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Message from the Executive Director

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We conclude the 60th Anniversary of Sheridan College with stories about faculty and community leaders who have made access to education possible in Sheridan and students who have succeeded in many avenues of life. I encourage you to read the stories about leadership, opportunities and inspiration Val Burgess has recorded for us in this and the next several issues of the newsletter.

Elaine Hilman, one of our earliest students, shares the story of her father Archie Nash's dedication to having a college in Sheridan and how a group of community leaders made that dream come true. Others, like Darlene Elliott, provided leadership at the state level and encouragement from the sidelines. Sheridan College has always been entrepreneurial, encouraging students to start a rodeo team or a new teacher to build an art program. Long-time art instructor Jim Lawson and many others found a home at Sheridan College, many teaching their entire careers here. The close relationship between students and faculty has been a hallmark of this small college. Torrey Moody and many others are the first college students in their families. Students recall teachers who sparked interest and helped shape their career choices. Self-proclaimed wallflowers, like Patty Badgett Benskin, and those involved in absolutely everything (Teri Trautwein) found a welcoming home at Sheridan College and an education that opened doors. Advice like "always be on time, sit in the front row and do whatever your teachers say" lasts a lifetime according to former basketball player and now attorney Scott Powers. While their stories have changed over the decades so has Sheridan College. Sheridan College has continued to build to provide educational opportunities for students. New student housing allows an additional 150 students to live on campus. Updated classrooms and renovated spaces provide the environment where doors are opened for faculty and students. The Sheridan College Foundation is pleased to help you, as donors to the Foundation, provide opportunities like those in these stories.

In response to new Internal Revenue Service guidelines regarding supporting foundations, the Sheridan College Foundation revised both its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws this past year. These changes move the appointment of Foundation Directors to the NWCCD Board of Trustees, ensuring a close tie between the College and its supporting foundation. The Foundation Board will make recommendations for board appointments to the trustees for their selection and appointment. The Foundation made two significant changes in the revised bylaws: shifting the board year to coincide with the fiscal year (ending June 30) and including Johnson County as an allowable place for the Foundation to meet. The last step in the organizational changes is to request a revised determination from the IRS.

The State of Wyoming passed two legislative initiatives that affect the Foundation. First, they removed the deadlines for receiving pledges for the State's endowment match (previously June 30, 2009) and for collecting pledges (previously December 31, 2010). Pledges must still be collected within five years of the date they are received. The second initiative replaces the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). The new law, which is a national standard, was effective March 2009 and governs how the Foundation invests, tracks, manages and spends donations. I will provide more details when we are sure of the impacts and opportunities this new law provides.

Thank you for making a difference in students' lives and letting me be part of that experience.

Message from the Foundation President

Karen Ferguson



As President of the Foundation and at my desk in the financial world, the current economic condition is always present. Sheridan College, the Sheridan area and Wyoming have been

somewhat insulated from the harshness felt in other areas of the country, but we are not immune from recessionary effects. During economically challenging times, the need for financial support for students is the greatest. Sheridan College has record enrollment as more students return to community colleges or choose community colleges based on value and others from the community look to the College for short term training to be able to enter or re-enter the job market.

Many Sheridan College students need financial support in order to attend college. Recent Wyoming high school graduates benefit from the generous Hathaway Scholarships from the State of Wyoming, lower income students benefit from Federal grants and loans and many local students receive student loans from private foundations. Twenty-eight percent of Sheridan College's students need scholarships from the Sheridan College Foundation to finish paying for their college expenses. Many of these scholarships are targeted to meet a specific financial need, reward academic achievement or support a chosen field of study.

Even with decreased value of our invested assets, the Sheridan College Foundation is providing over half a million dollars in scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. Thanks to our generous donors. Our students, both traditional and non-traditional, applaud your efforts at making their education happen. Our bottom line in this and all economic times is to continue to support Sheridan College students with great educational programs, appropriate facilities and available scholarships.

Cover photo taken by Ryan Ragan.

Katie Donahue is a Sheridan College Foundation scholarship recipient, majoring in occupational therapy. Rozan Molina is pursuing a degree in dental hygiene.



Dr. Paul Young
Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness & Gillette College Dean

Dr. Kevin Drumm
NWCCD President



David Demic
Student Keynote Speaker and Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Sheridan College Foundation recognized over 100 loyal donors as Partners with College President Kevin Drumm at the first annual President's Partners Donor Recognition Luncheon on November 18, 2008. Board member Anthony Spiegelberg emceed the event and Board Secretary Dave Ferries presented a financial report for fiscal year 2007-2008. Dr. Kevin Drumm, President of the Northern Wyoming Community College District (NWCCD), thanked his



"Success at Sheridan College happens because of our partnership with each person in this room."

many partners saying that "success at Sheridan College happens because of our partnership with each person in this room" and also recognized the many donors who are college employees and former employees. In addition to noting record enrollment, the College's leadership reported 14 new programs started in the past two years and the completion of new student housing. Dr. Paul Young, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness (in the photo with Dr. Drumm) commented that the College had adopted a continuous quality improvement accreditation process. David Demic, an international student

and star speech team member (pictured above), represented the many scholarship recipients by thanking the donors for their support of students through gifts for scholarships, facilities and program development.

We are pleased to honor and thank our loyal donors for their commitment and continued support of Sheridan College with membership in President's Partners; which includes an invitation to the annual President's Luncheon and Report in the fall, invitations to open house events and reports from the College and Foundation presidents.

60 YEARS, 60,000 STORIES TO SHARE

Sheridan College's Celebration of 60 Years, 60,000 Stories offered the opportunity to feature our Alumni and Faculty through recording their oral histories. Over the last year, Oral Historian Val Burgess, also a former student, recorded their stories. This



newsletter features excerpts from seven stories; following issues will feature excerpts from oral histories of Norleen Healy, Zane Hilman, Fred Dollison, Tami Davis, Abby Johnson, Barry King, Michel Flynn, Marvin Fritz, Renee Rotellini Meador, Margi Brayton Gray, Mark Quandt, and Annie O'Leary Magera. We hope you enjoy their stories about the college, their lives and advice they pass on as much as we have enjoyed bringing their stories to you.

'They were bound and determined to have a college'

About me. I'm Elaine Hilman and I was born in Sheridan on July 9, 1932. My father (Archie Nash) was a ranch boy but he also could write so he was working at the Sheridan Press as a reporter. Ed Moore was working at the newspaper at that time. When Ed Moore sold out, we moved to Cheyenne. My father worked for Ed Moore for a paper supply company. We were there for a year but the grandparents were growing quite old so we moved back to Sheridan and my dad started his own business, called the Rangeland Lithograph Company. In the front of the store, he had school supplies and all kinds of things. The middle part of it was books and then in the back and the basement were printing presses. It was where the BHJ building is now.



Elaine and Zane Hilman

Starting a college. So he (my father), being a businessman, belonged to a lot of different organizations in town. I remember when I was about nine years old; he came home and said he had been appointed to see if Sheridan could get a college.



So from the time I was nine until I think I was 16 or 17, when the college opened, he spent most of his time trying to get a college here. And they had all kinds of troubles. Everybody was against it. The University didn't want any more junior colleges. But anyway, he finally got it started. Carl Roth, the editor of the Sheridan Press, and my dad went down to Cheyenne to lobby for the College. Of course, the University of Wyoming really fought it. They did not need any more and they defeated it. Those two men on the way home...they were so down in the dumps. Then they decided, "We'll just have one without them." So then they were really elated the rest of the way to Sheridan and they just had all kinds of plans. So they went ahead and just before they opened, the University of Wyoming said, "Well, if you're going to have a college, you might as well be with us." That's how it happened. They were bound and determined Sheridan was going to have a college.

Family involvement. (My dad) was Chairman of the Board (of Trustees) for quite a few years. You can't believe the time he devoted to it. Mother said their business would probably have been much more of a success if he had devoted as much time to it as he did to the College. And then they started having districts and he wasn't in the college district. So he dropped out. He said he got it started; that was the main thing.

Enrolling at SC. I went (to Sheridan College) in the fall of '50. There were 80 of us in the college that fall. It was up at Stolt Hall (the Girls' School) which was a brand new building. So it was really nice; they had a gym and everything. And of course there were a lot of returning veterans and they were going on the GI bill. They were so much more serious about their education than us high school kids. I think it made us try to grow up a little bit. We had lots and lots of fun. They had dances and canasta was the rage. We had canasta parties. Of course, that's where I met Zane (husband). (NOTE: Zane Hilman was the first student to register for Sheridan College). My dad had told me if I'd go two years here, because like all the kids I wanted to go away, get away from home. He said, "Why? Go two years here." I could pick any college I wanted to go to. Well, I didn't make it that far because I got married, the summer after the first year of college. We moved to Big Horn. I had planned on (going back to college) when the kids got in school. But I had two kids and when they got in school, I had another one. So that was the end of my education.

Starting a rodeo team. Of course, my dad thought there ought to be (a rodeo team) and there were a lot of rodeo kids so we started one. We put up a notice: Anyone interested in belonging to the rodeo be at this certain place at this certain time, and they organized. They practiced out at Dean Sage's, which was up Rapid Creek. He had an indoor barn, about the only one in the county at that time. There were probably 15 students and then a lot of the

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'Keep your eyes open'

About me. James Joseph Lawson is my name. I was born June 5, 1946 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I was the seventh born of eight children that survived. Mother and father, eight kids, one household. It was right out of Beaver Cleaver. It was wonderful. The only thing that I looked back on and saw was unusual about it was that I was showing signs of this muscular degeneration that I have. My mother said I was always her child who marched to a different drummer. And so that was part of where my artistic sense was developing, I was inquisitive and curious, and amazed at all of these things. And that was partly genetic because my mother and father were both very bright people. My mother was an artist, father an engineer.

A discipline. I had five different majors. Nobody goes to college to be an artist back in the 60s. And it was how artists are. It's something that flows through them

because of the forces. It's like being a Jedi. That's the way it is. Art is discipline and its learning and training, and all those kinds of things and I was willing to do that. But that wasn't a job, you know. My dad wanted me to be an architect because he already had three sons that were in that area. With me, it got to the point where my dad said, "I don't care what you do, just do something. Go ahead and go into that." Of course, my mom was tickled to death that I was going to study art.

Discovering a career. Teaching is valuable. It's a gift to someone else of the things that I went through, that I learned. There's a potential of everybody being an artist of some kind. After graduating from college, I went to the Joslin Art Museum and got this magic book that lists all of the art schools in the world. So I got 300 addresses out of it. I sent out 300 letters asking if there was a job opening "in residence". Here are my qualifications, a real brief resume. I uncovered 3 schools that wrote me back, two of them saying, "Thank you but no." The other one said, "Yeah, but we're looking for somebody with more

qualifications." I went back to work in the studio and tried to establish myself as a potter. Next year, I sent out 700 letters. If you're getting an idea that I'm a very stubborn individual, I was. There were 32 or 33 that wrote me back. I got a phone call from Dick Martinsen. "We're kind of interested in you. Would you like to come out for a visitation? Come out to do an interview?" I played it cool. "Yeah, I think I could do that. Sure. I could do that." I was



going crazy. It was a half-time position, which meant \$6,500 for the year. But he gave me the assurance that they wanted to establish the program. They wanted to build it and if I was the person that could do

that they would make a full-time position out of it and I would be tenure tracked. Jeez. I was happy. I was hired (1979).

Establishing a program. I had an undergraduate degree in print making, a graduate degree in sculpture and ceramics and I had established the ceramics program at Creighton University. I had helped establish the program at Notre Dame. They hired me specifically to establish another program here in Sheridan. So I was the go-to guy. My first pottery class at Sheridan College had three people in it, which I'm sure did not sit well with the administration. But Dick (Martinsen) was like the third or fourth employee of Sheridan College back in '48 or '49 whenever it was established.

Influential colleagues. When he (Dick Martinsen) retired, they asked me to give a speech at his retirement party, I basically said, "Don't forget that you are my hero. You are someone who I will try to emulate because of all of the things that you did without fanfare, without that pat on the back, without that attaboy thing." Danna (Hildebrand, retired Sheridan College

art instructor) loves painting; she loves art and she loves her students to excel in that. She is about as good a painting teacher as you'll ever find. I don't care what the venue is, whether it's Harvard or Southern Cal. She was Ma to my Pop and that's the way we ran that art department. Danna and I, a number of years ago decided, that we needed to create an Associate of Fine Arts degree. We were the first in the state to do that, which made a lot of the others wake up, take note.

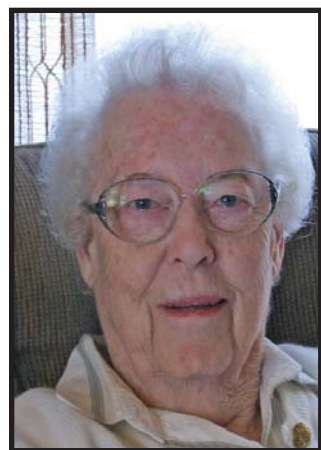
One of my most favorite, all time people in the world is Mary Burgess. I love her. She just has this spirit. She was one of my first students.

Becoming an artist. I tell my students when we were talking about, "Well, should I be an artist?" I'd say, "Well, you've got to put your foot on the road and a lot of times you'll see where you think you're going. But the path may go elsewhere and you'll find yourself in a situation that may be better than where you were going in the first place. So keep your eyes open, be aware of the benefits, the goodnesses that are there, it'll work out. You'll end up where you should be anyway." That's my story. I've done so many things that were not what I wanted, I thought, but as it turns out they were those gifts, those things that shaped me.

Jim received his BFA in print making from Creighton University in 1974 and earned his MFA from the University of Notre Dame in 1977. He taught art at Sheridan College for 27 years, retiring in 2005.

'You don't need a lot TO GIVE A LOT'

About me. I'm Darlene (Sayles) Elliott. I was born August 17, 1924 in Sheridan on Canby Street. My great grandmother, grandfather homesteaded right on the Montana/Wyoming line. I was an only child. I grew up on a farm down in lower Tongue River and lived there until I was in junior high school. My father became ill and we moved to (Sheridan). I worked in homes.



It was how I stayed in school. Everybody was poor. It was tough. I can remember one time, we were in such bad shape that we didn't dare let the fire go out because we

didn't have any matches. Tough times, but good life.

High school memories. Well, it was World War II. I can remember so plainly December 7, 1941 was my grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. We were so busy preparing for this reception that we didn't have the radio on and there was no TV. My cousin called home to say that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. Well, he was such a joker we kind of thought he was just kidding us. But people started arriving for this reception and talking about it. I went to school the next day and they had a special assembly and a cry had gone out to set up a defense plant. They were setting one up in Cheyenne and several of my friends were going to work in the defense plant. And they told about the big money you'd make. So I can remember so plainly going home and announcing at the dinner table that I was going to Cheyenne. And my dad listened all the way through and then he said, "No, you're going to school." Thank heavens.

I went to work before school was out that year as a seamstress. Can you imagine? Making western shirts out of gabardine. The dudes from Eaton's came in on the Thursday night train. Ernie Ernst would meet the train and Ernst would bring the

dudes in for us to outfit them in western clothes. This was an interesting time of life. I met my husband, Russell, on a blind date and we were married six weeks later. I continued to work at Ernst's after I was married (1943) until my baby was born.

Sheridan College memories. I guess my favorite memory is that they announced that Whitney (Benefits) had given the land out where they are now. And I don't remember how the Griffiths were involved but, of course, Mrs. Griffith was a good friend of mine.

Then, while Gordon Ward was still President, my phone rang one morning about a quarter of eleven. It was Tom Stroke, who was President of the Senate. And he said, "Darlene, we'd like you to serve a four-year term on the community college commission." And I said, "Oh Tom. I'd have to think about that!" Well, he said, "You don't have long because we're going to adjourn in 15 minutes and I need an answer." And he said, "I know you well enough. I know you can do it." And I did. What an interesting four years.

Of course, I had served a number of years involved in PTA when it was kind of big and was state president (and) on the national board. And community colleges were kind of a new idea and so we talked a lot in these national board meetings about the concept because education was our thing. And we talked a lot about community colleges. So I went into it with a little bit of background. But it was very interesting. We were building the Golden Dome. My husband and I were great fans of the Generals. We started going to the Generals' games when they played in the old gym, remember? Where you sat right down practically on the floor. Bruce or Penny (Hoffman) used to say after we got the Golden Dome that Bruce didn't start a game until he saw we were in our spots. And we built the Science Building. And I had to go (Community College Commission meetings) with my love for Sheridan College and be objective about funding, regulations. And always somebody needed a roof fixed - that used to be our standing joke. We didn't want a building - more buildings, because

they always had to have the roofs fixed.

Giving to the college. I had the real joy of being a member of the Woman's Club. And we all got to be too old to be a Woman's Club anymore and maintain that building. And so, we sold the building and

some of us who were making the decision what to do with the money remember that Mrs. Griffith was so concerned that nontraditional, women students get some help. You know, she

was interested (in students having) proper clothes to go to school because back in those days it was a problem. So we gave our money to the (Sheridan) College Foundation just after the time that the Legislature had come up with the funds to match. And just a few weeks ago, the Foundation had us for lunch and this group still meets. They brought the college students. And here were the six or eight girls who were not just the traditional, high school graduates that wanted to go to college. One girl who had a degree in anthropology came to Sheridan to be a volunteer with the Forest Service, met and married her husband and then divorced. So she's back out here in the nursing program on one of our scholarships.

I've always appreciated Sheridan so much because we really are a community. As you think of all the exciting ideas that have come up in Sheridan and then come to fruition.

Darlene was very involved with the Senior Center, building the Heritage Towers, and served as the Executive Director for the Sheridan County Chapter of the American Red Cross; which started the Meals on Wheels program in Sheridan - 12 meals per day grew to over 150 meals per day.



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'The enjoyment of wanting to succeed'

About me. My name is Torrey Moody. I was born April 11, 1944 right here in Sheridan. I graduated from Sheridan College in the spring of 1965. Neither one of my parents went to college. My father had to quit high school his sophomore year to support his mother and sister. So, with their background and just the way they had been raised and the way things were, they just insisted I go to college. They didn't have the money to send me but it was a very conscious decision and thank goodness for Sheridan College.

Enrolling at SC. It would have been in the fall of 1963. (The College) was located right where it is but it just had the one building, Whitney. You had the gymnasium, the library and the



classrooms all attached to what is the main building now although now the main building is substantially larger than at that time. It was more affordable. It was an opportunity to get your two years in before you went away and paid a higher price. If it hadn't been for Whitney Benefits, even with the junior college being here, many of us couldn't have afforded to continue our education down at the University of Wyoming.

I just don't think people understand that parents just didn't have money in those days. I think all this just goes to show that you don't do this all on your own. So much of what you are is just a part of so many other things. You just have to realize that there's a greater purpose in your life than just self. I just hate to think of how many people, if it hadn't been for Sheridan College, probably would not have gone to college. You look at the success that it's brought in their lives, I'll bet you there are just thousands of lives that wouldn't be as rich today as they are or as fulfilling if it hadn't been for Sheridan College. I thought at one time about being a petroleum engineer and I always thought of Patsy Hamilton with her geology because you have to have a really good knowledge of geology to be a good petroleum engineer. I just wondered how many kids went on that might make a difference in this energy picture.

Favorite teachers. Everybody liked (Earl Stinneford's) history classes. We both had a lot in common as far as our interest in the Civil War. He was so interesting to talk to. "Spike" Vannoy was the basketball coach and then he went to Cody or somewhere. Spike died at an early age from cancer. Dick Dickinson was one of my favorite teachers. His name was actually Leland Dickinson but everyone called him Dick.

Finding a major. I started off majoring in forestry. I spent two years working for the Forest Service, got kind of a good look at it. I had an intern program one year out in Longview, Washington. I went out there to work for them. That was kind of a combination forestry business. At that time I was kind of switching over to learning about business. But I always loved the outdoors. I loved trees; I loved botany, that sort of thing. Initially, I thought it would be a good fit but, after my first year, I just stayed in business.

Opening Taco John's in Sheridan. I got into (Taco John's) in January of 1983; it's been 25 years and about 6 months to be exact.

Life lessons. In my case my enjoyment came from where I lived but also the enjoyment of wanting to succeed, being persistent, never giving up, having a vision in a broad sense of some thing that you'd like to do and then just being blessed enough, lucky enough, to have a chance to achieve some of that. You have to have a certain amount of just contentment in your life to keep you going.

Loving what you do. At the age I am now, I love working as much as I did the first day I got out of college or the first day I got back from Vietnam. I just like to work, like to stay busy. I think it was just growing up without having very much and if you wanted something you had to work for it. It was different when I grew up as opposed to kids today. There are still an awful lot of competitive youth out there that get out and just do some great thing.



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'The community was behind the COLLEGE'

About me. I'm Patty Badgett Benskin. I was born in Sheridan on September 22, 1954. I live in Cheyenne and have been here about 31 years. I'm the Chief Clerk of the Wyoming House of Representatives. I've held that position for three years and am the first female to hold the position. I attended Sheridan High School, graduated in 1973 and then went to Sheridan College.



together and couldn't stand to talk in front of a group, I learned so much from him and gained so much self-confidence through his communication classes. That really helped bring me out of my shell just because of the way he taught the classes and pulled you in.

Earl Stinneford had kind of a funny accent but he gave me a tremendous love of history. My degree

Importance of education. Education was something that my parents believed in strongly. We were encouraged to do well in school, to put forth the effort. I went to work when I was a freshman in high school as a page at the Sheridan County Library in the old Carnegie Building and worked there summers while I went to college and all through high school. Georgia Shoveland, who was the director there, was another inspiration (and she said) that you needed to go to college because that's what opened doors. I went out to Sheridan College because I was very, very shy, extremely shy. I would have been totally overwhelmed had I gone somewhere else, to one of the Montana schools like some of my friends or the University of Wyoming. Sheridan College was a great environment for me. It really promoted that I could be an individual that I could excel and do things in a comfortable environment. I probably wouldn't be where I am today. If I had gone someplace bigger, I would have probably quit.

Influential teachers. John Aro was my English instructor and from him I learned the ability to look at things from different points of view. He was asking us to interpret different poems and different stories and we got into a debate in class about a different interpretation on a story. He let it go and after we were all done, the things he said to us I thought profound at the time stuck with me all my life and has made me look at things from different points of view and how you interpret things. John Aro's advice was always to be very careful about how you interpreted things and how you looked at things and to keep an open mind towards what you were looking at. Rich Kulas was the communications instructor out there. For the little wallflower whose knees knocked

at Sheridan College was an Associate in Humanities ('75). When I transferred to the University of Wyoming, I went into American Studies primarily because of Earl Stinneford. So from Earl I got my great love of history. The last one that probably had a profound influence was Doug Parrott, political science. He taught me my love of politics and government. He taught me how the process worked. There were a couple of classes I took from him where I was the only female in the class, which was interesting for that time because class size was small. He never treated me differently than the guys. I was just part of the class.

SC experience. I was exposed to cultural and social things I wouldn't have been exposed to had I not gone to college. We had a huge foreign student population at that point in time between '74 and '75. A lot of Iranian students were getting their basics out of the way so they could transfer to the University of Wyoming and other places to go into petroleum engineering. We had Canadian students. They weren't cliques. It was a small college so you all meshed with the social activities and stuff. You had a large agricultural group of kids. Everybody got along. You had different classes with everybody. You went to the social functions together whether it was a basketball game or it was the Tongue River boat races or various dances and events. Everybody just mixed and melded. It was a real positive experience. (What I appreciate) when I went to school there, and it has continued, that connection to the community and the



carrying for how you can further people's education. There is just that sense of family at this college. My perception is that the quality of professors and instructors is still great, fantastic. In my job at the Legislature and through other things I do, I hear good things about Sheridan College all the time.

Transformation from wallflower. What I did the first eight years I worked (in Cheyenne) was what they called the computer floor clerk. The chief clerk at the time retired and the gentleman that replaced him asked me if I would be his assistant chief clerk. So I served in that position for one year and learned an incredible amount interacting with the Legislators. Then the gentleman that was my predecessor chose to retire and they opened it up. I was being interviewed by the outgoing speaker and the incoming speaker. I did get the job. I was able to sell myself. This is the wallflower that could hardly get up and speak with anybody, that started out at Sheridan College with

her knees knocking together the first time she did a speech in Rich Kulas's class and stammering and stuttering and everything else. It's also an awesome responsibility. My other key responsibility is to advise members of the House and the leadership on what they can and can't do.

If somebody would have told me when I was graduated from high school or I was out at Sheridan College that "Someday you'll be the Chief Clerk for the Wyoming House," I would've looked at them and laughed my head off. Like I said, I wanted to be a librarian, which suited me perfectly. I end up as the Chief Clerk for the Wyoming House. Sometimes I get a chill up my back thinking about it. Every morning when I walk into the Capitol, it's just kind of an awestruck feeling that, "I get to work here. Because of my love of history and for government and stuff, I get to work here." When a bill works completely through the process and is going to go to the Governor for his signature, if it originated in the House, I sign it as well as the Speaker of the House, which is kind of cool. I think it's the most fascinating job in the world.

'Anyone can be average. EXCEED THE LIMITS.'

About me. My name is Teri Trautwein. I currently live in Henderson, Nevada. I was born on March 8, 1983 in Wheatland. Wheatland was wonderful. When I go back now I think, "Man, I thought this was the neatest place in the world." I still do. It has the nicest people. That's what I tell everyone. Same with Sheridan. I just go see the people I know and I just love visiting and catching up.

Both my parents were high school and junior high coaches and they both coached three sports. My dad's the extremely competitive one who teaches you just to go do it. My mom was the balance for me in my life. My mom taught me how to open up. She taught me the goodness in people. "Hey, just because someone does things differently, it doesn't mean it's bad; it's just different from what you know." She taught me how to calmly assess the situation. She's just one of the finest ladies in the world. I have two older brothers. Ben's very serious; JC's very fun and I'm kind of in-between the both of them.



Choosing Sheridan College. Misty Murphy at that time was the women's basketball coach. Now she didn't end up being my coach, but I loved Coach Murphy. She took me on the recruiting trip. I knew Teri Joy, I played with her in high school and respected her a lot. She loved Coach Murphy, I really liked Coach Murphy, and so that really became a plus and that is why I played basketball for Sheridan College. So what happened was a week before I came to school, Misty called me and she told me she was offered coaching position at a different college. Coach McCarthy came in. My sophomore year was a complete rebuilding year. We were successful in that we went from being a very, very young team and we developed. I loved, loved my second year.

Influential teachers. My major was English with an emphasis on communication because I knew I wanted to do communications. Muff (Marion Niedringhaus) was my favorite. I took her every single semester. I just happened to get in her class my first semester for my first English class. Then after that I took her creative writing classes. I loved Jane (Wohl). She was really cool.

Dorm life. I loved dorm life at Sheridan College. I was in Founders the entire time. One of my favorite stories was my sophomore year and Jackie Haney was my teammate and roommate, and she's still one of my very, very good friends. It was her birthday and so what our team always did on people's birthdays is we would all wake up at like one in the morning and we would have a cake made already. We'd go in their room and sing "Happy Birthday." Jackie shared a room with me. I had a bed really low



and then we had hers really high because we had a couch under her bed so she could only sit up but she had to scrunch down. So there was only like four feet between her bed and the ceiling. We walked in and we had the birthday

cake with candles. We held it up right under the fire alarm and the entire building, Founders Hall, had to evacuate. We just had the giggles so bad. We were in the lobby and we were just cracking up. We're like, "Look Jackie, everyone got up for your birthday!"

Understanding diversity. I learned a lot about diversity. I was part of helping (Carol Garcia) start the Multicultural Diversity Club. It helped me open my head, I guess, a little bit more from what I knew. I was very trusting before I got here (Sheridan College) and my first year taught me that most people are inherently good but you can't just throw yourself out there all at once because if you do chances are you're going to get batted down a lot. I worked with Ginny Racette on the Student Council Board. I worked with Carol Garcia in the cage and then I did the intramural games. I was in Honor Society. I worked on campus and I did all the guides - the sports media guides for the basketball team and the volleyball team, all of those.

A home. It gave me a home away from home, which I don't think most people have when they go to college. It left me with a lot of wonderful people.

Advice for young people. You need to do as much as possible. A lot of people just do one thing and get into that, which is fine. But the more you do and the more people you see and involve yourself with the better rounded you are, the easier it is to work with people when you have a job. When you're an adult, the more experiences you've had while you're young makes it easier to flow from one thing to the next. Get to know as many people as possible. Relationships are just the most wonderful things. They make you so happy. All through high school, all through Sheridan and UNLV, that was the quote that hung in my locker, "Anyone can be average. Exceed the limits."

After Sheridan College Teri completed her degree at UNLV and was on the track team. Teri works for Cyntas Corporation, a uniform rental and facility services rental, and was promoted to Sales Manager last May. Cyntas is trying to expand internationally and Teri would love to be one of the people who start up one of the branches. Teri is a lifelong learner and continues to take classes at UNLV.

"...the more you do and the more people you see and involve yourself with the better rounded you are."

'Treat people like you want to be treated'

About me. Scott Powers, born March 12, 1971 and I currently live in Cheyenne. I have a good mom and dad. My dad worked forever at the Veterans Administration. My mom runs her own preschool/daycare. We moved to Sheridan when I was two years old and they've lived in the same house ever since then. I was born in Montgomery, Alabama, because my dad was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. My dad's family owned a ranch near Decker, Montana. They sold to Consolidated Coal, and when that happened and my grandfather died, we moved to town. We've been here ever since.



Earning a scholarship.

I planned on going to college; that wasn't a question. The reason I went to Sheridan College was I got a scholarship to play basketball there. I played two years, 1989 through 1991. I played for Coach Hoffman. It was awesome. He's the best. Well, he and my track coach in high school, Joe Meyer, they're the two best coaches I've ever played for. I enjoyed playing basketball especially my sophomore year. I wish we'd had a little bit better record but we had a lot of good guys on the team. I had a pretty good season. My freshman year, Ryan Williams from Gillette was on the team, a guy named Todd Dusenberry, kid named Ricky Watson, he was from Houston, kid named Jeff Alexander from San Diego. Larry Legocki from Sheridan. Probably my best friend on the team was Rob Robinson and he was from Reston, Virginia. He played with Grant Hill when he was in high school so he and Grant Hill were good friends. There was another guy named Calvin Scruggs from Baltimore, Maryland, a guy named Eric Wright from LA and a guy named Coy Sidney from Houston. Then my sophomore year, we had two guys from Yugoslavia on the team, Boris and Caslov. Then there was another guy, a really good friend of mine from Gillette named Trevor Larson.

We only really had one rule on the team and that was "Don't embarrass yourself, your team or your school." The coach said "Always be on time, sit in the front row, do whatever your teachers

say." Martha Saxton was his secretary and she was a lot of fun to talk to. She was a big KU Jayhawks fan and I'm a big Duke fan so we used to go rounds about that. There were a handful of girls on the team I was good friends with, too. Amy Romeijn from Billings and I were pretty good friends. She ended up going to (the University of) Wyoming to play basketball. Then Misty Smith was on the team and she coached out there for a couple years. Then one of my good friends from high school, Shannon Dunning, she was on the team. We were a pretty tight knit group of people, girls and guys.

Influential teachers. Earl Stinneford was a great teacher and he really had a passion for his subject. He had a cool accent since he was from Boston. Katie Curtiss, I enjoyed her. Actually, my favorite class out at the college was Western Civilization I and II. It was taught by Norleen Healy, Earl Stinneford and Danna Hildebrand, they tri-taught the class. It was really cool.

I was in Phi Theta Kappa and I was the MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the basketball team my sophomore year. I was a first team, academic, All American. I was all Region 9 selection for basketball. I played two years at Sheridan College, a year up at Rocky Mountain College at Billings and then I was about a half semester at (the University of) Wyoming. I graduated at UW in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Then I went to law school and graduated in 1997.

Starting a career. I'm a criminal defense attorney. Some cases are more interesting than others. My biggest cases are drug conspiracies. I have several clients up here (Sheridan) so I come up here for work. I'm based in Cheyenne. I'm my own boss. I have a half-time contract to do work for the Public Defender's Office in Cheyenne. My wife (works) at the Attorney General's Office. She's an attorney as well. We have two children; a 6 year old and a 2 year old.

Advice. Just treat people like you would want to be treated. There were never any real negative words said about anybody in our house. Enjoy life because you never know when you're not going to be around anymore.

"Enjoy life
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anymore."



high school kids practiced at the same time. I don't think there were many college rodeos so I don't think they really competed. They just had fun. Oh, I was also editor of the college newspaper (The Trail).

Influential teachers. My favorite class was probably English. Jane Ralston was the English teacher. Dr. Watt was there. Ione McClain was the librarian who everybody just absolutely loved. Oh, Mr. Baxter was

there. And the cook was Mrs. Monroe and her husband was the custodian and they lived right there in the building. We had a really good basketball team that year, too. They beat the freshman University of Wyoming team and we thought that was quite a feather in our cap because we had some pretty old players on the team. But they apparently had been good high school players.

Effect of Sheridan College. Well, I think I spent so many years living with my dad and (his) trying to get it started, I was so proud of (Sheridan College).

Elaine devoted thirty years of service as a volunteer 4-H leader. Archie Nash was Master of Ceremonies at the first commencement exercise of the Northeast Agricultural Junior College (Sheridan College), June 9, 1949 and served on the College Advisory Committee from 1947 to 1951.

Multiply Success Update

The State Legislature created the Wyoming Community College Endowment Fund in 2004 with an initial allocation of \$4.5 million for each of Wyoming's seven community college districts. Thanks to generous donors, the Sheridan and Gillette College Foundations were the first to reach this combined target in December 2006. The Legislature in subsequent actions added funds to match gifts and pledges to the Foundations that support the Northern Wyoming Community College District for a total match of \$8,833,333. In the past year, the Sheridan College Foundation and Sheridan College have received several significant new gifts and payments against earlier pledges. Each of these gifts creates opportunities for students to achieve their educational goals.

Whitney Benefits transferred ownership of the Whitney Center building in downtown Sheridan to the college on April 9, 2009. In addition to this gift valued at \$1.7 million, Whitney Benefits also contributed \$250,000 to be matched by the State, creating a \$500,000 endowment. The endowment fund will provide funding for repair and maintenance costs of the property. A gift of \$30,000 was also presented by Whitney Benefits for operational funds.

The Marna M. Kuehne Foundation completed their pledge of \$800,000 with a payment of \$400,000 in October 2008. This gift and its match created two endowed scholarship funds for disabled veterans, one for NWCCD students in the amount of \$1,200,000 and \$400,000 for Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) students.

In addition to an annual gift of \$135,000 to repay debt for remodeling the Griffith Memorial Building and the Griffith Students Services Wing, the Vernon S. & Rowena W. Griffith Foundation also made a payment of \$50,000 to the Griffith Scholarship Endowed Scholarship. Their gifts and the State matches to this fund will bring the endowed value to over \$500,000.

The Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation contributed an additional \$125,000 towards the Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Student Loan Endowment. The \$250,000 fund with its State match is "invested" by making no interest loans to Sheridan College students.

The Knights Foundation established an endowed scholarship with matching funds in 2005. When the remaining members decided to dissolve the Foundation, they added a \$100,000 gift to the Knights Foundation Endowed Scholarship. This new gift and the State match bring the scholarship endowment to \$250,000.

As of mid-April 2009, the Foundation had reported \$5,183,349 in gifts against the NWCCD match, \$800,000 in gifts which were matched

with EWC's allocation and \$2,260,239 in pledges to be paid by December 2010. The remaining available match in the Wyoming Community College Endowment fund for NWCCD is \$1,389,743.

In action in 2009, the Legislature removed the deadlines for receiving pledges and payments allowing Colleges and Foundations additional time to receive endowment gifts and still be able to use the match.



Tom Kinnison, Chairman of the Whitney Benefits Board, hands a check to Dr. Kevin Drumm.



Sheridan College Foundation President Karen Ferguson presented a recognition plaque to Art Felker, President of the Griffith Foundation Board, at their April 2009 meeting.



Knights Foundation board members C.A. "Dick" Springer and David Ferries sign a new agreement as President Kevin Drumm looks on.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



"Celebrating 60 Years....and counting", commissioned chorus by Fritz Kehrwald (left) and Gene Sager (right). Performed during the Spring Concert on April 25.



Sheridan College basketball fans show their colors during Fan Appreciation night on Jan. 31.



The Alumni & Friends Art Show on March 19 represented 60 years of art instructors at Sheridan College Bottom from left: James Lawson, Danna Hildebrand, Richard Martinsen. Back row: Rod Dugal, Ryan Muldowney.



Ryan Ragan, Sheridan College Photographer, shared trade secrets he uses when taking photographs during 60 Frames 60,000 Stories on March 6 in celebration of Sheridan College's 60th Anniversary.



60th celebration events kicked off on Dec. 17, 2008 as Sheridan College hosted Business After Hours. Dr. Kevin Drumm, NWCCD President holds a plaque honoring SC as "Chamber Community Partners". Also in the photo from left: Jim Schellinger, Chamber President, Bruce Hoffman, Chairman, NWCCD Board of Trustees, Dr. Englert, VP for Student Enrollment Services and Chamber Board Member, and Janelle Martinsen, Chamber Executive Director.



On a cool spring day Nancy and Roy Garber representing Garber Agri-Business and Maurice and Barbara Campbell pose with the first tree dedicated to the first class of Sheridan College 1948-49. A total of seven trees have been dedicated to Sheridan College alumni; one tree per each of the six decades and one tree to the graduating class of 2008-09. The tree dedication is located on campus, across from the AG Watt Building. This project is funded by the following: Maurice Campbell, first class of Sheridan College and Sheridan College 2008 Distinguished Alum; Garber Agri-Business; and the Sheridan College Foundation & Alumni.



Brothers and Sheridan College Alumni Scott Davis, who is also a SC Foundation Board Member, and Pete Davis were volunteer bartenders for the Business After Hours Celebration on Dec. 17, 2008.



As part of the 60th celebration, national columnist, author and professor Marianne Jennings spoke at Sheridan College on April 30. Her presentation was on Ethics, Trust, Markets, & Where We Are (and Are Not).

Campus NEWS

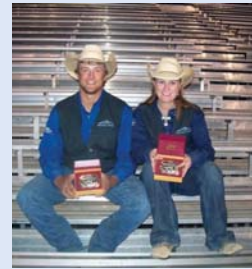


Lady Generals Region IX Champions

Top Row: SirShawna Dowdy, Tahnee Robinson, Kendahl Avery, Mandy Mullock. Middle Row: Alyssa Olsen, Cassie Carlson. Front Row: Pavlina Chudarkova, Micki Scally, Lea Ann Tuschling, Kori Bingham. Standing: Coach Frank McCarthy. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Mark Elliot

Sheridan College Rodeo Team Pat Hamilton Rodeo Results

Tyrel Bonnet won the Steer Wrestling
Tycie Kinsella won the Breakaway Roping



The 2008-09 Sheridan College Generals team finished with a 26-7 record.

Back Row: Luke Wicks, Head Assistant Coach, Steve Smiley, Head Coach, Quintin Dailey, Josh Peery, Moustapha Diarra, Charlton Wilson, Steve Ivory Jr., Shawn Gee, Student Assistant Coach Justin Palm. Front Row: JR Cadot, Antoine Protor, Scottie Payne, Jake Lohof, Bryen Pyles, Tearance Edwards, Sam Iwueke



Dr. Gordon Ward, Sheridan College President 1972-87

May 22, 1926-March 22, 2009. Dr. Gordon Ward, of Mesa, AZ, passed away on Sunday March 22, 2009 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Born May 22, 1926 in Edgeley, North Dakota to William and Grace Ward, Gordon was the youngest of 6 children. Gordon graduated as an outstanding scholar from Edgeley High School in 1944. He served the United States in the Navy before attending Northern State College (Bachelors degree), the University of Wyoming (Masters degree in History and a Doctorate in College Administration). He also attended Stanford University with a Coe Fellowship. He was a teacher and coach in Pollack, SD and Fairmont, ND before teaching at Natrona County High School in Casper, WY. He later served as the Assistant to Dr. Alley at Casper College, before becoming the Dean of Instruction at Riverton College in Riverton, WY and then the Academic Dean at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM. From there he went on to become the President of Sheridan College in Sheridan, WY, (1972-1987) where he played a vital role in the development of the community college. After his retirement from Sheridan College, he became the Executive Director of the Sheridan College Foundation where he stayed until he and his wife, Betty, moved to Mesa, AZ to enjoy the sunshine. Gordon is survived by his wife: Betty, of Mesa, his daughter and son-in-law: Kimberly and Kevin, and three grandchildren: Jeremy, Nicholas and Haleigh of Longmont, CO. Source: Sheridan Press, March 25, 2009

Alumni in the NEWS

Marisa ('95) and husband Ben Graham are the proud parents of Eli Benjamin Graham born June 10, 2008, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Shawna McBride ('98) earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience Dec. 12, 2008 from the University of Wyoming.

Kayleen Master ('06) has joined the tax department in the Billings office of Eide Bailly LLP, a regional certified public accounting and business advisory firm.

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Friends We'll Miss

Joseph Evangeline (date unknown)
November 26, 2008

Herb Scroder (date unknown)
July 30, 2008

Larry Dean Harbel (date unknown)
August 21, 2008

James J. Belus ('59)
April 7, 2009

Laura Lee "Muggy" Polster Clifford ('91)
February 23, 2009

William Harold McIntosh ('92)
July 12, 2008

Donna Jean Vine ('93)
March 16, 2009

Henry R. Bonvillain ('94)
December 21, 2008

Cheryl Lynn McCoul ('00)
January 20, 2009

Steven Arthur Engel ('06)
July 22, 2008

Frank Rauzi, a great friend to Sheridan College, died on February 10, 2009. Frank was frequent visitor to the campus - stopping in just to say hi or have a cup of coffee.

Frank believed education could change a person's life. Not only was he a life long learner himself, he believed others should have the opportunity for education and the chance to make a better life for themselves and their families. Frank established four scholarship funds.

A humble man, Frank wanted no recognition for himself, yet, he honored his sisters, Esther Rauzi and Mary B. Pearce, with two scholarships. He also established scholarships for students studying agriculture and geology. We are now privileged to name those scholarships in his honor.

Frank established the Library Endowment Fund because he was always in awe of the wealth of knowledge that could be found in a library. He counted among his closest friends the Sheridan College librarians.

Those of us who were privileged to know Frank knew him as a modest man with a great sense of humor and spirit. That, perhaps, is his legacy to us. We will miss Frank, but we are privileged to live his legacy: to laugh more, appreciate each other, and learn something new every day.

Weddings



Tim Lenz ('84) and Beth Nelson will be married May 29, 2009. The groom is a graduate of Sheridan

College and is employed with Sheridan College Foundation as a financial specialist.

Jonathan Kyle Gorzalka ('01) and Brittany Marie Dice will be married May 30, 2009. The groom earned a certificate in diesel mechanics from Sheridan College and is employed as a drilling rig operator for Clear Creek Well Service in Buffalo.

Jenni Poor ('02) and Ryan Anderson will be married August 23, 2009. The bride is a graduate of Sheridan College and is employed as the materials management director at Riverton Memorial Hospital.

Jennifer Stimpson ('03) and Justin Hecker ('00) were married November 29, 2008. The bride is a graduate of Sheridan College and is employed on the family ranch. The groom is also a Sheridan College graduate and is employed in ranching.

Uliana Tikhomirova ('07) and Mark van Houten will be married May 23, 2009. The bride has an associate degree from Sheridan College and is employed at Rehabilitation Enterprises of North Eastern Wyoming.

Kourtney Dobrenz ('08) and Brandon McRann ('06) were married August 8, 2008. The bride is a graduate of Sheridan College with an associate degree in a special program for nursing. She is currently employed at Sheridan Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse. The groom is a graduate of Sheridan College with an associate degree in business. He is employed at Valley Motor Honda in sales.

Sarah Fack ('08) and Jacob Clouthier will be married on July 25, 2009. The bride is a graduate of Sheridan College with an Associate of Science degree and medical transcription certificate. She is employed at Wyoming Rehab as a clerical assistant.

Alecia Parker ('08) and Brock Major Roush were married August 30, 2008 in Las Vegas. The bride graduated last May with an Associate of Applied Science degree in massage therapy. She works at Big Horn Design.

Karlee Slaughter (current student) and Alex Young (current student) were married March 7, 2009. The bride attends Sheridan College and is employed at the Holiday Inn. The groom attends Sheridan College and is employed at Mossholders Furniture.

Ashton Lee Wegner (current student) and Chance Tucker will be married June 12, 2009. The bride is attending Sheridan College and plans to graduate in the Spring 2010 with a bachelor's degree in education through Chadron State College.

Marlen Lizbeth De Leon (current student) and Jason Aaron Larsen of Sheridan will be married July 25, 2009. The couple plan on relocating to Springfield, MO, after they wed and continue their education.





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Alum Captures Sheridan College Stories



Val Burgess is no stranger to Sheridan College. She has been a student, instructor and supporter. Val earned her first degree from Sheridan in 1974 with an Associate's of Natural Science. In 1976, she added an Associate's of Dental Hygiene degree. During her time at Sheridan College, Val was a cheerleader, a Homecoming Queen, a member of student council and yearbook editor. Val's roommate, Jan Quarterman remembers "Val was always an independent thinker who never followed the crowd but "took the road less traveled." She is creative, ambitious, enthusiastic, upbeat and always a pleasure to be around."

Val continued her education at the University of Denver where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's of Fine Art in Communication Design in 1988. She brought that education back to Sheridan College where she worked as a graphic designer in the Instructional Technology Department doing marketing for the college. Burgess was the yearbook advisor, taught a practicum in graphic design and photography and was a co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa. For seven years in the 1980s Burgess taught beginning and advanced photography.

Val left the college to work as a graphic designer eventually starting her own company Burgess Design Group, a graphic design, advertising, public relations, and marketing firm serving clients on a local and regional level. She is also an accomplished artist. She has been featured in several exhibits, including a one-woman show at Sheridan College.

Building on a family experience, Val became an oral historian specializing in the histories of former World War II prisoners. She has collected more than 130 oral histories of Americans held by the Germans at Stalag Luft III. Val is sharing the information she has collected through an educational website she is currently developing. Closer to home, as part of the College's 60th Anniversary celebrations, Val collected oral histories from 20 College alumni and faculty. These histories will be featured in this issue and future Foot Notes and become part of the College's archives.

Val has served her community through membership in many regional, state, and local organizations including board membership on the Wyoming Women's Foundation and Whitney Benefits Foundation board. She is happily married to Jerry and has two wonderful children, Dane who lives in Bellingham, Washington and Emily who attends the University of Wyoming. Val continues to generously share her education, experience, and time with the community and Sheridan College. She represents Sheridan College Alumni well.

For her outstanding support to the college Val was chosen as the Sheridan College 2009 Distinguished Alum and was invited to deliver the keynote address at graduation.

"Val was always an independent thinker who never followed the crowd but took the road less traveled."

-Jan Quarterman

