently honored for his years of coaching successful sports programs, including the 1954 Trinidad State Junior College, Trinidad, Colo., football team. The players, staff and others from the 1954 program reunited for a celebration at Denver's Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies.

## The 50s

**LeRoy Cliff**, Class of '59, Zion, Ill., was recently inducted to the Lake County Hall of Fame.

He was head football coach for Zion-Benton Township High School for 19 years. During that time, he won five North Suburban Conference Championships (NSC) and earned six trips to the state playoffs. He also coached baseball four years and had two NSC Championship baseball teams.

**Glenn Leffler**, Class of '52, Phoenix, Ariz., retired after teaching for 25 years in South Dakota and 15 years in Minnesota. He plays golf regularly in Phoenix and would like to hear from friends from the 40s and 50s.

## The 60s

**Bob Buck**, Class of '60, Dodgeville, Wis., retired after 36 years of coaching and teaching. He is the program director for the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; director for the Relay for Life Midwest Division; director of the Dodgeville Area Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to needy students; and a member of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Hall of Fame at Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers.

## Former Faculty & Staff

**Bill Hughes** received the "Spirit of Spearfish" award for fall 2004. Bill joined the staff of Black Hills State College in 1965. He taught health and physical education, and served as head wrestling coach, assistant football coach, and assistant baseball coach before retiring in 1994 after 29 years at BH. Bill still remains involved in many Spearfish community organizations.

**Charley Conger**, a former Black Hills State University professor who began studying lay ministry after he retired, now serves as chaplain for Hospice of the Northern Hills. He was recently recognized by Hospice for the special work he does in the Northern Hills.

**Ranny Duncan**, Class of '65, Spearfish, was named to a panel that will act as an advisory council to the S.D. Division of Insurance. Ranny has been with Baer's First Western Insurance since 1996.

**James John Matthew**, Class of '69, Fair Oaks, Calif., retired in 2004 after 34 years as a middle school teacher. He is the proud grandfather of two.

**Lance (Dinwiddie) Eddy**, Class of '67, Anaheim, Calif., is the varsity softball coach for Canyon High School, where a softball field, built largely through his efforts, was named "Eddy Field" in his honor. In his 21-year career, his teams are 396-210-6 with six league champions and nationally ranked teams in each of the past three years.

**Charles Townsend**, Class of '65, Osage, Wyo., was re-elected for District #1 in the Wyoming Senate.

**Ralph Vojta**, Class of '67, his daughter Sandi Vojta, and her husband Matt Keck opened a new Prairie Berry Winery near Hill City in 2004. The group also operates a winery in Rapid City.

**Bernice (Barrow) Welker**, Class of '64, Spearfish, recently retired after teaching for 25 years. She and her husband, Nelson, have raised four children.

## The 70s

**Tim Blakeman**, Class of '77, Fort Collins, Colo., was recently promoted to compensation manager responsible for Hewlett Packard's America Business Account Team. He and his team of 14 are responsible for the coordination and management of compensation programs

# Kudos & Announcements

within HP's Americas Operations, which include over 70,000 employees in 13 countries.

**Marv Bohnet**, Class of '75, Hazel, was elected president of the S.D. High School Coaches Association.

**Karen Bridges**, Class of '72, Spearfish, was recently recognized by Hospice of the Northern Hills for her efforts with hospice patients and their families. Karen also serves as the chairperson of the annual hospice golf tournament, one of the major fundraisers for hospice.

**Kathleen Dodson-Smith**, Class of '72, Maple Grove, Minn., was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

**Gene Draeger**, Class of '71, Green Valley, Ariz., recently retired from the Sioux Falls Fire Department after a 27-year career. He has been married to his wife, Monica, for 31 years and they have one son, 26, one daughter, 23, and one grandson, 3.

**Cathy**, Class of '79, and **Rick Frey**, Class of '78, Hill City, recently purchased the Deerfield Lake Resort in the Black Hills. The resort is

operated by their son, Richard, and his wife, Cheryl.

**Kathy Hood**, Class of '77, Spearfish, and **Paul Higbee**, Class of '76, Spearfish, were recognized for outstanding achievement in children's programming by the Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for their program "Dakota Pathways: A History." They received an Emmy for their achievement. Higbee was also honored as the Small Business Journalist of the Year in South Dakota.

**Roxy (Goodfellow)**, Class of '78, and **Cliff Janke**, Class of '77, Albion, Minn., received the 2004 "Outstanding Individuals in Communication and Theatre" from the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota.

**Wayne Mundt**, Class of '70, Spearfish, recently received the

Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze Service Stars; the Combat Medical Badge and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device for his efforts in the Vietnam War.

**Duane Reichert**, Class of '72, New Underwood, has been rodeoing for more than 30 years and is a National Finals Rodeo clown.

**Sandra (Bode) Riesselman**, Class of '70, Hudson, Wis., will retire in 2005 after 35 years of teaching. She is currently employed as a teacher and department chair at John Glenn Middle School.

**Dr. Randy Sachau**, Class of '74, Spearfish, traveled to Romania with a group of community

members to spread a Gospel message while fixing the teeth of those who are unable to afford dental services. Randy owns his own dental office in Spearfish.

**Penny (Jenks) Thomas**, Class of '73, Spearfish, will receive her 10-year award from Black Hills Special Services Cooperative this summer. She and her husband Larry, a former BHSU employee, recently became grandparents.

**Mark Wicks**, Class of '73, Gillette, Wyo., recently bicycled 1,489 miles across the U.S. from Gillette, Wyo., to Washington, D.C., on a 30-day spiritual quest for world peace.

**The 80s Scott Bohall**, attended in '81, Glendale, Ariz., is the owner of Treasures, a custom jewelry store, which recently won the Arizona

Jewelers Association Design Competition and also received Best of Show for 2004-2005.

**Shelley (Reller) Erickson**, Class of '82, Denver, Colo., recently received her master's degree in liberal studies from the University of Denver.

**Michael Jastorff**, Class of '86, Spearfish, has managed the BHSU Bookstore since 1988. He recently earned the designation of Certified Collegiate Retailer by the National Association of College Stores.

**Craig Kirsch**, Class of '82, Rapid City, and his parents, Richard and Jeanne Kirsch, are the owners of Two Wheeler Dealer Cycle & Fitness, which was featured as the September 2004 Star of the Month by the Rapid City Chamber.

## Jorgenson honored with lifetime achievement award

**Joe Jorgenson**, Class of 1967, was recently honored with the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation. For the past 25 years, Joe has been involved in virtually every economic development project in Spearfish. He has spent countless hours volunteering his time to both governmental agencies and non-profit organizations. As a leader within the community, Joe has served as a city council representative, the mayor of Spearfish, a member of the local school board, chairman of the planning and zoning commission as well as serving as president of the Economic Development Corporation. As a residential developer, Joe has been instrumental in setting a standard of quality within Spearfish which has earned him the respect of the community. As a result of Joe's residential developments, Spearfish has realized more than \$65 million in new residential development which in turn has helped support 100s of new jobs within construction trades. "Joe has always put the community's interests ahead of his own and has never sought personal recognition for his efforts. Through his can-do attitude and spirited commitment, Joe Jorgenson has truly earned the admiration of all those he has come in contact with," said Bryan Walker, director of Spearfish Economic Development.



## Class of '55 reunion planned

A 50-year class reunion for the Class of '55, will be held during the commencement ceremony May 7 at Black Hills State University. Members of the Class of '55 and their guests will gather Friday, May 6 at the Holiday Inn of the Northern Black Hills in Spearfish. Registration begins at 5 p.m. followed by a banquet at 6 p.m. Members of the Class of '55 and those graduating prior to 1955 are welcome to attend. The group will gather for a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. May 7 and participate in the 2005 commencement ceremony which begins at 10 a.m. For more information or to register, contact Jodi Neiffer at 642-6446 or email JodiNeiffer@bhsu.edu.

# Kudos & Announcements

**Jamie (Fiedler) Lee**, Class of '81, Las Vegas, Nev., is a member of the opening team for Wynn Las Vegas, a new casino that will employ 9,000 people. She is a staff writer in the human resources department.

**Brian Maliske**, Class of '86, Rapid City, is the general manager of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center (RPCC), which received the "2004 Prime Site Award" as voted on by concert promoters,

booking agents and event planners. This is the second time in three years the RPCC has been named one of the top 50 facilities in North America to host an event.

**Al Matthews**, Class of '80 and '90, Upton, Wyo., was named the Wyoming AA Boys Track Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. Al has been teaching middle school social studies in Upton, Wyo., for 25 years.

**John Nelson**, Class of '82, Madison, recently completed his Ph.D. in English with an emphasis on creative writing from the University of South Dakota. He is an assistant professor of English at Dakota State University.

**DiAnne Olson**, Class of '82, Austin, Texas, was recently named vice president at Blabbermouth Public Relations, a full-service public relations agency that provides counsel to companies in complex and dynamic sectors.

**Donovin Arleigh Sprague**, Class of '82, Rapid City, authored three books that offer a pictorial history of some of the most famous moments in Lakota history. Donovin works as the director of education at the Cultural Center at the Indian Museum of North America at Crazy Horse Memorial.

**The Rodney Bechtold**, Class of '93, Spearfish, district representative for National Mutual Benefit, was cited for outstanding life insurance service at the 54th annual convention of the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors.

**Nannette Gibson**, Class of '97, Istanbul, Turkey is currently teaching English to fifth and sixth graders at Uskudar American Academy.

**James Harrison**, Class of '97, Dover, Del., was hired as the athletic director for Postlethwait Middle School for the 2004-2005 school year. He also teaches at the middle school.

**Kim Hubbard**, Class of '90, Aurora, Colo., was recently promoted from traffic reporter on KBCO-FM, KTCL-FM and KLZ-AM to the night-time news anchor on KOA-AM in Denver.

**Brenda (Groth) Land**, Class of '96, Merriam, Kan., passed the national board certification exam for music therapists in 2002 and earned her master of music education with an emphasis in music therapy in May 2004. She works as a music

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therapist at the Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Care Facility.

**Natalya Livingston**, Class of '99, Spearfish, gave up her accounting job to join a street theatre group. After a summer performing

in "The Professor, Madame Be Good and Miss Lily White," she never did go back to accounting...she went into real estate.

**Trygve and Julie (Brunskill) Nelson**, both Class of '99, live

in Hardin, Mont. After serving as an assistant team leader for regional retailer Pamida, Trygve was promoted to store team leader and opened a new Pamida in Hardin,

Mont., this fall. Julie works for Head Start, Inc. as a family support specialist. The couple keeps busy with three boys: Jackson (8), Grayson (4) and Gabriel (2).

**Jeremy Schultes**, attended, accepted the administrator position at David M. Dorsett Health Care Facility in Spearfish. Jeremy has six years

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## Attending college on the Matthesen family plan from Northern Europe to the Northern Hills

Peter Lawrence Matthesen first came to the Black Hills area in 1884. His family would eventually settle in the area and begin a multi-generational tradition of enrolling at Black Hills State University at the nearby Spearfish campus. Many descendants have earned degrees from BHSU and continue to support the university in many ways.

Peter, who was born in 1865 in Schlesvig, Denmark, came to the United States at age 19. According to family history, Peter took the train as far west as Pierre where the rail ended. He then traveled alone on horseback to the Black Hills anxious to get his own gold mine. He made the trip in five days through cold weather and snow and with only \$8 in his possession which had to provide rations for himself and his borrowed horse.

Peter worked in the area for several years and then returned to Denmark in 1890 where he married Kjersten Schmidt. Their plan was to remain in Denmark but Peter remained optimistic about opportunities in America and convinced his new wife to leave her homeland and family with a firm promise that they would come back to Denmark the trip to the Black Hills area to begin their life in Dakota Territory. Peter worked for Homestake Mining and later bought a farm three miles southeast of St. Onge.

True to his promise, Peter and his family, which now included five more siblings, John, Laura, Ida and the twins Katie and Esther, returned to Denmark in the spring of 1902. The family, especially the children, retained their love for the Dakota Territory area and in a few years the family decided to make their permanent home in the Black Hills area.

According to descendants, the family learned to be very frugal although they came from a well-to-do family. Through the years, the family maintained a strong belief in the importance of higher education. The family supported the local university and felt any money spent on education was "money well spent." As several members of the family enrolled at the Spearfish campus, a long relationship with BHSU was begun. As the university changed from a teaching school and began to offer additional areas of study more members of the family have also chosen to attend especially in the business area.

Many family members have fond memories of their times at BHSU. Besides a common bond with the university, many of the family members shared a love of art. Several family members earned their living painting while others, even

though they didn't take up art formally, used their artistic talents in other ways.

Janet Shevling noted that she attended class with her daughter in the '70s and that all of her kids attended BHSU as well as several grandchildren.

Another relative, Kerri Bell, played on the women's basketball team with her cousin Wanda Shevling. There were several other athletic family members who attended and gained recognition in baseball and football.

First generation members of this family who attended what was then known as Spearfish Normal include Laura Matthesen (who married Guy McRann), Mable Matthesen (who married Cyril Spencer), Ida Pedersen (who married Skagg Pedersen), and Katie (who married Everett Shevling, who also attended). In addition, brother John's wife, Gladys, also earned a teaching degree from BHSU. Through the years, these BHSU alumni recommended the university to other relatives.

Among the second generation family members who graduated from BHSU include: William James McRann, Class of '52; Mae Pedersen Garrett, Class of '49; Betty Pederson Bell, Class of '50, who returned to teach theatre and French in the late 60s; Douglas Bell, Class of '48, who taught and served as director of admissions at the university; Robert Shevling, Class of '83; Lois Shevling Burback, Class of '54; JoAnn Pedersen, Class of '58, who taught at BHSU for more than 20 years; Darlene Matthesen, Class of '64. Other family members who attended include Lawrence McRann, Lola McRann, Lawrence Radtke; Janet Shevling; and Chester Garrett.

Third generation family members who graduated from BHSU include: Susan Scheirbeck, Class of '83; Debra Shevling Moncur, Class of '81 and '87; Cindy Shevling Myers, Class of '83; Shelly Stohr Shevling, Class of '94; Michael Guy McRann, Class of '76; Sheree Kay McRann, Class of '77; Gregg Radtke, Class of '00; Kerry Bell, Class of '83; Wendy Bell Mendoza, Class of '77; Steve Lester, Class of '73; Jane Matthesen, Class of '87; and Cathy Matthesen, Class of '02. In addition many other family members attended included Tim Taylor, Pam Radtke Lester; Linda Garrett, William Garrett, Scott Scheirbeck, Wanda Shevling Fox, Robert J. Shevling, Heidi Bell and Phil Harvey.

Fourth generation family members who followed in the footsteps of their relatives by choosing the BHSU campus include J.R. Fox, Class of '04; Rachel Beyersdorf Fox, Class of '02; Joy Patton Fox, Class of '02, and Tabitha (Abie) Myers, who is currently attending BHSU.

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of long-term care administration experience with the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society in Minnesota.

**Jill Sowers-Legner**, Class of '96, Rapid City, became the new director of Family Life Ministries for the Diocese of Rapid City in 2004.

**Troy Stende**, Class of '98, Acworth, Ga., was recently named "Best Campus Speaker" by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA). Troy is the only two-time winner of this

award, having won it in 2002 as well.

**David Waller**, Class of '90, Billings, Mont., was one of 40 people honored in the 2005 "40 Under Forty" Montana success stories. He supervises 12 at Centennial Homes, one of the largest dealerships of manufactured and modular homes in the Midwest. He and his wife, **Lora (Wilczynski)**, Class of '90, have one son.

**Stacey (Winter) Wollman**, Class of '94, Rapid City, is the new executive director of

the Black Hills Crisis Pregnancy Center.

**The OOs Teresa (Lieurance) Clyne**, Class of '03, Ely, Nev., is a kindergarten teacher for the David E. Norman Elementary School.

**Shawn Funk**, Class of '03, Newell, was named Arts Educator of the Year by the Matthews Opera House. Shawn works with approximately 130 fifth graders every year to create tile murals at East Elementary in Spearfish.

**Adam Grein**, Class of '00, Columbus, Ohio, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army in October 2003.

**Nicole Hollerman**, Class of '03, Spearfish, is the new visual arts manager at the Spearfish Arts Center's newly created Downtown Gallery. She is responsible for scheduling classes, keeping the classroom full, and doing the graphic design work for the entire organization.

**Morgan Miles**, Class of '03, recently joined The Journey Museum staff in Rapid City. She will work as program coordinator for the museum.

**Dusty Walker**, Class of '04, Douglas, Wyo., is the assistant sales manager at Basin Radio.

**Jennifer Zimmerman**, Class of '04, was recently hired as the coach for the Moffat County High School Bulldog girls' swim team in Craig, Colo.

# Engagements & Marriages

**The 90s Marlena Hinzman**, Class of '92, married Thomas Parr June 5, 2004. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Eldon Marshall**, Class of '93, and Marc Strain were married June 19, 2004. Eldon is a teacher and head boys' basketball coach. The couple lives in White River.

**Danielle Schumacher**, Class of '95, married Kevin Griffin Dec. 3, 2004. She is a respiratory therapist at Mayo Clinic's St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

**Marli Stroup**, Class of '95, Bozeman, Mont., and Kane Trusty plan to marry in 2005. She works at Highland Montessori School.

**The OOs Tina Beguin**, Class of '04, will marry Nicholas Van Kley, who will graduate from BH in May 2005, June 18, 2005. Tina attends Harvard Divinity School in Boston.

**Tiffani Bird**, Class of '02, and Rich Paez were married Aug. 14, 2004. Tiffani now attends USD and is employed at Black Hills Dermatology Centre. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Averie Bohls**, Class of '03, and Yanni Georgas will marry July 16, 2005. Averie is a fourth-grade teacher for the Rapid City School District.

**Heath Brown**, Class of '04, married Emily Pluimer May 10, 2004. Heath works for the U.S. Forest Service. The couple lives in Spearfish.

**Shannon Calhoon**, Class of '03, married Zac Hester June 19, 2004. The couple lives in Rapid City where Shannon is a lab assistant at Stevens High School.

**Tara Clemens**, Class of '01, married Aaron Morgan July 31, 2004.

They live in Rapid City where Tara manages Wear It Again Sam.

**Carly Divan**, Class of '02, married **William Buckman**, Class of '04, May 22, 2004. She is a DJ for Rushmore Radio and he is a carpenter with Erskin Construction. The couple lives in Spearfish.

**Toni Edwards**, Class of '01, and Jon Giese were married Sept. 18, 2004. They live in Rapid City where Toni is a child-care provider.

**Mandi Farlee**, Class of '04, married Aaron Terveen Sept. 4, 2004.

She works at First Premier Bank and Tatanka: Story of the Bison. The couple lives in Spearfish.

**Michelle Fleck**, Class of '03, married Beau Vinatieri June 26, 2004. They live in Las Vegas, Nev., where Michelle is a first grade teacher.

**Stephania Fried**, Class of '00, and Kelly Smith were married Oct. 16, 2004. The couple lives in Rapid City where Stephanica works as a family development specialist for Youth and Family Services.

**Martha Griffith**, Class of '03, married

Scott Johnson Aug. 21, 2004. They live in Pierre.

**Nathan Hammerstrom**, Class of '04, Belle Fourche, married Emily Baenen Jan. 8, 2005. Emily will graduate from BH in May 2005 with an elementary education degree. Nathan has a degree in wellness management.

**Abby Helling**, Class of '03, and **Ben Bryce**, Class of '04, were married Sept. 17, 2004. Abby teaches second grade and Ben teaches Spanish. The couple lives in Spearfish.

## Alumni perform at music fundraiser



Lyle, Doug, Rick and Paul, a music group composed of BHSU alums, recently performed at a fundraising concert.

A fundraising concert and silent auction at BHSU recently raised more than \$2,700 for scholarships for music students.

A local group, Lyle, Doug, Rick and Paul, whose members are all BHSU graduates presented the concert. A number of local businesses donated auction items.

According to Susan Hove-Pabst, coordinator of the event and music faculty member at BHSU, the event was a success.

The musical group donated their perform-

ance, forfeiting their normal fee, to support their alma mater. They played a wide variety of music including rock, pop, country, and an original number.

The event was sponsored by the BHSU Friends of Music organization, a group of music and BHSU supporters whose main functions include raising money for music scholarships and generally promoting the BHSU music department and its events.

## Calling all BHSU alumni

The Alumni Association relies on student callers to contact BHSU alumni for scholarship gifts. Because the federal government realizes that private giving is essential for campuses to cover unmet tuition costs and other enhancements, universities are exempt from the "Do Not Call Registry."

## Alumni gathering in Portland



A group of BHSU alumni met this fall in Portland, Ore. Attending were: front row, left to right, Nicole Krcil (attending), John Ingraham, Class of '53; Wanda Hoyt, Class of '86; Matt Town, Class of '01; Don Brecht, Class of '68; Melvin Nelson, Class of '63; Sara Schafer (attending); and Jessi Moeller (attending); back row, Holly Slade (attending), Alan Town, Class of '98; Dave Weiss, Class of '79; Ryan Anderson, Class of '01; Kristy (Beyer) Anderson, Class of '95; Rusty Morlan, Class of '51; Brian Relf, Class of '79; Jerry Martin, Class of '70; Elizabeth (Kramlich) Swanson, Class of '78; Madie (Fouch) Roberts, Class of '01; Ione Martin, Class of '70; Tom Douglas, Class of '59.



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**Terrilyn Holzer**, Class of '01, Rapid City, will marry Jesse Vifquain May 7, 2005. Terrilyn is manager of Maurices in the Rushmore Mall.

**Tanna Howie**, Class of '03, and **Vincent Holzer**, Class of '03, were married Aug. 28, 2004. She works at Enterprise Leasing and he works for Ferguson Enterprises. The couple lives in Littleton, Colo.

**Dusty Holso**, Class of '04, married Henry Hollenbeck Jan. 10, 2005. Dusty is pursuing her doctorate. The couple will live in Europe.

**Annie Koyama**, Class of '00, married Blair Miller June 5, 2004. The couple lives in Kalispell, Mont.

**Michelle Mahlen**, Class of '04, and

Justin Chuplis were married Aug. 14, 2004. Michelle is a special educator for kindergarten through third grade students in the Takini School District.

**Matthew McClung**, Class of '01, Jefferson, married Jamie Morgan May 28, 2004. He is pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree at SDSU.

**Amanda Miller**, Class of '04, married Joseph Zach July 31, 2004. The couple lives in Rapid City where Amanda teaches fourth grade at St. Elizabeth Seton.

**Shanna Olson**, Class of '03, married Robert Heishman Sept. 18, 2004. She works at Garden Hills Assisted Living. The couple lives in Spearfish.

**Alice Orwick**, Class of '02, married John Boyer Sept. 3, 2004. Alice works at Sandford's Grub & Pub. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Lynn Rauth**, Class of '01, married Daniel Sandford Aug. 21, 2004. Lynn is a unit manager at Premier Bankcard. The couple lives in Spearfish.

**Darcy Reinicke**, Class of '03, will marry **Rob Sales**, Class of '03, April 9, 2005. Darcy works in human resources at Advanced Digital Information in Englewood, Colo. Rob works at Cherry Creek High School and coaches football and wrestling in Denver.

**Catrina Schlautmann**, Class of '03, married Douglas Ruby Sept. 25, 2004. The couple lives in Gillette, Wyo.

**Breawna Schwartz**, Class of '01, and **Jason Nysten**, Class of '04, were married April 11, 2004. She is a wedding and event consultant and he is a school counselor. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Cecilie Steib**, Class of '00, and **Jeramie Prine**, Class of '00, were married July 31, 2004. Both are teachers on the Wind River Reservation. They live in Lander, Wyo.

**Michelle Stensaas**, Class of '00, will marry **Jason Glodd**, Class of '97, July 3, 2005. She is a middle school English teacher in Fort Pierre. He resigned his post as executive director of the S.D. Republican Party to serve as a senior advisor to Gov. Rounds in Pierre.

**Nicole Swanson**, Class of '02, married Brice Osnes July 31, 2004. The couple lives in Valentine, Neb., where Nicole works as a teacher.

**Jennifer Wagner**, Class of '02, and William Williams were married Feb. 26, 2005. Jennifer is currently attending the USD School of Law. The couple lives in Vermillion.

**April Weisz**, Class of '00, married Michael Lembezeder May 29, 2004. She is a social worker for Maricopa County. The couple lives in Chandler, Ariz.

**Kenny Williamson**, Class of '04, Lead, married Sharon Wells Feb. 14, 2005. Kenny owns Putergraphix Designs.

# Births

**The 80s** **Jeff Morford**, Class of '89, Fort Morgan, Colo., and his wife, Bev, had their second daughter, Kylie Nichole, March 21, 2004. Kylie weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21" long.

**The 90s** **Dana (Jelinek)**, Class of '94, and her husband **Jonathan Bassett**, Class of '98, Mitchell, had a son, Jade Michael, June 11, 2004. Jade joins a brother, Blake (11).

**Jodi (Graf) Beyer**, Class of '99, and her husband Christopher, Columbus, Neb., had a baby boy, Samuel Robert, May 19, 2004. Samuel joins a sister Kaylyn Eliza (3).

**John Peterson**, Class of '94, Holbrook, Ariz., and his wife Angie adopted their second child, a boy, Kyan Andrew Kenneth, Sept. 16, 2004. He joins a sister, Karnie (13 months).

**Julie (Hughes) Rankin**, Class of '96, Gillette, Wyo., and her husband Scott announce the birth of their daughter, Rylie Raye, who was born May 25, 2004. She joins sisters Alisa (12) and Chloe (1½).

**The 00s** **Kimberly (Schell)**, Class of '01, and **Josh**

**Cuppy**, Class of '03, Mitchell, had a girl, their second child, Isabelle, who was born Jan. 23. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long. She joins a sister Emilia, born May 9, 2003.

**Kristi (Knutson) and Marty Hanson**, both Class of '00, Minneapolis, Minn., had their daughter, Madilyn Jo, Nov. 18, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19½" long. Kristi is a high school math teacher, and Marty is a therapeutic specialist.

**Marisa (Hendrickson) Hett**, Class of '00, Gillette, Wyo., and husband Tyler had twin boys, Keegan and Kelby, Oct. 5, 2004. They join a brother Camden (2½).

**Jeremy and Karina (Bliss) Hohn**, both Class of '02, Albuquerque, N.M., welcomed their first child, Jeremiah Allen, July 24, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 24" long.

**Tonia and Brandon Markovetz**, Class of '00, Spearfish, had a

son, Chase Mathew, Sept. 12, 2003.

**Jodi (Randall)**, Class of '99, and **Weston Neiffer**, Class of '00, Spearfish, welcomed Elle Lynn to their family May 25, 2003. Elle weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21" long.

**Shauna (Dye)**, Class of '03, and **Jeremy Taper-Wagner**, Class of '03, Alliance, Neb., had their first child, Lilly Wagner, Dec. 28, 2003. Lilly weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19" long. Jeremy was activated with the

Wyoming Army National Guard in February 2004.

**Kyle Wahlfeldt**, Class of '03, Belle Fourche, and his wife Angela welcomed a baby boy, Sean Wesley, March 15, 2004.

**Becky (Keller) Zebroski**, Class of '00, Watertown, and her husband Troy announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Lynn, who was born Sept. 8, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19.5" long.

## Gathering in Arizona



A group of BHSU alumni recently met in Phoenix for a reception. Attending were: front row, left to right, Jodi (Randall) Neiffer, Class of '99; Tabi Berner, Class of '93; Donnie Berner, Class of '91; Ryan Ryyth, Class of '03; and Steve Williams, Class of '04; middle row, Bob Dermer, Class of '81; Cheryl Holmberg, Class of '87; Dan Iversen, Class of '79; Kristin Marshall, Class of '81; and Lynelle (Mohr) Deibert, Class of '80; back row, Steve Meeker, Class of '84; James Cairo, Class of '71; Pam (Biegler) Charron, Class of '85; and Toby Day, Class of '73. Not pictured are William McRann, Class of '52 and Jane (Scott) Bertram, Class of '86.

## Alumni meet in Pierre

This group of alumni gathered recently at a volleyball match up in Pierre. Front row, left to right, Shirley Eismach Class of '74; Marsha (Martin) Berreth, Class of '73; Carol (Halling) Gengler, Class of '88; Jodi (Randall) Neiffer, director of alumni at BHSU, Class of '99. Back row, Willis McLaughlin, Class of '68; Larry Christiansen, Class of '73; Gary Whitney, Class of '69; Chad Coppess, Class of '85; Dan Iversen, Class of '79; Kim Bierle, Class of '84; and Steve Meeker Class of '84.



# Obituaries

**Eleanor (Fuller) Angel** died Sept. 30, 2004. She attended BH and was employed at the South Dakota Employment Office. During the war she worked at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

**William Carlstrom**, Spearfish, died Oct. 24, 2004. He attended Black Hills Teachers College one quarter where he played football on the 12-man squad. He established and ran the Carlstrom Grade A Dairy Operation for 43 years and was one of the first members of the Black Hills Milk Producers.

**Robert Edwards**, Sturgis, died Nov. 15, 2004. He attended BH before beginning a 30-year career as a county agricultural extension agent in

Shannon, Jones, and Hughes Counties.

**Violet (Vance) Gustafson**, Laramie, Wyo., died Dec. 11, 2004. Violet began teaching at Black Hills State Teachers College during World War II while she worked for her degree. She later moved to Laramie, Wyo., where she taught school until her retirement in 1986.

**Carl "C.J." Heinert**, Belle Fourche, died Dec. 5, 2003. He attended BH before he began working in the bentonite industry with IMC, American Colloid, and Bentonite Performance Minerals. He also owned the Penguin Drive-In for 11 years.

**Ruth (Pummel) Herbig**, Seattle,

Wash., died Nov. 20, 2004. She attended Black Hills Teachers College where she met her husband-to-be, Merle Herbig. While living in Washington, Ruth finished her degree, commuting several times back to BHTC in Spearfish. She then taught junior high and worked for the American Cancer Society.

**Ida Jerde** died Sept. 4, 2004. She spent many years teaching as a rural school teacher, having trained at teachers' colleges in Aberdeen, Spearfish, and Greeley, Colo. She later taught music at Lead Junior High School. Ida also served as the choir director for her church for 31 years and taught piano and voice lessons for 32 years.

**Norma (Johnson) Kennedy**, Wall, died Sept. 4, 2004. She received her teaching certificate from BHTC and taught in the Wall area for several years. Norma and her husband, Bryce, also owned and operated the Wall Standard Service and several rural mail routes in the area.

**The 20s Grace (Lobdell) Hammerquist**, Class

of '29, Rapid City, passed away Nov. 19, 2004. Grace attended Spearfish Normal School in the teacher's program and taught in many one room school-houses. She later went on to graduate from Black Hills Teacher's College and taught at the Caputa and Farmingdale schools and at Douglas Elementary School before retiring in 1971. In 1926, she flew with Clyde Ice, the first pilot in the Black Hills.

**The 30s Wade 'Alan' Durst**, attended in the '30s, Orangeville, Calif., passed away Dec. 26, 2004. He spent most of his early adulthood driving trucks in Fairburn before moving to Sacramento, Calif., where he worked as a truck mechanic until his retirement in 1979.

**Emory Herring**, attended in the '30s, Sturgis, died July 12, 2004. He worked as a teacher and educational advisor for the Civilian Conservation Corp. For 31 years, he served as the school superintendent for different schools. He also ran the Ranch Store in Kadoka for 17 summers.

**Bea Lutz**, Class of '30, Sturgis, died Nov. 1, 2004. After graduating from Black Hills Teachers College, she taught at country schools until 1935.

**The 40s Harold (Buck) Julien**, attended '42 and '43, died in June 2000. He was a commercial building contractor and owned Julien Construction Company in Wyoming. His wife, **Rose Marie (White) Julien**, Class of '42, currently lives in Billings, Mont.

**The 50s Dale Johnson**, Class of '59, Loveland, Colo., died Nov. 9, 2004. After graduating from BH with a degree in education, Dale worked as a salesman with Houghton-Mifflin Textbook Publishers for 30½ years.

**Ed Hendrickson Jr.**, Class of '56, Indianapolis, Ind., died Dec. 1, 2004. He graduated from BHTC where his father Ed was a professor. He served in the U.S. Army.

**Sally Mae (Sundstrom) O'Dea**, attended '53-'55, Sturgis, died Aug. 12, 2004. After receiving her teaching degree from BHTC, Sally

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Mae taught in several rural Haakon County schools and later in Bison, Phillip, and Whitewood. She also worked for Ft. Meade for 17 years before retiring in 2000.

**Frank "Slugger" Oltmanns**, attended in the '50s, Dickinson, N.D., died Oct. 18, 2004. Frank always had a passion for operating heavy equipment and, through the years, it took his family to many states throughout the Midwest.

**Leo Rizzi**, Class of '53, Spearfish, died July 23, 2004. After serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, Leo earned a bachelor's degree from Black Hills Teachers College and a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Wyoming. Leo taught school in Idaho, Washington and Wyoming before retiring to Spearfish.

**The 60s Mildred (Hale) Coats**, Class of '65, Sturgis, died Sept. 1, 2004. After graduating from BH, she taught school for many years in Vale, Sturgis, and Hill City.

**Anastasia (Mulcrone) Kornmann**, Class of '61, Aberdeen, died Oct. 29, 2004. She taught school for many years in Rapid City before retiring in 1968.

**Lt. Col. Robert Miner**, Class of '65, Antigo, Wis., passed away Aug. 18, 2004. Robert served in the U.S. Air Force from 1941-1963. He also taught history in the Douglas School District, Missouri, and Illinois.

**Charles A. Smith**, Class of '60, Colorado Springs, Colo., passed away May 20, 2004. He was a business major.

**Betty (Holderness) Trezona**, Class of '65, Spearfish, died May 16, 2004. Betty taught in the Sundance and Spearfish school districts and was very involved in community clubs and organizations.

**The 70s Nora (Tidball) Anderson**, Class of '77, Lemmon, died Sept. 2, 2004. After Nora received her teaching certificate, she taught in various rural schools. She later returned to Black Hills State for her

elementary education degree.

**Ruth (Taylor) Hibbard**, Class of '71, Sundance, Wyo., passed away Aug. 4, 2004. After receiving her teaching degree, Ruth taught first grade in Sundance for 17 years.

**Juanita (Foster) Likens**, Class of '71, Rapid City, died Nov. 3, 2004. She taught school for many years before retiring in 1984.

**Elaine (Knutpe) Tisdale**, Class of '76, New Underwood, died Sept. 15, 2004. Elaine worked as an elementary school teacher for grades kindergarten through second for 27 years.

**Marilyn (Mills) Wright**, Class of '70, died in Spearfish in July 2004. She developed the first elementary physical education program in the Belle Fourche school system and taught elementary physical education in Belle Fourche for seven years.

**The 80s Jodi (Stotz) Davis**, Class of '84, Rapid City, died Oct. 11, 2004. She enjoyed her home, cooking, gar-

dening, camping, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

**The 90s Paul Cihak**, Class of '91, Sturgis, died Aug. 4, 2004. Paul went to auto body school and then to BHSU where he played football for the Yellow Jackets and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. He was a 12-year member of the South Dakota Army National Guard and worked for UPS.

**Jane Gates**, Class of '97, Coldwater, Mich., passed away Aug. 27, 2004. Jane served as a case manager in a correctional treatment program for adjudicated and troubled youth. She was also involved in several volunteer services and served as activities director for the nursing home.

**Joan (Farrier) Pearson**, Class of '93, Deadwood, died Oct. 3, 2004. After graduating from Black Hills State with a bachelor of science degree, Joan went on to receive her Chemical Dependency Counselor Level III Certification. She

worked at Norwest Bank, River Park and Behavior Management, and Northern Hills Drug and Alcohol Center.

**The 00s Pamela Applegate-Theisz**, Class of '00, Spearfish, died Feb. 17, 2005. She taught high school in Riverside, Calif., and special education at Newell High School. She was teaching at Belle Fourche Alternative School and pursuing a graduate degree at the time of her death.

**Marlon Lockhart**, Class of '01, Peculiar, Mo., died Jan. 27, 2005. He attended Black Hills State for two years before starting his own carpentry business. He later returned to BHSU and graduated in May 2001. After that he went to work for the U.S. Navy as an inspection consultant on Navy projects.



## Order BHSU merchandise online

The BHSU bookstore has items featuring the new Yellow Jacket mascot as well as books by local authors. To view these and other items access the bookstore online from the BHSU homepage or go directly to <[www.bhsu bookstore.com](http://www.bhsu bookstore.com)>.

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# Alumni athletes meet at BHSU



Former basketball players returned to their alma mater this fall to play in the annual Stadium Sports Grill Roundball Reunion. The alumni basketball games raised nearly \$1,200 for student-athlete scholarships. Nineteen BHSU alumni players competed against the varsity men's and women's basketball teams in the games at the Young Center.

Members of the alumni women's team were, front row, left to right, Jody VerHey, Melissa Christensen, Sarah Heibult, Cori Engelhardt, and Coleen Letellier. Back row, left to right, Melissa Bruns, Amanda Mortenson, Heather Combs, Joni Lunney, Annie Heltzel and Becky Schultz. The women were coached by Myrle Hanson and Beth Bentley. Lunney was named the most valuable player and VerHey, Sioux Falls, received the distance award since she traveled the farthest to attend.



Men's basketball players who returned to BHSU for the annual alumni game were Eric Thompson, Clancy Roberts, Brad Massman, Brant Miller, Brian Sudrala, Mark Gould, and Matt Burgess. Not pictured: Mark Nore. The men's team was coached by John Heck. Gould received the most valuable player award and Roberts, who traveled from Santa Fe, N.M., received the distance award.



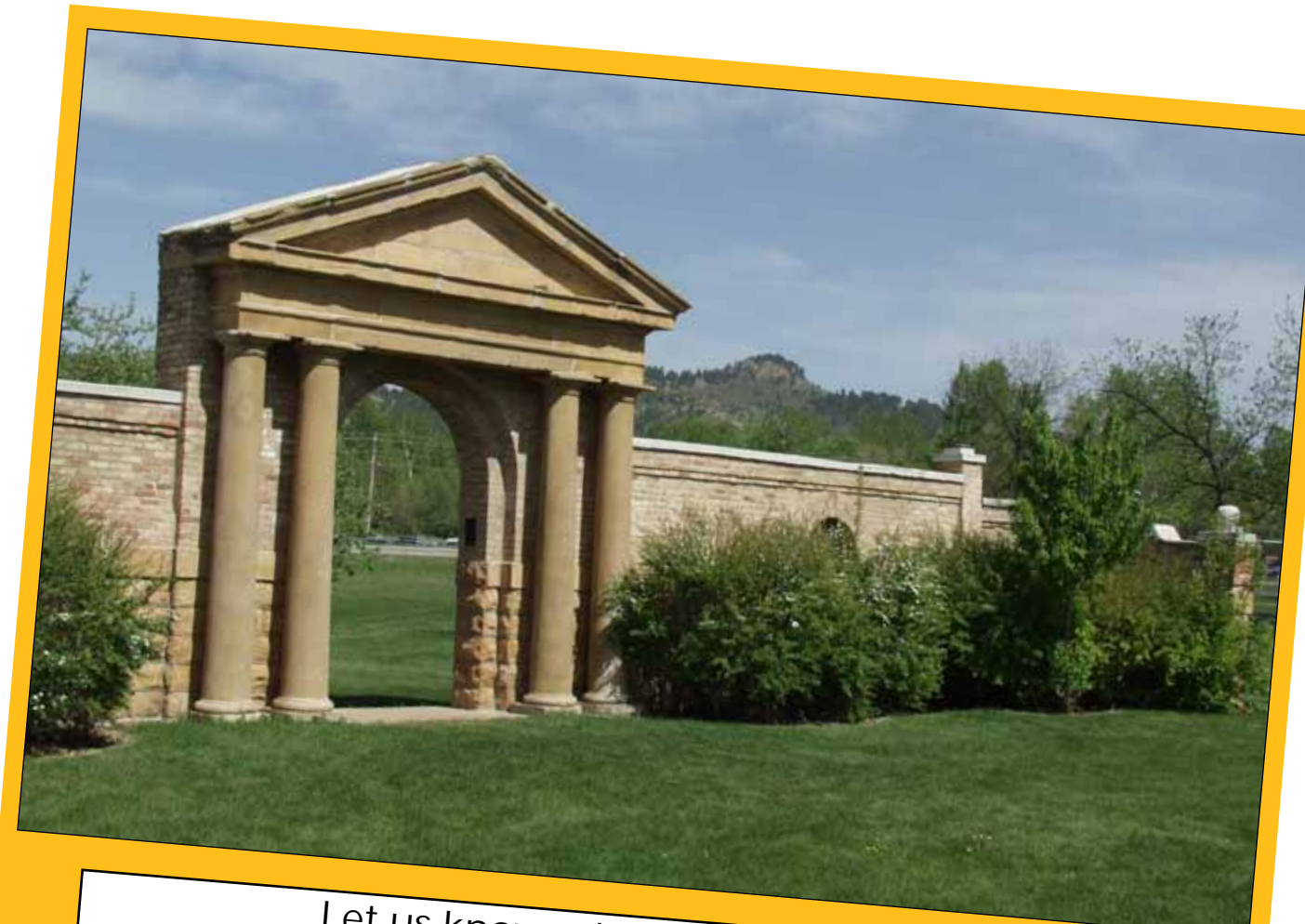
Tim Bishop won the 13th annual BHSU Alumni Mile, which was held during the recent Dave Little Invitational at the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center. Bishop, a 2003 graduate who currently serves as an assistant coach for the BHSU cross country and track and field teams, finished the race with an impressive time of 4:28.51.

Approximately 30 runners from across the country participated in the race. Prizes were raffled off and a small auction

was held to raise dollars for the Alumni Mile Endowment.

Zachary Kintzley, a junior biology major from LaPorte, Colo., and Cassie Knutson, a senior art major from Ft. Collins, Colo., were awarded the annual Alumni Mile scholarships.

The Alumni Mile scholarship endowment was started in 1998 in support of both men's and women's track and cross country teams. It is designed to bring former BHSU athletes and present BHSU athletes together.



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## Elliott donates artwork

The artwork of Evelyn Elliott (front center), a retired business instructor, is now on display throughout the corridors of the business program at BHSU. Elliott, who began painting when she retired in 1982 after teaching nearly 40 years, donated her prints to BHSU. Dr. Amin Sarkar (back center), dean of the College of Business and Technology, expressed his thanks to Elliott for the donation. Also on hand were Dr. Ron DeBeaumont (left), chair of the Department of Accounting and Economics, and Mae Gill (right), president of the BHSU Art Club.

## Phillips' contribute through service and donations

It was early September 1953 and snowing in Spearfish when Ron Phillips first came from California to Black Hills State. Later that day, he gave serious consideration to not accepting the position and moving back to a warmer climate. Luckily for the university and the many students he influenced over the years, Ron didn't approach Dr. Jonas that day with those inclinations and remained at BHSU for more than two decades.

Ron is remembered as a dedicated faculty member who was instrumental in developing what is now a strong mass communications and photography department. His wife Doris also taught and worked at the university for many years.

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## Skak & Pedersen scholarship set

Mae (Pedersen) and Chester Garrett from Sturgis recently established the Hans Skak and Ida Pedersen scholarship in honor of Mae's parents.

The couple set up the scholarship this fall with a \$10,000 gift. The scholarship is now endowed and the earnings will be used to award a \$500 scholarship to an upper-level student majoring in education. According to Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement, preference will be given to students who show a financial hardship and are ambitious.

Mae and her mother, Ida, both earned teaching degrees from Black Hills State University. Mae noted that her mother had discussed creating a scholarship for many years. Mae and Chester decided to establish this scholarship in honor of her parents' memory and their dedication and commitment to education.

Mae noted that two of her three children also attended BHSU as well as many other extended family members. (See related article on page 11.)



Freeda (Summers) Schroeder (center), and her husband Arno receive a certificate in appreciation of their ongoing support of BHSU scholarships from Dr. Thomas Flickema, BHSU president at a banquet to honor donors in 2002.

## Former registrar adds to scholarships

Freeda (Summers) Schroeder, a graduate of BHSU and a longtime employee who established several BHSU scholarships, recently died.

Freeda, a Class of '45 graduate who returned to her alma mater as an employee for more than 30 years including 16 years serving as registrar, died Oct. 6, 2004. Freeda retired from BHSU in 1978. She was honored with the Special Service Award in 1996 from the BHSU Alumni Association.

Freeda grew up in the Spearfish area and earned a degree from BHSU. She taught English in Belle Fourche before joining the BHSU staff.

In 1996, Freeda created a scholarship fund called the Freeda Summers Schroeder Scholarship for education majors at BHSU.

The scholarship is designated for a female junior-level student from South Dakota. Over the years, Freeda continued supporting the scholarship fund with additional donations and in 1999 added a second scholarship to be awarded from the fund. This scholarship is awarded to a female junior-level English student from South Dakota. An additional \$10,000 was bequeathed through her estate for her scholarship fund.

Freeda is remembered for successfully, efficiently and graciously doing anything and everything she did and making a lasting impression on everyone. Education was very important to Freeda and it gave her great satisfaction to assist students with their education according to Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement at BHSU.

## Giacometto endowment provides scholarships for future teachers

The family of Wilma A. Giacometto recently bequeathed \$25,000 to the Black Hills State University Foundation to create an endowed scholarship for students majoring in education.

Wilma taught in rural schools in western South Dakota and eastern Montana for many years and is remembered as an outstanding teacher who had a long-lasting influence on many of her students.

"My aunt was a positive, out-going woman who loved her years teaching in one-room schools. Her determination and optimism truly represented the pioneering spirit of those days," Wilma's niece, Joyce Kronholm says. "I grew up listening to stories of her students and her happy memories."

Joyce developed an interest in teaching, in large part due to the positive influence of her aunt Wilma. Through the years, Joyce learned that her aunt had established long-lasting relationships with many of her former students who often expressed their gratitude for her guidance. At her funeral many former students offered condolences and mentioned how Wilma had positively affected their lives more than a half a century earlier.

"She loved teaching and was a teacher at heart," Joyce says. "That's why she chose to designate money to scholarships."

Joyce followed her aunt's direction and earned a teaching degree and became a teacher. Wilma's influence was a major part in Joyce's decision to major in education plus she liked that she could be close to her aunt Wilma and uncle Joe who lived in the Spearfish area. Joyce earned her degree from BHSU in 1969 and then taught for many years. She continues to work in the educational field.

"Most of all I remember how much she [Wilma] enjoyed her years teaching and how important education was to her," Joyce says.

Given that Wilma loved living and teaching in small communities, her family has designated that the scholarship be awarded annually to an education student from a small South Dakota community. The Giacometto family previously established a scholarship when Wilma's husband Joe passed away in 1992. That scholarship is awarded annually to a student from Haakon County in South Dakota.



## Dialing for money

The BHSU Student Ambassadors raised more than \$48,000 for scholarships during the annual phonathon fund drive. Every fall, members of the student group take to the phones to contact alumni for the scholarship fund. This year the total amount pledged was \$48,282.12. Thanks to alumni who contributed.



## Plans underway for Hall of Fame room

Black Hills State University began inducting members into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1983. Now the university is pursuing a vision to have a room dedicated to featuring each Hall of Fame inductee.

According to Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement and athletic director, plans include a "larger than life" wall mural of legendary Black Hills State coaches, a graphic band around the room depicting current hall of famers, display cases for memorabilia and hall of fame plaques featuring and picturing all hall of famers individually. Meeker is conducting a drive to raise funds for the room displays. He expects the project to cost approximately \$96,000 and has currently raised nearly \$24,000 in support of the project.

To date, 127 people have been inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame including coaches, players and contributors. For more information or to make a contribution to the project, contact Meeker at 642-6385.

# BHSU students in the news

## Student returns from Iraq with increased desire to learn and help

From the fields of Kuwait to the classrooms at Black Hills State University, Tricia Beringer's focus has remained on dedicating her life to make a difference in the health care field.

Tricia, who is currently a junior at BHSU, recently spent more than a year overseas with her National Guard unit on active duty and has now returned to the Spearfish campus where she is midway through the requirements to earn a biology degree with a psychology minor. She then plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as a physician's assis-



tant or medical doctor.

Tricia is glad to be back in school after spending 16 months on active duty and says that the military interruption in her college career actually increased her academic focus and her dedication to her classwork.

"It's great to use my mind again and to think for myself," Tricia said. "It's different this time. Now I really want to be here. I really enjoy studying and look forward to learning more."

When Tricia, who earned the honor of being named South Dakota soldier of the year just prior to active deployment, found out her college degree would have to be put on hold while she served, she was ready and willing to go. Now looking back, Tricia says the experience of active deployment, though humbling, has intensified her desire to work in the health care field.

The highlight for Tricia was the time spent going into schools to work with children. Tricia noted that there was one girl in particular, a 13-year-old, who inspired her and made her realize how important America's presence is in Iraq.

"Cisse is so beautiful and intelligent. She speaks English fluently and was helping me learn Arabic. Because of what we (American forces) are doing, she has a lot more potential in her life. I'm sure she is an inspiration to many others around her."

Tricia, who has had a long time interest in health care, is certain she has made the right choice for her future. She says she was drawn to the medical field "because my mother raised me right" and because she sees it as an opportunity to "make a difference in the world."

"I know this is what I want to do. I think that by being involved in health care and working directly with patients, I'll be able to make a positive difference in their lives," Tricia says. "I think my personality combined with my energy level has a lot to offer people who are ill," Tricia said.



BHSU student Tricia Beringer, who is also a member of the 842nd National Guard Unit which recently returned from active deployment in Iraq, said the highlight of her time in Iraq was the opportunity to meet school children and teach them about dental hygiene and other health issues.



Original movie by BHSU students to premiere this spring.

## 10:15 Salem Park

What began as a short story for class has evolved into a full feature film for two Black Hills State University students. Gus Karinen, a senior mass communications major from Spearfish, and Justin Koehler, a Midland native who recently graduated with a degree in mass communications, met as undergrads living in a BHSU residence hall and are now co-directors of an original independent movie.

For more than two years, Gus and Justin have dedicated much of their time to working on the movie, titled 10:15 Salem Park, which moved from an essay to a short story, then to a short film, and now to a full-length feature film. The story, as described by Gus and Justin, centers on secrets and features fellow BHSU students as members of the cast and crew.

Justin, who came to BHSU on a basketball scholarship, recently graduated and says he is taking a year, while he continues to work on the movie, to figure out what he wants to do. He originally considered being a sportscaster and is now interested in some type of sports marketing career; however, directing the movie has made him consider other options. "If this [the movie] succeeds then I guess we'll know what we're meant to do with our lives," Gus said.

Gus, who came to BHSU after spending several years working and trying other things, wrote the original short story for a class. Gus, who is also production manager of the campus television station, maintains an ongoing journal of the movie's progress on a website he created and designed, [www.salempark.com](http://www.salempark.com). One of his entries in the on-line journal describes the development of the movie.

"It began as a dream. We had no equipment, no funding, no script, no actors, no crew, and no promise. The only thing we had was a vision and a seed of serious determination. Born of a dream, destined by coincidence, carried in faith, inspired by friends, driven by passion."

The two agree that keeping a balance between their personal lives, obligations, school and work is a real challenge. Because this is a no-budget film that relies heavily on the efforts of volunteer cast members and crew, Gus and Justin say working around the schedules of everyone has been the most difficult aspect of creating the movie.

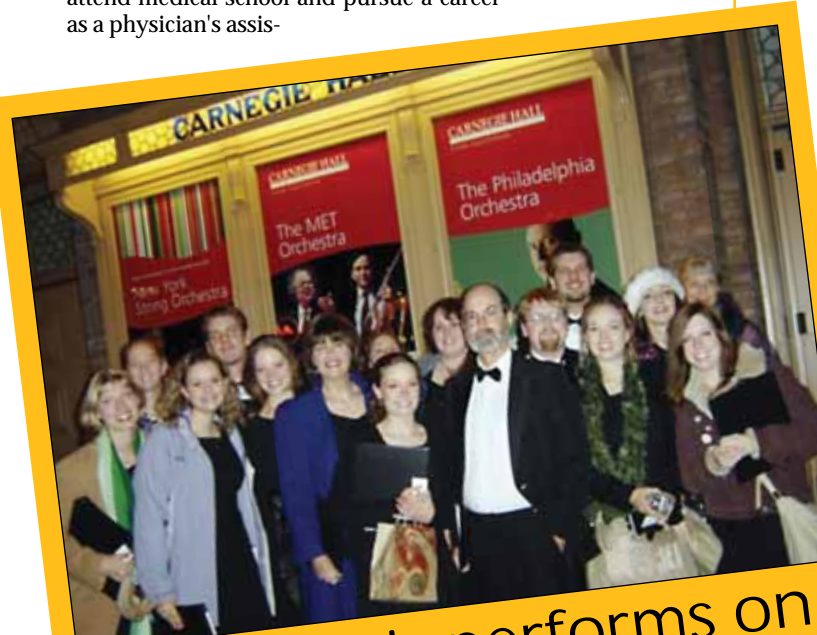
Gus and Justin have poured their time and talents into making this movie and looking back they have no regrets about that commitment. They see the movie project as a great learning opportunity even though they don't expect fame or fortune.

"We hope other students will see this and maybe it will encourage them. We want people to know what students are capable of doing. If anyone involved in the movie gets a break, that will be an accomplishment and make it all worthwhile," Justin said.

A local release of the movie this spring may change their lives forever.



Gus Karinen, a senior mass communications student at BHSU, operates the camera for a scene featuring Emily Varland, one of several BHSU students who are taking part in an original film project. Karinen and Justin Koehler, a recent mass communications graduate, say the movie grew from an essay originally submitted for an English class assignment. The movie, which tells a story of secrets in the lives of characters, is set for a local premiere on campus in April.



## BHSU choir performs on the greatest of all stages

A group of students from Black Hills State University recently returned from a trip to Carnegie Hall "more inspired and motivated."

Thirty members of the BHSU choir and their director, Steve Parker, BHSU music professor, spent several days in New York City rehearsing with several other choirs before presenting a Sunday evening performance on the greatest of all stages, Carnegie Hall.

This wasn't the first Carnegie Hall visit for BHSU students and probably won't be the last. Following a performance there in 1998, the choir was invited for this performance. After their stellar performance this time, the BHSU choir now has a standing invitation to perform on the Carnegie Hall stage according to Parker.

Parker and another group of music students, which includes some of the same students who just returned from this trip, are currently making plans for a performance tour of Ireland this spring. The BHSU music department tries to do European tours once every three years or so to allow all music students the opportunity to participate. There are 36 students and community members signed up for the Ireland tour.

# BHSU students in the news

## Student presents volcano research

Tessa Jones, a senior environmental earth science major at BHSU, recently had the opportunity to present research findings at an international meeting in Pucon, Chile. While there, Jones also climbed to the active summit of a volcano where she observed an active lava lake.

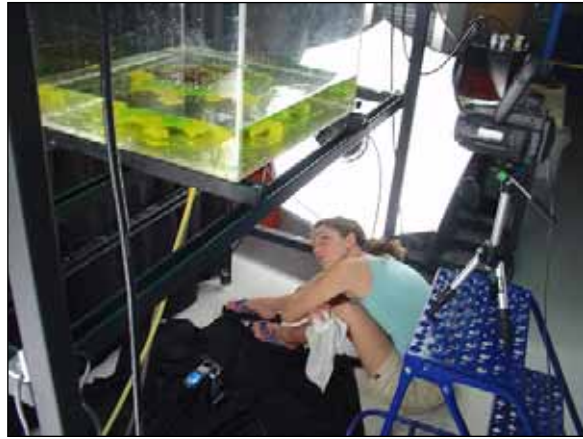
Jones was the only undergraduate student invited to present at an international volcanology meeting. Dr. Steven Anderson, BHSU professor of geology and planetary science, also attended and presented.

Anderson noted that it's very unusual for undergraduate students to be doing this type of research and especially to be invited to present at an international meeting.

Jones said she was a little nervous but confident in her ability to address the group of volcanologist from around the world. She presented a research paper entitled, "The influence of cooling and pre-eruption topography on lava flow surface morphology and interior pathway development."

The work focused on simulated lava flow experiments produced with wax in a lab at Arizona State University. Coauthors for this work include her professor, Anderson, and undergraduate student Richard Hudson of Black Hills State University, as well as Jon Fink, a student at Arizona State University.

"It went very well," Jones said. "Presenting gave me insight



Tessa Jones, a senior environmental earth science major at BHSU, conducts simulated lava flow research. Jones was recently the only undergraduate student to present research at an international meeting of volcanologists.

about what's in the future for me, and I had the opportunity to learn more about graduate school and what will be expected of me."

Jones, who came to BHSU with plans to earn a biology degree, is now looking forward to a career in volcanology and would like to continue her research and eventually teach in the field.

After graduating from BHSU in May, Jones plans to attend graduate school and feels that her educational experience at BHSU has certainly prepared her for the next step.

"Here at Black Hills State, I was only limited by what I wanted to do. If I had the devotion and desire to do it, I could get funding (for research)," Jones said.

She noted, and Anderson concurred, that hands-on research at this level is unusual for undergraduate students and is an integral part of her education.

"In bigger schools it is much more difficult to get actual research experience with students and never hesitate to help in any way."

While in Chile, Jones joined a group of scientists who climbed to the active summit of Villarica volcano to observe an active lava lake. Jones said that was an amazing experience that fueled her desire to learn more about volcanoes.

## Debate leads to answering God's call

If someone had told Jake Bobby while he was in high school in Bowdle that he would someday be making plans to be an ordained minister, he would have laughed.

"That was the farthest thing from my mind in high school," he says. "I played guitar and, at that time, thought about being in a band. I never thought about it [being a minister]. I didn't have any real plans then."

With an interest in mass communications and a natural talent for illustrating, Jake decided to come to BHSU where his older brother, Samuel, was also a student. A lot has happened since then, and now, as Jake nears graduation with a speech communication degree, he is making plans to attend seminary at Concordia in St. Louis. His long-term plans include serving in a parish, hopefully in the South Dakota region, and then possibly earning a doctorate degree in philosophy so he can teach at the university level.

While attending classes at BHSU, Jake discovered that speech communication and philosophy were the areas that most interested him. Jake is actively involved

with the campus debate team and has also been a part of the student senate.

Jake isn't the only BHSU student who is currently considering attending seminary. One of his classmates, Luke Edwards, who is also part of the debate team and a member of the same Lutheran church congregation in Spearfish, has also applied to Concordia Seminary. Jake's older brother, Sam, who graduated with honors from BHSU in 2000, and another recent BHSU graduate currently attending Concordia.

While Jake agrees it is unusual that four BHSU students in such a short period have applied to the Concordia Seminary, he's not sure he can explain why.

"It seems odd that we all want to go into the same ministry," Jake said. "We're just all around each other and discuss ideas and theology a lot. That's kind of how it came about. I can't explain it either."

Jake says, that for him, the decision to go into seminary isn't really a decision at all.

"It's not a decision. It's an inclination that a person has. I received that call about a year ago," Jake said.



Jake Bobby, who has been active with the debate club at BHSU, plans to enter the seminary when he graduates this spring.

# BHSU students in the news

## BHSU student helps establish a new photography system while interning at Disney World

Karri Dieken, a BHSU student, landed an advanced internship with Walt Disney World, and after spending one semester in Florida, accepted an extension of the internship to train future interns.



Karri Dieken, an education student at BHSU, recently completed an advanced photography internship with Walt Disney World in Florida. She has agreed to extend her internship next semester to train new interns in a new photography program at the park.

Even as the student describes some of the more enjoyable benefits of the internship as, "hanging out, getting a tan and staying warm," Dieken knows that the internship with the Fortune 100 company is providing her with valuable skills

in a variety of fields that will be applicable to nearly any career direction.

She noted that as an advanced intern she has had the opportunity to learn many different roles and has learned management skills in inventory, scheduling and human relations as well as honing her photography knowledge and improving her level of communications.

Dieken joined the Disney program at an excellent time because she was in on the planning and development of a new photography program. As one of the first photographers involved in the project, Dieken was instrumental in "establishing shots" at several key locations in the park that will be used for future photographs.

Dieken, an education student with a minor in photography, is originally from the Rapid City area. She decided to trans-

fer to BHSU after hearing "rave reviews" about the photography program and about the dedication and mentorship of Steve Babbitt, photography professor.

Dieken says that practically all of her higher education classes have contributed to her success in the attaining and excelling in the Disney program. She says her photography classes, computer classes and education courses were especially helpful.

She noted that her education courses taught her the steps "you need to take to teach someone" and she has found that these same steps are useful in training other photographers in the internship program. Dieken originally began college with plans for a teaching degree and later

added a photography minor. She is now considering changing that to a double major in education and photography and isn't sure if she will begin her career as a teacher or photographer and, for now, is leaving her options open.

Whatever she decides to do, it's certain that her time as a Disney intern will be beneficial to her career.



## Kiss of success

Andrew Webster, a business administration-marketing major from Custer, stops to give his son a kiss just before walking across the stage to receive his diploma from BHSU during the winter commencement ceremony in December. Webster was one of 189 people who made the transition from BHSU student to BHSU alumni during 148th commencement ceremony. Pat Lebrun, South Dakota Board of Regents member, addressed the graduates and their families.

# BHSU people in the news

## Anderson studies Mt. St. Helens volcano

Dr. Steven Anderson, professor of geology at BHSU, presented recent research on the growth of the new lava dome at Mount St. Helens at a national conference of geophysicists.

Anderson's research on Mount St. Helens was an opportunity for the volcanologist to return to the site which first inspired his interest in volcanoes which led to research projects around the Earth and has now expanded to the study of volcanoes on Mars.

The growth of the 1980-86 Mount St. Helens lava dome became the focus of Anderson's master's thesis and doctoral dissertation. Anderson also held a position at the U.S.

Geological Survey David A. Johnston Cascades Volcano Observatory as a graduate student. Since then, he has studied active volcanoes around the world and has written a number of professional and general interest articles on lava flows.

Anderson and his co-author Jon Fink from Arizona State University were able to acquire new lava samples recently and will conduct the isotopic analyses over the next few weeks.

"I visited Mount St. Helens in August of this year with one of my students, Ashley Marske, where we did some field work for a different study, and the volcano

was as dead as a door-knob. I even commented to a colleague that I was sad because it appeared as though all of the activity associated with the 1980 eruption had ceased, and that another eruption in my lifetime was unlikely," Anderson said.

"When the volcano generated some explosions in September, I really couldn't believe it. This eruption has surprised all of us tremendously, and I'm really thrilled to get back to the place where I started my career as a college senior nearly 20 years ago."

Anderson first visited Mount St. Helens as part of a two-month college internship during his senior year at Cornell College.

"That experience



really was life changing for me," Anderson said. "For a boy who grew up in northern Wisconsin, an erupting volcano was something I had never even thought I might witness, and to actually stand and work on one that was shaking, steaming and erupting was scary and intriguing at the same time. The feeling was addicting, the work was very physically demanding, and at the same time the problems associated with studying active volcanoes really challenged me scientifically. I didn't know if there would ever be a job waiting for me

BHSU professor Dr. Steve Anderson recently presented research on volcanic activity at Mount St. Helens. This recent work gave Anderson the opportunity to return to the site that originally inspired his career in volcano research which has included research at sites around the Earth and has now expanded to research on volcanoes on Mars. Anderson has made an effort to involve BHSU students in ongoing research projects.

at the end of it, but I just didn't care. Opportunities like that just don't happen for too many people, so I followed what I loved and never regretted it."

Anderson estimates that nearly a dozen BHSU students have accompanied him on research trips to volcanoes around the world.

"Exposing students to these types of experiences is easily one of the most rewarding aspects of this job. I'm thankful for those who provided me with that opportunity and I promised myself that I would pay them back by trying to do the same for others. I've been really lucky to find enough funding to allow a handful of BHSU students to do the same," Anderson said.

# BHSU people in the news

## Seeing the light

Dr. Andy Johnson, assistant professor and associate director for the Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education (CAMSE) at BHSU, spent three weeks between semesters teaching science to monks in India.

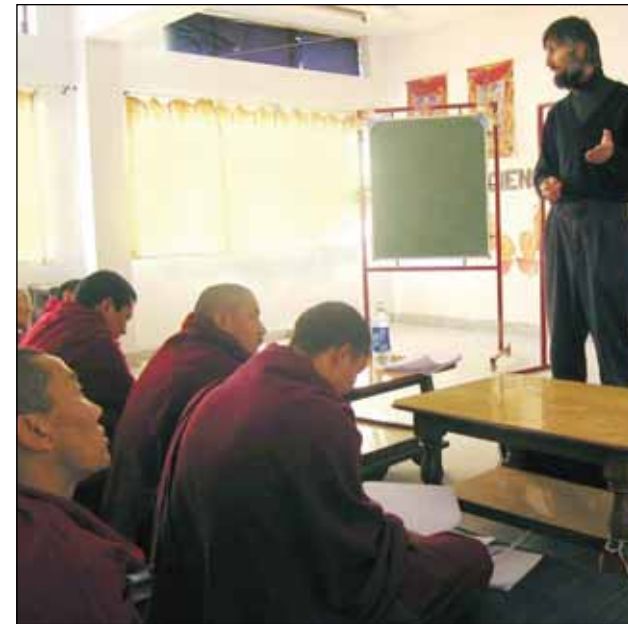
Johnson was one of two educators chosen to take part in the ongoing Science for Monks program instituted by the Dalai Lama to introduce scientific knowledge and methods to Tibetan monks. By acquiring knowledge of Western science, the monks believe they can further the cause of peace and understanding in the world.

Johnson and Dewey Dykstra, a Boise State University physics professor, taught an inquiry-based physics workshop to exiled Tibetan monks in Dehradun, India. The workshop was held at the Tibetan

Children's Village School for Gifted Students. Johnson, who is an expert in inquiry-based science, said the method worked well for the monks.

Nearly 50 Buddhist monks, in their late 20s to early 40s, attended the workshops focusing on scientific knowledge and methods. The monks were exposed to Western science and learned about the physics of optics and light.

Johnson and his colleague presented sessions on image formation by lenses and pinholes. Due to some of the monks' limited English, Dykstra and Johnson worked with translators to convert the Western



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course materials into the Tibetan language and to interact with the monks.

## Meyers' book is honored nationally

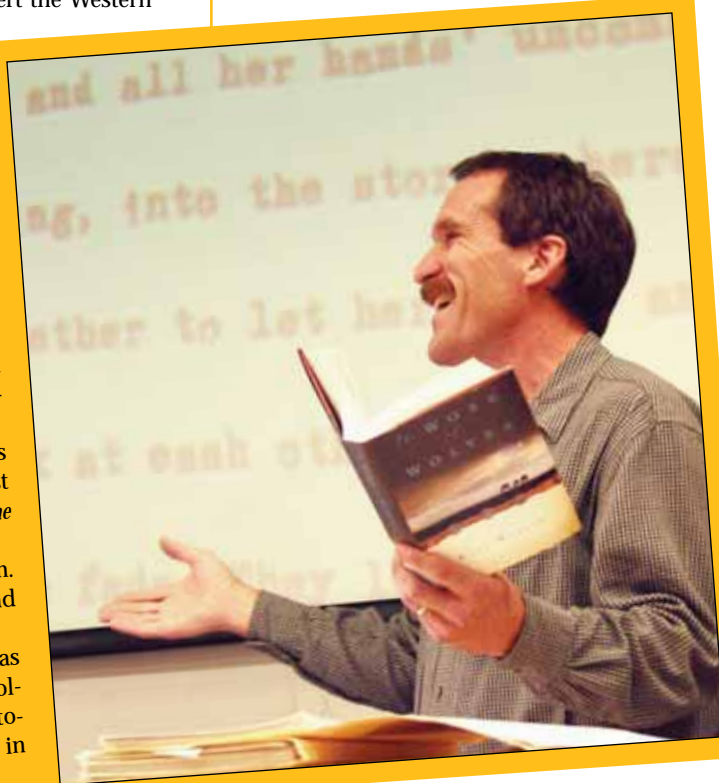
Kent Meyers' most recent book, *The Work of Wolves*, has received several prestigious awards as well as recognition from national organizations.

The book, Meyers' second novel, is described by the publisher as an unforgettable story of horses, love and life, that "involves the relationship between a rancher, a Lakota high school student, and a German foreign exchange student as they work to stop the abuse of three horses they discover in a pasture near a quiet reservation border town in South Dakota."

The book recently won the 2005 Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association Award for adult fiction. The novel was also elected as a finalist in the novel category for the Minnesota Book Awards and was listed on *The Christian Science Monitor's* list of the best novels of 2004.

The novel was selected for the 2005 One Book South Dakota program. *The Work of Wolves* is being used as a textbook in some English 101 and English 201 courses at BHSU.

Meyers, who has been writing and teaching for more than 20 years, has published several other books including a novel, *The River Warren*; a collection of essays, *The Witness of the Combines*; and a collection of short stories, *Light in the Crossing*. He has also published fiction and non-fiction in national literary journals.



**Fossil grass named in honor of Gabel**

A newly discovered species of fossil grass has been named in honor of Dr. Mark Gabel, retired BHSU biology professor who now serves as curator of the herbarium on campus.

The fossil grass species *Berriochloa gabeli* was described in the Jan. 2005 issue of the *Journal of Paleontology* by Dr. J.R. Thomasson, from Fort Hays State University.

The article stated that *Berriochloa gabeli* "is named in honor of Dr. Mark Gabel whose studies have contributed importantly to our knowledge of Tertiary fossil plants from North and South America." The *Berriochloa gabeli* fossil grass species dates to approximately eight million years before the present, and was found in several sites in Nebraska and Kansas.

Gabel, botanist and paleobotanist, says that he is greatly honored to have a fossil grass named after him. The naming of a new species for a researcher in the field is the highest professional honor bestowed upon a paleobotanist.

Gabel has been working with BHSU undergraduate students and alumni to study many species of fossil plants from the Great Plains region to determine the species present and the climate during the time from 6 to 15 million years before the present. Recent fossils collected, along with other fossil species, indicate that the Nebraska - Kansas area was a subtropical grassland while the plants were living. In the last several years Gabel and his students and former students have expanded their work to South America. Elke Kuegle, who graduated from BHSU in 2004, and Doug Backlund, who graduated in 1991, are currently working on a project to identify fossil seeds from Argentina.

## BHSU in the news



A new Teacher Learning Center established at West Elementary in Spearfish allows future teachers to observe classroom methods through a one-way mirror without disturbing the class. Principal Hank Fridell (standing) and BHSU faculty members Cindi Chandler and Michelle Hovland, observe classroom instruction by first-year teacher Shandi Kobbe.

### BHSU creates teacher learning lab at elementary school

Students at BHSU now have a unique learning opportunity to observe an elementary classroom in action without disrupting the class thanks to a new Teacher Learning Center established at West Elementary in Spearfish.

The Teacher Learning Center, which emerged following conversations between West Elementary principal Hank Fridell and BHSU vice president of academic affairs Dean Myers, was established as the result of a two-year \$200,000 grant from the South Dakota Department of Education and cooperative efforts from Black Hills Special Services.

"The Teacher Learning Center brings theory and practice together," Michelle Hovland, coordinator of the program, said. "Luckily, BHSU has West Elementary right next door and we were able to create this new center that will greatly help our university students."

The College of Education at BHSU has long had a mutually beneficial relationship with the Spearfish School District and especially West Elementary since it is located just across the street from the university.

"We think we are providing the best training ground that exists with the Teacher Learning Center," Fridell said.

The center, which has a one-way mirror on either end, is located between two classrooms and provides an unobstructed and, most importantly, uninterrupted view of a first-grade and a second-grade classroom.

Two recent BHSU graduates, Abby Bryce, who teaches first grade, and Shandi Kobbe, who teaches second grade, were hired through the grant.

Hovland and two other BHSU faculty members Cindi Chandler and Sue McGrath serve as coaches and periodically observe the two teachers and help them to find ways to improve classroom methods. The coaches consult with the two teachers and discuss goals. They also work with new instructors to come up with ideas and assist them in being reflective of their practices.

Previously BHSU students have gone into classrooms to observe, but as Fridell noted, visitors cause a disruption in the classroom and change the atmosphere. In addition, sometimes the college students don't know what to look for as they observe a classroom in session. Using the Teacher Learning Center, professors have access to a powerful model and can point out specific interactions and methods.

Before the school year began, Fridell met with the parents of the elementary students in these two classrooms to let them know how the classroom is being used and found that nearly all parents were supportive and wanted to be involved.

Hovland says this is a pilot program that could lead to other learning possibilities for BHSU students.

"There's a lot of possibilities for future use," Fridell said. "We are beginning to formulate future plans." The discussion includes the possibility of expanding to higher grades and also the possibility of replicating this center at other universities in the state. Fridell said there are also plans to establish a DDN connection to the center which would open many options for teaching and learning opportunities across the state.

"This Teacher Learning Center is a win-win idea," Hovland said as she explained that the center will enhance the learning experience for BHSU education students; reduce the timeframe it takes a new teacher to become adept at managing a classroom; provide exceptional instruction for elementary students and expand BHSU faculty members' instructional methods.

Dr. David Calhoun, interim dean of the College of Education at BHSU, is excited about the ongoing partnership with West Elementary and Spearfish School District and the funding received from the South Dakota Department of Education to help finance the project.

"This facility offers tremendous opportunities for enhancing student learning and improving teacher preparation," Calhoun said.

## BHSU in the news

### BHSU leads higher education center in Rapid City

Black Hills State University is taking the lead in developing a higher education center in Rapid City that features collaborative efforts from four state universities.

The Higher Education Center - West River was recently established with the goal of providing a "one-stop shop" for all west river area students who are considering enrolling in higher educational programs both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

According to Dr. Dean Myers, vice president for academic affairs at BHSU who is also serving as director of the center, the purpose of the center is to provide a cooperative and collaborative effort from several state universities to meet the needs for higher education in the greater Rapid City area.

"We are providing a coordinated effort for course offerings for all residents in this area," Myers says. He explained that prospective or continuing students can get information and apply for admission to South Dakota Board of Regents universities at the new center.

"By contacting the center, students can get information about financial aid, apply to the universities and meet with representatives from the schools," Myers said. "The center is designed to handle all of

their needs."

The center is striving to be responsive to needs of residents in the entire Black Hills region. One of the first tasks for the center will be assessing what the needs are and formulating a plan to meet those needs.



Myers

The center plans to conduct market research to find out what programs are needed and what needs are currently not being met.

Staff members, which include representatives from Black Hills State University (BHSU), South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (S.D. Tech), the University of South Dakota (USD) and South Dakota State University (SDSU), will work together to optimize higher education options.

"We are looking at how we can be more efficient in offering higher education options," Myers said. He mentioned the center will work as a clearinghouse to avoid duplicate coursework and facilitate a plan to share professors for courses offered by separate universities.

The center's location at 515 West Boulevard in Rapid City in the building that formerly housed the Children's Science Center. With more than a dozen

offices and a large classroom, the center will house representatives from several universities and also provide classroom space.

Myers noted that there had been discussion about a one-stop center for several years and noted that the Higher Education Center - West River will fill that need and also work to improve course offerings in the region which may evolve into new programs offered in the region.

"We are trying to be responsive and provide the infrastructure to make things happen," Myers said.

The center is under the direction of a consortium composed of BHSU President Thomas Flickema and S.D. Tech President Charles Ruch as well as Tad Perry, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

"This is a group of universities working together, so that when a student walks in the door, we will be there to help the student succeed," Myers said.

Staff members are currently meeting with personnel from area chamber of commerce offices, representatives from public schools, and community business people to get input on the higher educational needs for people in this region and will then work to provide options to meet those needs.

## Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts

June 13-25 on the BHSU campus

### Public Performances include:

- June 10 - Young Performer Competition
- June 11 - Gala Opening Performance
- June 15 - Master Class
- June 24 - An Evening of Songs and Dance
- June 25 - A Night at the Opera

The final performance of the students and teachers of the Vocal Arts and Opera Theatre School.

For more information call 642-6420 or visit [www.bhsu.edu/arts](http://www.bhsu.edu/arts) for details.



## Golf program begins

Black Hills State will begin its first women's golf season under the direction of Sarah Johnson, a certified golf professional.

BHSU is adding golf to its list of women's sports this fall. Johnson, who is also manager and golf pro at the Spearfish Canyon Country Club, is looking forward to the challenge of building a team and becoming competitive in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC-10). Johnson said she is excited to be leading the BHSU golf team.

"Not many college coaches are certified as golf pros," Johnson said. "I'm looking

forward to building the BHSU team. We are hoping to get a lot of local students. I think we will have a very competitive team."

Johnson brings several years of collegiate head coaching experience as well as many years of golf competition and experience as a golf professional to the newly created coaching position at BHSU. In the late 90s, Johnson coached the men's golf team at Webber College in Babson Park, Fla. The team was nationally ranked in 1997 and 1998.



Johnson

Johnson began golfing while in elementary school and still plays professionally. She recently placed 11th in the Nevada Open. Her professional playing highlights include a top 50 finish in the 2002 Futures Tour Qualifying in Lakeland, Fla., a top 10 finish in the 2001 LPGA T&CP Championships in Pinehurst, N.C., and winning the 2000 PGA Women's Stroke Play Championship in Atlanta, Ga.

Johnson is certified as a golf professional by both the PGA and LPGA. Before moving to Spearfish three seasons ago, Johnson served as a golf professional at private clubs in Colorado and Florida.

Johnson has a bachelor's degree from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and has completed several PGA and LPGA national training programs.

## BHSU athletes and coach recognized

Many BHSU athletes received special recognition for their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom this year. Honorees include:

**Football** - Zach Alcorn, a junior from Chadron, Neb., offense first team All DAC-10; Craig Tschetter, a sophomore from Spearfish, first team at-large All DAC-10 team and first team All DAC-10 special teams; Tim Koob, a freshman from Gering, Neb., second team offense All DAC-10; Matt Fuhr, a senior from Riverton, Wyo., second team offense All DAC-10; Tanner Tetrault, a freshman from St. Onge, second team at-large All DAC-10;

**Volleyball** - Devin Eppler, a junior from Sundance, Wyo., second team All DAC-10;

**Men's basketball** - Hallard Jackson III, a junior from Oakland, Calif., second team All DAC-10;

**Women's basketball** - Alisa Doolan, a senior from Glendive, Mont., second team All DAC-10; Brittney Klipfel, a sophomore from Forbes, N.D., third team All DAC-10;

**Cross Country** - Zach Kintzley, a sophomore from LaPorte, Colo., DAC-10 Region III most valuable male athlete.

The following students were named DAC-10 Scholar Athletes for maintaining a high grade point average while competing in intercollegiate athletics:

**Football** - Shaine Odell, a freshman from Camp Crook, and William Gray, a freshman from Glenrock, Wyo.;

**Volleyball** - Sara Goeden, a senior from Pierre; Chelsey Mort, a sophomore from Big Horn, Wyo.; Alyssa Boeding, a sophomore from Rapid City; and Jessica Mort, a senior from Big Horn, Wyo.;

**Cross Country** - JR Grabinger, a junior from Jamestown, N.D.; Crystal Hostetter, a junior from Thermopolis, Wyo.; John Williams, a junior from Spearfish; Kendra Karst, a sophomore from Ft. Collins, Colo.; Angi Axmann, a sophomore from Rutesheim, Germany; Liz Woodruff, a sophomore from Chamberlain; and Jessica Marshall, a sophomore from Sturgis.

Scott Walkinshaw was named the cross country DAC-10 men's coach of the year as well as the Region III men's coach of the year.

## Indoor track and field athletes place at nationals

Following a successful season, the men's and women's track and field teams had 11 athletes compete in seven events at the indoor track and field national tournament. The women's 3200 meter relay team brought home All-American honors.

The Yellow Jackets' women's relay

team, consisting of Liz Woodruff, Chamberlain; Crystal Hostetter, Thermopolis, Wyo.; Jamie Hahn, Spearfish; and Wesleigh Hardy, Spearfish; placed fifth. According to Scott Walkinshaw, head coach, this was the fifth consecutive year that BHSU earned All-American honors in the 3200 meter relay.

For the men's team, Zach Kintzley, Poudre, Colo., placed seventh in the mile with a time of 4:16.63. Although he missed out on All-American honors by just one place his time ranks as the fourth fastest indoor time in BHSU men's history.

The women's distance medley relay which included Hardy, Surrena Davidson, Sheridan, Wyo.; Hahn, and Hostetter, had the ninth best time in the semifinals but missed qualifying for the finals by 1.3 seconds. The men's distance medley relay team also missed qualifying for the final finishing with the 10th best time in the semifinals. The men's team consisted of Mike Nekuda, Hot Springs; Ross Reede, Spearfish; John Williams, Spearfish; and Kintzley.

Davidson and Callie Ackerman competed in the 400 meter run with the 11th and 18th best times in the preliminaries. Kristal Keffeler, Faith, finished 11th in the shot put.

## Men's BB coach resigns

Six-year veteran Black Hills State University men's basketball coach Mike Kruszynski resigned following the end of the 2004-2005 basketball season.

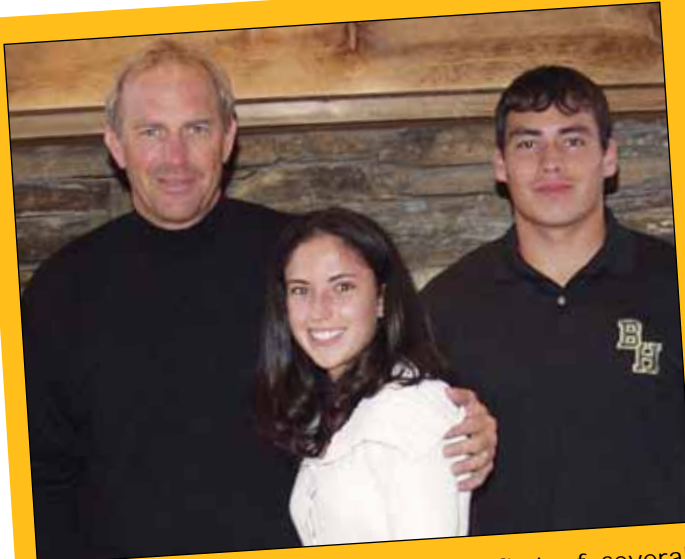
At BHSU, Kruszynski compiled a winning percentage of .485 with a 83-88 overall record. Kruszynski led the team to national tournament berths in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

"We appreciate the job Mike has done the last six years and we wish him success in his future endeavors," Steve Meeker, athletic director, said.

Kruszynski came to BHSU from San Jose State University where he served as an assistant coach. Prior to that he was head coach at Independent College in Independence, Kan. A native of Chicago, Ill., Kruszynski graduated from Mary University in 1986. He earned a master's degree in athletic administration and business from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg in 1989.



Kruszynski



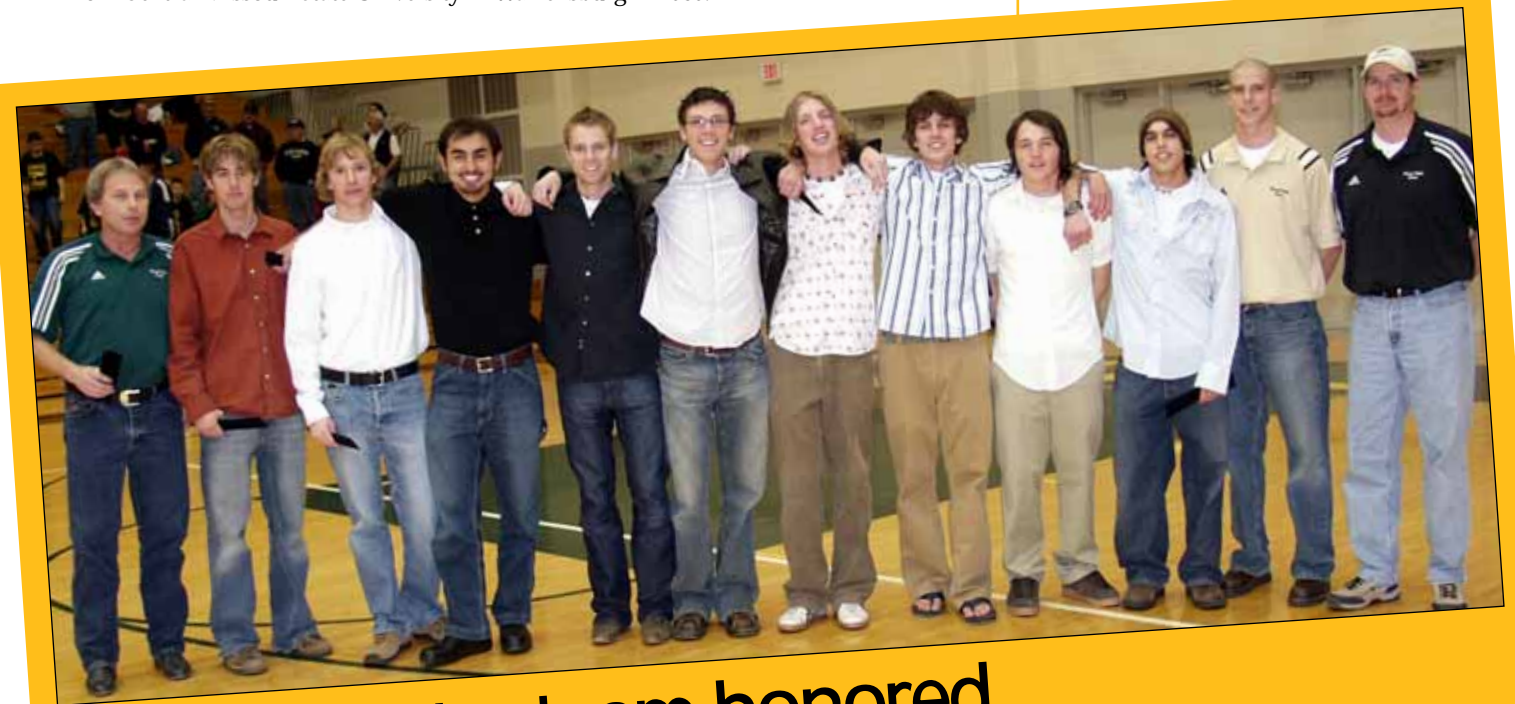
Kevin Costner (left) presents the first of several scholarship awards to BHSU students. Crystal Hostetter, (center) a cross country runner from Thermopolis, Wyo., who is majoring in biology and plans to attend medical school, and Clayton Bryan, (right) a football player from White River who is pursuing a degree in business administration, each received a \$2,000 athletic scholarship.

## Costner donates scholarship funds

Actor Kevin Costner recently designated \$10,000 to BHSU student scholarships from a motorcycle rally ride he led this summer.

Several different scholarships have been established including two \$2,000 athletic scholarships, three \$1,000 scholarships for entrepreneurial studies students, two \$1,000 scholarships for American Indian Studies students, and a \$1,000 scholarship for a rodeo club student. The scholarships will be awarded annually.

Costner made the scholarship donation in an effort to "give back" to the community and to encourage university students.



## Cross Country team honored

The men's cross country team was recently honored for winning the 2004 Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC-10) championship and then placing in the top 20 at the national tournament. This was the team's fourth conference win in the past five years. At the NAIA national championship meet in Louisville, Ky., the team placed 17th for their fifth consecutive top 20 finish at nationals. Pictured are, left to right, Scott Walkinshaw, head coach; Trent Mack, assistant coach; John Williams, Spearfish; Bo Red Bow, Rapid City; JR Grabinger, Jamestown, N.D.; Mike Nekuda, Hot Springs; Brandon Bertram, Fargo, N.D.; James Hansen, Sidney, Neb.; Luke Watkins, Rapid City; Zach Kintzley, Poudre, Colo.; Tim Bishop, assistant coach; and David St. John, assistant coach.

# Termes

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Termes just finished a 15-piece one-man show at Mount Marty College in Yankton and also recently did a workshop at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. He also completed a week long workshop for 150 fine art high school students in Oberwesel, Germany. One of his Termespheres, titled "Finishing an Escher," is currently part of a traveling show. "Mathematical Instinct."

Termes is looking forward to a one-man show at BHSU this summer. He is also making plans for a showing of Termespheres at Renaissance Banff in Canada and a one-man show at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

He is currently working on a piece, which may be titled, "Out of the Triangles," that plays with tessellating patterns. He explains that tessellating patterns are patterns which fit tightly with themselves with no background space left over.

# Phillips contribute

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"Ron came to BH to teach English and journalism, and for many years, he taught all of the journalism classes. One of his greatest accomplishments was that he developed the photography department. He also put out marvelous yearbooks, and the school won many national awards for these yearbooks," said Doris Phillips.

Colleagues and former students praise Ron's tenure at the university as well. George M. Martin is one of many students Ron Phillips influenced during his two decades at BHSU. To honor the Phillips, Martin donated \$5,000 in 1977 to establish two funds within the BHSU Foundation. The money was used to create a journalism scholarship fund and a library fund for journalism materials. Martin later added another \$5,000 through an estate gift.

Today, thanks to Doris' consistent and generous giving over the years, these two funds total over \$40,000. Her gifts to these funds have placed her in the E.C.

Woodburn Giving Society for donors who have achieved lifetime giving between \$10,000-\$49,999.

Doris enjoyed a 30-year tenure at BH. She worked as a librarian and instructor at the university. After retirement, Doris volunteered to catalogue and file the picture collection in the Leland D. Case Library. In 1999, Doris received the Special Service Award from the BHSU Alumni Association.

Now, through their endowments, the Phillips' contributions will continue at the university.

"Doris and Ron Phillips have left quite a legacy at BHSU," said Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement. "Each of them dedicated decades of service to BHSU and touched countless lives during that time. Through the gifts of George Martin, Doris Phillips and friends, the journalism and library endowments have supported the mission of the university and will continue to do so into perpetuity."

# Looking ahead

## Commencement

May 7  
50-year class reunion

## Old Baldy Golf Classic

June 4-6  
Saratoga, Wyo.

## Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic

June 25  
Spearfish Canyon Country Club

## Summer Institute of the Arts

June 13-25  
For details see [www.bhsu.edu/arts/](http://www.bhsu.edu/arts/)

## BHSU events

See [www.bhsu.edu](http://www.bhsu.edu) then choose Campus Calendar from the quick links menu for a complete list of campus activities.

For athletic information see [www.bhsu.edu/athletics](http://www.bhsu.edu/athletics).



## Looking back

Commencement is just around the corner for 2005 graduates. The Class of 1899 is pictured in this photo from the special collections at the E.Y. Berry Library at BHSU. Graduates included Irene D. Pringle, Arloa B. Greenleaf, Katherine "Kate" Hough, Emma T. Wood, Francis "Fannie" Murrin, Jeannie B. White, Evangeline Winyall, Carrie A. Anderson, Marcia Rich, Pearle Gilbert and Gertrude Tutty.



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## Another look



Students visit in the second floor lobby of the Clare and Josef Meier Hall on the campus of Black Hills State University. The building, which houses the music department as well as offices and classrooms for the College of Business, provides an excellent view of the campus green and Lookout Mountain.