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Beverly A. Wharton, President

letter from the president

The theme of this magazine, as well as the new academic year, is "Building a Caring Community."

As we embrace this Franciscan value, we endeavor to live our mission through our daily relationships filled with respect and recognition of the dignity and distinction of each individual person.

In the pages that follow, you'll read about our visit from Brother William Short, OFM, professor of spirituality and scholar of Christian history and the Franciscan tradition at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkley, Calif. Brother Bill talked about our service to others and the importance of the individual.

You'll read about the many good works performed by BCU community members who truly demonstrate our commitment to this value. Serving, caring, building and fostering relationships and respecting the individual are evident in our stories and photos. It's all about Briar Cliff University building a caring community.

BCU Mourns Loss of Father Robert Condon

The Briar Cliff University community mourns the loss of the Reverend Robert Condon, 85, former professor of psychology. Father Condon passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2011, at New Castle Retirement Center in Omaha, Neb. Father Condon was a Briar Cliff faculty member for more than 30 years. His professional expertise, wise counsel and caring guidance enhanced our community in many ways. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, July 30, at Corpus Christi Church in Fort Dodge. The burial service took place at Corpus Christi Cemetery in Fort Dodge. May he rest in God's peace.



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a special thanks

The 2011-12 year is a time of change at BCU. It is fitting we express our appreciation for the members of our Board of Trustees who have worked closely with faculty, staff and administrators to bring about a new direction at Briar Cliff.

The Briar Cliff Board of Trustees is made up of a distinct group of individuals who truly are devoted to the University. Our Trustees include members of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Dubuque, the Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City, clergy, alumni, community members, business leaders, doctors, lawyers and former faculty members. Presently, the Board has 26 members who meet four times per year.

They are appointed to serve a governing role and hold the responsibility for fulfilling the University's mission. Our Trustees truly are unique individuals who offer so much of themselves for the good of Briar Cliff, giving their time, talents and treasures in so many ways.

The Board of Trustees also volunteers their time on major committees that offer external knowledge to various areas of the campus, including committees for Academic and Student Development, Institutional Advancement, Finance and the President's Leadership Council Executive Committee.

Our Trustees are major supporters of our capital and annual operational needs. They extend the BCU community as a welcoming place beyond campus by hosting students and University receptions in their homes. Student scholarships and endowment needs are also under the watchful care of Trustees, who offer support in these areas. They also provide strategic direction for Briar Cliff as we plan for tomorrow's learners. As we begin a new academic year, we pause to express our appreciation to current and past Board of Trustees members who work tirelessly to help BCU build a caring community.

alumni feature

Sister Sarah Kohles BCU '03, Baytown, Texas

I was 11 when I first thought about being a Sister. For years, I didn't tell anyone because I didn't think people would believe me. (Growing up, when there was trouble, I was often the instigator.)



In high school, I learned that Catholic colleges and universities were founded by different communities of religious, and

I kept coming back to the Franciscans. My family is from the Midwest, and Briar Cliff seemed like a good fit for me.

"I love that I can hold a baby, eat with the homeless and teach Scripture all in one day."

My experiences at Briar Cliff helped me discern my call to be a Sister. I was impressed by the Sisters' dedication and authenticity in their relationships

with others, especially with the poor and with God. All of these experiences and more confirmed my call to be a Sister.

Today, I am Faith Formation leader at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler, Texas. I love that I can hold a baby, eat with the homeless and teach Scripture all in one day.

As Franciscans, we are called to seek healing and wholeness for everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable. We are called to be an incarnation of God's loving presence.

letter to alumni...

Do you remember your excitement and aspirations when you first came to Briar Cliff? I certainly remember mine. Just a few weeks after arriving on campus, I felt that Briar Cliff was my new "home." I know that choosing Briar Cliff was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

Briar Cliff students have the same great aspirations as I had. However, many need financial assistance to realize their dreams. I encourage you to help BCU students achieve their educational goals.



Whether you graduated in the last few years or decades ago, please join me in supporting the Briar Cliff Annual Scholarship Fund. I am also issuing a special request to the Class of 1973 to make a commitment to the Annual Scholarship Fund. Your gift truly will matter to current and future BCU students.

May God grant each of you a caring heart and a generous spirit.

– Rose (Ahlers) Chicoine '73, Alumni Appreciation Award Recipient, 2010



building homes for families

Annually, Briar Cliff sponsors service projects in support of Siouxland Habitat for Humanity. An ecumenical Christian ministry, Habitat for Humanity is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Habitat for Humanity builds homes for people in need. "BCU has a long tradition of involvement with Habitat for Humanity," said Steve Janowiak, vice president for Student Development. "It is good work."

Students Share Opportunity of a Lifetime

Our Korean Adventure

by Grace Ann McElroy and Nathan Kirsch

In June, we were presented with the opportunity of a lifetime at the Catholic University of Korea in Seoul. During the month-long Catholic University of Korea Global Summer School Program (CGSS), we never stopped learning.

From class time to the field trips, we studied with students from around the world, including the Czech Republic, Japan, United Kingdom, Mexico, Taiwan, Australia and China.

The purpose of the exchange was to become better informed on Korea – its tradition, language, and position in the world. Our classes consisted of Korean Language and Writing in the morning and Korean Studies in the afternoon. In the Language class, we learned the basics of Hangeul, the Korean writing system, which is the most scientific method in the world.

We also learned basic phrases and all kinds of vocabulary that were incredibly helpful in our daily lives and interactions with the people of Korea. In the Korean Studies class, we covered Korean society, history, art, culture, business, economics, international affairs and politics. As you would expect with most college courses, we had to complete homework and take tests.

The CGSS program also offered field trips as experiential learning for us to apply the many different aspects we learned in our classes. We visited the Gyeongbukgong Palace, a traditional Hanok village, “BiBap,” a musical performance, the Demilitarized Zone, the Third Tunnel, Dorasan Station and “Pan,” a traditional Korean percussion performance. Field trips also introduced us to a variety of foods found only in Korea, such as Bibimbap, the national dish and Korean barbecue.

One weekend during the exchange, each student experienced a home-stay with a Korean family. We learned about family life, games, Korean cuisine and societal nuances.

We are grateful to Briar Cliff for the support and willingness to pursue this opportunity and would highly recommend this experience.



Briar Cliff students Grace McElroy and Nathan Kirsch at the Catholic University of Korea Global Summer School Program in Seoul, South Korea, in June.



Briar Cliff students Grace McElroy and Nathan Kirsch join other college exchange students from around the world in the Catholic University of Korea Global Summer School Program in Seoul, South Korea, in June. The exchange students take time out from their studies for a field trip to Gyeongbukgong Palace in Seoul.

BCU Begins Graduate Degree in International Studies

Beginning with the spring 2012 semester, Briar Cliff will offer a graduate program in international studies.

Tailored to meet the needs of working professionals with evening classes in an online format, this new degree program will prepare educators and working professionals to advance in teaching and business.



The new offering will open doors for those interested in an international career with cultural experiences in an ever-expanding global workplace.

The Master of Arts in International Studies will provide secondary teachers with added proficiency in world history and politics that could lead to advancement opportunities.

The program also prepares professionals in multiple fields to understand and meet the challenges of a global society.

For more information, contact Dr. William Prigge, associate professor of History, at will.prigge@briarcliff.edu or 712.279.5473.

Graduate Management Certificate Offered Online

As part of our strategic initiatives, BCU recently rolled out the new online Graduate Management Certificate. The degree is designed with working professionals in mind, allowing them to attend class anytime, anywhere while growing their supervisory skills.

Students in the program will...

- Attend classes anytime, anywhere with a schedule that works around their jobs and personal lives
- Complete approximately one-half the credits needed for the Master of Arts in Human Resource Management (MAHRM) degree
- Expand management skills with only five online graduate courses
- Learn critical information for successful leadership
- Improve supervisory techniques, leading to advancement opportunities
- Explore and enhance leadership style
- Develop teamwork skills and strategies
- Stay ahead of business trends to immediately improve work performance

“Our Online Graduate Management Certificate is flexible, affordable and high quality,” said Michelle Laughlin, assistant professor for the graduate program. “It works around job and family schedules.” For more information, email cheryl.olson@briarcliff.edu.



pen pal offers early intervention

Briar Cliff University's Department of Education hosts fourth grade students from Sioux City's Riverside Elementary School as a part of the University's Pen Pal Partnership, an early intervention program. In the Pen Pal Partnership, elementary school students are paired with BCU elementary education majors, who serve as role models, guiding the fourth graders in their academic goal-setting, including pursuing a college degree.

BCU Recognized as Service Leader

The Corporation for National and Community Service recently recognized Briar Cliff University as a leader among institutions of higher education for support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.



Nikki Kollasch, an education major from Swea City, Iowa, demonstrates BCU's commitment to service during the annual Mississippi mission trip to Morton, led by Campus Ministry.

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BCU was named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

The award honors BCU's leadership among institutions of higher education in support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

"Service to others is what we are about every day at Briar Cliff," said Sister Janet May OSF, '66, director of Campus Ministry.

During the 2010-11 academic year, students, staff and board members engaged in outreach projects at home and abroad in conjunction with the theme Connecting with Joyful Service.

Community Servants Honored

When it comes to role models for Caring for Community, we easily find them in H.F. "Gus" and Lillian Schroeder and Patricia Bortscheller.

The Schroeders are recipients of the 2011 Briar Cliff Medal for their selfless service to others. Gus and Lil are lifelong residents of Wall Lake, Iowa, where Gus was a farmer, cattleman and cattle feeder for nearly 60 years.

The couple has been very active in caring for community, including dedicating their time and resources to the Community Club, Lions Club, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, American Legion, among others. Their philanthropic efforts have aided many religious and civic organizations in Sioux City, Wall Lake and Carroll, Iowa.

"Gus and Lil's faithful service and commitment to helping others have served as shining examples for us and a testimony to their caring for community," said Beverly A. Wharton, BCU president.

The 2011 recipient of the Spirit of Saint Francis Award is Patricia Bortscheller for her tireless caring for community. Manager and architectural reporter for Master Builders of Siouland, Patty is involved in several community outreach projects for Sertoma, Goodwill, The Salvation Army, Saint Boniface Catholic Church and Interfaith Resources.

A 1987 Briar Cliff graduate, she received the 2005 Alumni Association Appreciation Award. She is a member of Briar Cliff's Sister Muriel Ford Circle of Mentors for Women, the Franciscan Heritage Society and the Executive Committee for the President's Leadership Council.

"Patty's dedication and service to others sets the bar high for us as she exemplifies the Franciscan charism Caring for Community," said President Wharton.



H.F. "Gus" and Lillian Schroeder with President Wharton at Commencement in May, when the Schroeders were recognized with the 2011 Briar Cliff Medal for their outstanding community service.



Patricia Bortscheller, 2011 recipient of the Spirit of Saint Francis Award, with President Wharton at Commencement in May, when Patty was honored for her Franciscan spirit of service.

on building a caring community...

For over 80 years, Briar Cliff has endeavored to build and sustain a caring community. This perpetual pursuit has its origins in the caring and courage of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Dubuque.

In August, Briar Cliff faculty, staff and student leaders launched the academic year with a workshop on "Building a Caring Community," facilitated by Franciscan scholar William Short, OFM. Centered on the Franciscan charism of caring, "Building a Caring Community" is Briar Cliff's 2011-12 theme.

While addressing the All Campus Institute, Brother Bill stressed the importance of relationship in building a caring community...

"A Franciscan culture is one of relationships built on service of persons," he explained. "A Franciscan community places importance on the individual and individual will. Individuals have unique identities, each has a unique fingerprint. God loves individuals."

Our Franciscan work is as obvious as picking up a hammer, collecting food and providing clothing and shelter and as subtle as offering a listening ear, holding a hand or being a shoulder to lean on.

Throughout this edition of the *Briar Cliff Magazine* are some of the many, many examples of how Briar Cliff strives to build a caring community. We invite you to join us in your efforts by building a caring community wherever you are.



Brother William Short, OFM, is the academic dean and professor of spirituality at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. He is a scholar of spirituality, Christian history and the Franciscan tradition. His frequent lectures, retreats and workshops educate the wider community about the Franciscan tradition.



spreading cheer for persons with disabilities

Briar Cliff University students, faculty and staff deck the halls and spread holiday cheer as they host the Annual Christmas Party for Persons with Disabilities in the Saint Francis Center on the Briar Cliff campus. Sponsored by BCCares, the event traditionally welcomes more than 100 residents of Siouxland Residential Services, Mid-Step Services and Opportunities Unlimited. Guests enjoy a festive lunch served by students and employees, musical entertainment by the BCU Choirs and Christmas gifts, donated by the Briar Cliff community.

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Opening Prayer, All Campus Institute, August 2011

Holy God as we gather as a campus community, we thank you for calling us here today to build a community of care and compassion, hospitality and service, justice and peace.

Open us to the mystery of your presence among us.

Anoint our hearts and anoint the lips of our speaker, Brother Bill Short.

Enlighten our minds and strengthen our bonds of community with one another.

We ask this in your name. Amen.



Building a Better Community

Offering Relief to Flood Victims

When the Missouri River flooded this summer, Briar Cliff and its Campus Ministry office coordinated volunteers to help BCU employees, students and friends in the path of the flood. Athletic teams, coaches, faculty, staff, students and board members assisted with moving, providing food and meeting other needs of flood victims as they arose.

“Tragedy brings us closer and increases our focus on what really matters. I am very appreciative of BCU for helping me and so many others with the grief and ongoing challenges of this monumental flood,” said Melissa Smith’11.

The University helped its employees store personal property and make short-term living arrangements. The Briar Cliff community gathered to pray for flood victims at a special mass celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace on campus.

The BCU community also participated in a prayer chain for all those affected by flooding along the Missouri River. The University continues to provide ongoing assistance as flood waters recede.

Collecting Food for Needy, Learning About Service

Briar Cliff University freshmen have many opportunities throughout the year to learn what it means to be part of a caring community. One way is by participating in a door-to-door food drive in neighborhoods around campus.

“I love doing service work and participated in many community projects when I was in high school,” said sophomore Melanie Hofmeister from Hampton, Minn. “As a freshman last year, I got to know the neighborhood better during the Food Drive,” Hofmeister said. “This community service project also helped me become better acquainted with my classmates. It is exciting that Briar Cliff offers so many opportunities to give back.”

All donations collected during the Food Drive, sponsored by Briar Cliff’s Campus Ministry and BCCares, go to the Food Bank of Siouxland.

Caring About Senior Citizens

Annually in the fall, more than 100 residents of Siouxland nursing homes and care facilities are treated to dining and entertainment during a special day out on our campus.

The Annual Senior Citizens’ Day Out, hosted by BCCares and Campus Ministry programs, features prayer, a luncheon served by Briar Cliff volunteers and entertainment by the Briar Cliff Choirs.

Moving in With Help from Basketball Teams

The Charger Women’s and Men’s Basketball teams can be found helping new students move into residence halls in the fall. Hauling everything from furniture to fridges, the players work hard caring for new students and their families on Move-In Day.



through Caring

Hosting 50 Fifth-Graders

Fifty fifth-graders ascended Briar Cliff University's hilltop campus last October for an afternoon of tours and treats. Students from Smith, Everett and Sacred Heart schools took campus tours, led by students in the Richard J. Doyle Leadership Program at Briar Cliff.

They also learned the significance of several Briar Cliff landmarks and did some trick-or-treating across campus.

"This is one way we can connect with younger students and offer them an opportunity to visit a college campus and encourage higher education," said Darrell Lofton, director of Multicultural and Leadership Programs at Briar Cliff.



Sharing Love and Protecting Life

Students in the Knights of Columbus campus chapter show love for their neighbors by serving at the Sioux City Gospel Mission and Soup Kitchen.

BCU Knights are volunteers and peer leaders for several on-campus events and participate in 40 Days for Life and other pro-life activities in the Siouxland area.

The Knights recognize their mission and faith in God compels them to action.

Raising Awareness and Funds for a Cure

The BCU community helps build awareness and raise funds to fight and find a cure for breast cancer.

This past year, Briar Cliff sponsored a Memory Wall for the campus community and the public to post names and photos of loved ones affected by cancer.

Employees purchased and wore T-shirts and wristbands. Charger softball and women's basketball teams sported pink jerseys during games. All proceeds from the sale of T-shirts and wristbands were donated to the June E. Nysten Cancer Center in Sioux City.

Serving Children in Need



The Social Work Club is a service to the Sioux City community in many ways, including collecting shoes and boots at Christmas time for needy children.

The Club also raises awareness of homelessness by participating in the annual Sleep Out in Sioux City.

In addition, members collect and decorate backpacks and suitcases for children who are removed from their homes and placed in shelters or foster care.

Donated by the BCU community, the decorated backpacks and suitcases are a fun way for the children to carry their belongings when moving.

Heelan Hall Transformation – a work in

Briar Cliff University formally broke ground on Sept. 1 for a \$10.75 million addition and renovation of Heelan Hall. The ceremony marked the official start of construction for the project, which is slated for completion in September 2013.

The transformation of Heelan Hall, the first building to be constructed on campus in 1930, will involve the addition of a three-floor wing with state-of-the-art science laboratories, a business case room and general classrooms.

Heelan Hall will be the home of new and inviting spaces conducive to learning and gathering, including a four-story atrium with clerestory windows on the top floor, bringing in natural light from the North. The project also will include

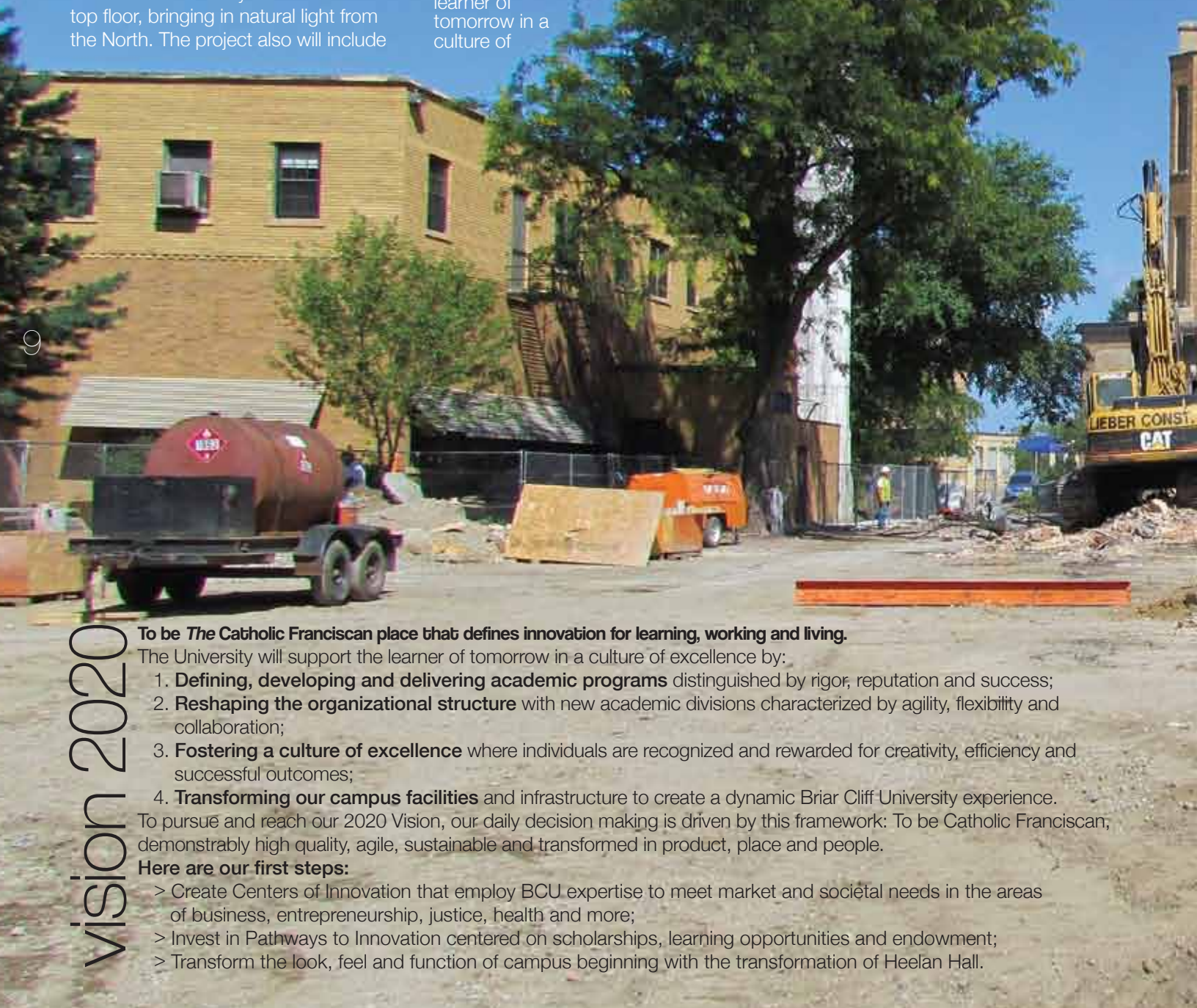
new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems along with renovation of various classrooms and labs in the existing structure.

Speakers at the groundbreaking were Beverly A. Wharton, president, Briar Cliff University; Dr. William T. Mangan, vice president for Academic Affairs; and Bert Bucher of Plankinton, S.D., president, Student Government.

“As we pursue our vision for Briar Cliff to support the learner of tomorrow in a culture of

excellence, we will be transforming Heelan Hall to create a more dynamic Briar Cliff University experience,” said President Wharton. “Heelan Hall has served thousands of students for over 81 years. With these enhancements, it will continue that tradition for many years to come.”

Other participants in the event were John Gleeson, managing member, W.A. Klinger, LLC; Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless, Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City; Sister Janet May OSF, director of Campus Ministry;



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vision 2020

To be **The Catholic Franciscan place that defines innovation for learning, working and living.**

The University will support the learner of tomorrow in a culture of excellence by:

1. **Defining, developing and delivering academic programs** distinguished by rigor, reputation and success;
2. **Reshaping the organizational structure** with new academic divisions characterized by agility, flexibility and collaboration;
3. **Fostering a culture of excellence** where individuals are recognized and rewarded for creativity, efficiency and successful outcomes;
4. **Transforming our campus facilities** and infrastructure to create a dynamic Briar Cliff University experience.

To pursue and reach our 2020 Vision, our daily decision making is driven by this framework: To be Catholic Franciscan, demonstrably high quality, agile, sustainable and transformed in product, place and people.

Here are our first steps:

- > Create Centers of Innovation that employ BCU expertise to meet market and societal needs in the areas of business, entrepreneurship, justice, health and more;
- > Invest in Pathways to Innovation centered on scholarships, learning opportunities and endowment;
- > Transform the look, feel and function of campus beginning with the transformation of Heelan Hall.

progress

Regina Roth, vice president and treasurer, Beef Products, Inc. and BCU Board of Trustee emerita; and Sister Grace Ann Witte OSF, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice.

The event featured the Briar Cliff Choirs, a time capsule prepared by Briar Cliff Student Government and a reception following the groundbreaking ceremony in the Java City Coffee Shoppe in Bishop Mueller Library on campus.

The Sept. 1 announcement on the transformation of Heelan Hall, the centerpiece of the Briar Cliff campus, came on the heels of the distribution of Apple iPad 2 tablet computers to all new traditional BCU freshmen, making it a banner first week for the 2011-12 academic year.



Groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 5, 1929, for construction of Heelan Hall with Bishop Edmond J. Heelan, Sisters of Saint Francis and Mother Mary Dominica Wieneke, foundress of Briar Cliff.



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A New Exciting Chapter

“As I watched the demolition of Heelan Hall through the wire-meshed fence, I was so aware of the company those walls kept and grateful for the rich heritage of BCU. Briar Cliff is on the brink of a new and exciting chapter. Even amidst all the noise and commotion of the renovation, I hold a resounding hope for the future of this beloved university; I am inspired by its mission, values and strategic vision. Out of the rubble, new things will arise.” – **Sister Kathy Knipper OSF, Ph.D., professor of education**

A New Season

“To everything there is a season, a time to tear down and a time to build. This is Briar Cliff’s season to embrace change with all its challenges and opportunities. Let us transform Heelan Hall and BCU with positive support and in grateful celebration.” – **Sister Mary Jane Koenigs OSF, ’71, librarian, Technical Services/Interlibrary Loan**

Briar Cliff notes

1950s

(Mary) Therese (Brennan) Ternes '57, and her husband, Lawrence, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, June 27, 2011.

1970s

Pete Groetken '71, and wife, Donna (Looft), celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, June 12, 2011.

Donna (Hilligoss) Wynn '72, retired from teaching and was honored with a reception hosted by Clark Elementary School, May 6, 2011, Sioux City.

Margaret (Kallin) Lemek '75, retired from teaching and was honored by Joy Elementary School, Sioux City.

1990s

Pearl (Boyle) Rohmiller '92, and her husband, Gary, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, April 23, 2011.

2000s

Brooke (Salzkom) Fiddelke '03, was named one of Iowa's 100 Greatest Nurses for 2011. She is employed with Baum Harmon Mercy Hospital, Primghar, Iowa.

Future Chargers

Scott Plathe '91 and Janet Plathe, Sioux City, a son, Levi Joseph, June 20, 2011.

Katie (Twohig) Boyle '01 and **Kelly Boyle '00**, Dakota Dunes, S.D., a daughter, Lainey, April 18, 2011.

Dr. Kathy (Dorcey) LaFavor '01 and **Jeff LaFavor '00**, Sioux City, a son, Aiden Joseph, April 18, 2011. Aiden joins brother Caleb, age 3.

Amanda (Stidfole) Worden '03 and Bobby Worden, Sioux City, a son, Braylon James, March 4, 2011.

Cathy (Boyle) Grimsley '06 and Josh Grimsley, Sioux City, a daughter, Ashlynn Joy, March 19, 2011.

Amanda (Bormann) Bousquet '07 and Ryan Bousquet, Dakota City, Neb., a son, Lucas Ryan, May 1, 2011.

Kari (Utesch) Livermore '07 and **Brandon Livermore '05**, Kingsley, Iowa, a daughter, Cheyanne Avery, April 16, 2011.

Janet (Meister) Nees '07 and Chris Nees, Shelbyville, Ill., a son, Allen Christopher, April 5, 2011.

In Memoriam

1940s

Virginia (Cochran) Binger '41, Boerne, Texas, May 26, 2011.

Mary (Higgins) Kelly '43, Denver, Colo., June 15, 2011.

Mary Kay (Pint) Tiedeman '44, Sioux City, April 11, 2011.

Sister Lurana Cranny '47, BVM, Marian Hall, Iowa, June 10, 2011.

Joan (Gaul) Meaden '47, Slayton, Minn., Jan. 4, 2011.

1950s

Ellen (Harter) Cosgrove '50, Sioux City, July 14, 2011.

Joy (Cody) Keller '50, Sioux City, May 13, 2011.

Kathryn (Weisser) Nugent '50, Algona, Iowa, April 5, 2011.

Lorraine (Fields) Talbot '50, Compton, Calif., May 30, 2011.

Arne Feste, husband of **Helen (Krage) Feste '52**, Sioux City, June 19, 2011.

Doris Durben '54, Spokane, Wash., April 26, 2011.

Sister Luan Herrig '56, OSF, Dubuque, Iowa, April 17, 2011.

1960s

Peggy Moran '61, Torquay, Victoria, Australia, March 26, 2011.

Mildred (Matt) Sprunck '61, Minneapolis, Minn., March 23, 2011.

Sister Catherine (Ronan) Hines '66, OSF, Dubuque, Iowa, March 26, 2011.

Sister Giralda Leppert '67, OSF, Dubuque, Iowa, April 20, 2011.

Sister Nora Rochford '68, OSF, Dubuque, Iowa, March 22, 2011.

1970s

Dorothy (Rolling) Eckerman '71, Fort Dodge, Iowa, March 29, 2011.

Jack Smith '74, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, May 29, 2011.

1980s

Janet (McKenzie) Fredricksen '88, Sioux City, July 15, 2011.

1990s

Steven Welp '94, Sioux City, June 29, 2011.

Isabell "Izzy" Koob, daughter of **James Koob '92** and **Monique (Terpenning) Koob '07**, July 27, 2011.

Craig Aasen, son of **Connie Aasen '95** and David Aasen, June, 30, 2011.

In Memoriam – Faculty and Friends

Thomas Vaughan, Sioux City, April 22, 2011. Thomas served on the Briar Cliff University Board of Trustees from 1975-1981.

Professor Clare Klodd, Jefferson, Iowa, June 26, 2011. Clare was an English professor at Briar Cliff in the 1970s and retired from Briar Cliff in 1981.

Rev. Robert Condon, Omaha, Neb., July 24, 2011. Father Bob was a faculty member at Briar Cliff from 1968 until his retirement in 1998.

33 Women Religious Celebrate Jubilee

The following women religious of the Order of Saint Francis of Mount Saint Francis, Dubuque, Iowa, celebrated their Jubilees from reception into the Congregation to this year. More than half of the 2011 Jubiliarians graduated from Briar Cliff.

Double Diamond Jubilarians 70 years, 1941-2011

Sister Josephine Schmitz '58
Sister Mary Kenneth Hemann
Sister Corinne Kutsch '60
Sister Bernardine Dillinger
Sister Dorothy Adams
Sister Elizabeth Brady
Sister Brendan Schneider '63
Sister Catherine Niess

Diamond Jubilarians 60 years, 1951-2011

Sister Elvira Kelley '53
Sister Ruth Kleitsch '62
Sister Gwen Hennessey '63
Sister Marie Bohr '62
Sister Mary Kivlahan
Sister Bonita Fondell
Sister Mary Benjamin Lansink
Sister Eleanor Lambert

Golden Jubilarians 50 years, 1961-2011

Sister Mary Hauber '71
Sister Marcine Kellner '64
Sister Jane McGrain '66
Sister Theresa Jungers '68
Sister Margaret Wick '65 former trustee
and president of Briar Cliff
Sister Susan Ivis '64
Sister Martha Ann Luedtke '67
Sister Pat M. Farrell, passed away June 16
Sister Charlotte Enright '66
Sister Kathleen Grace '69
Sister Bertha Kruse
Sister Carole Freking '65
Sister Carol Ann Berte
Sister Judy Sinnwell

Silver Jubilarians 25 years, 1986-2011

Sister Terri Rodela
Sister Kathy Knipper, Associate Professor
of Education, BCU
Sister Mary Beth Goldsmith

plan to give

An estate gift to Briar Cliff University is made as part of your overall financial and estate plan. Your designated estate gift assists Briar Cliff in the future and may have immediate benefits to you. When you include Briar Cliff in your financial and estate plans, you will help provide future support for areas of the University that are important to you.

You also have the satisfaction of supporting Briar Cliff and its mission. With planned giving, you may receive several tax advantages, including charitable deductions for income, gift and estate taxes. We invite you to consider an estate gift to Briar Cliff. For more information, please contact Mike Jorgensen, director of Planned Giving, at mike.jorgensen@briarcliff.edu or call 712.279.5396.

retirements

Sister Jean Beringer '65

Sister Jean Beringer OSF, director of Student Support Services (SSS), retired from Briar Cliff University at the end of the 2010-11 academic year. A Briar Cliff alumna, Sister Jean has been the long-time director of Student Support Services. She came to Briar Cliff as a staff member in 1978, helping establish our adult and continuing education program. In 1991, Sister Jean was named director of SSS, which is funded by a Department of Education grant. As director, she had responsibility for writing and implementing the grant and leading the staff in service to our grant-eligible students. Sister Jean has made a difference at Briar Cliff. She also led Briar Cliff's continuing education program for several years in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Many students have completed a college education because of her guidance and support. We thank her for her service to Briar Cliff and wish her well in retirement.



Dr. Robert Olson

Dr. Robert Olson, professor of biology, retired at the end of the 2010-11 academic year after 30 years of service to Briar Cliff. Dr. Olson came to Briar Cliff as a faculty member in the biology department in 1981. Since then, he has taught many of the human biology courses, including anatomy and physiology. Dr. Olson established the human cadaver laboratory to enrich the learning experience. Many graduates attest to the profound impact the lab and Dr. Bob's courses have had on their professional successes. In his three decades at Briar Cliff, Dr. Olson served on faculty committees, chaired several departments and was associate dean for the School of Undergraduate Studies. We will miss his soft-spoken good humor, his tireless dedication to our students and his generous spirit of service for Briar Cliff.



BCU Graduates Have Promising Futures

Many 2011 alumni have accepted positions in their chosen fields. BCU graduates are nursing majors working in hospitals, surgery centers, elderly care centers and clinics; education majors teaching reading, math, science, first grade, fourth grade and acting.

"I am extremely excited about starting my new journey as a full time teacher," said Andrea Wilen '11. "Briar Cliff helped me to be the person I am today."

More than 40 members of the Class of 2011 are attending prestigious graduate schools this fall, including the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif.; Saint John Vianney Seminary in Denver, Colo.; and University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas.

BCU 2011 graduates are enrolled in the Cleveland Chiropractic School in Ohio; Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work in St. Louis, Mo.; Colorado State in Fort Collins; and Ecosa Institute in Prescott, Ariz., among numerous others.



then feed just one

Students at Briar Cliff University dedicate an entire day boxing food for hungry families in Honduras. During the event titled "Then Feed Just One," students take time between classes and other commitments to package non-perishable items, including rice, vitamins, chicken flavoring and dried vegetables. The outreach program provides nutritious meals at low costs to communities in the U.S. and internationally.

Women's Cross Country – This fall, all eyes will be on Briar Cliff senior Taylor Braunberger as she returns from an injury which kept her off the courses in 2010. Braunberger was an all-conference selection and a national qualifier as a freshman and then suffered an injury at the conference meet as a sophomore. The team also will rely heavily on senior Alyssa Myers and junior Kat VonRumpf. Myers and VonRumpf made great strides a year ago in their first season with the program.

Men's Cross Country – The men's squad is expected to be led by senior Bryce Kinard, who led the Chargers at every meet a season ago. Kinard is the third-fastest men's cross country runner in school history and has a chance to jump up another spot in 2011. Continued improvement is expected from juniors Mykl Boyd-Raska and Tommy Stuart. Senior Josheb Benson and newcomer Matt Koepppe are expected to round out the top five.

Football – The Chargers open their 2011 campaign with three straight home games, giving BC fans a chance to get a good look at this year's squad. New faces will fill the Chargers' roster this fall as they have only six seniors in the ranks. After winning only a pair of games last season, the football team set numerous school records, including points and touchdowns in a season. Sophomore quarterback Tom Traficanti returns after throwing for 692 yards and six scores last year. Freshman Jared Williams is expected to explode on the scene this season from his tailback position, while Stavhn Leavy, who rushed for 240 yards last season, is expected to shine at wideout. Defensively, the Chargers' strength will be their line, led by senior Brady Summers.

Women's Soccer – Transfer student Frances Buckle and her BCU teammates will have a chance this season to aim for the conference tournament. Women's soccer has won seven games over the past two seasons and has rebuilt for 2011. The team returns experience on defense, including senior back Becca Faulkner, junior Emily Campbell and sophomores Breann Hansen and Emily Ireland. Freshman Kalynn Sortino steps into the fray as the team's only goalkeeping option. Offensively, the Chargers return their top two scorers from a season ago in senior Kindra Sanchez and sophomore Sadelle Schultz.

Men's Soccer – After a fourth place finish last year, the Chargers aspire to continue their ascent up the conference standings. The Chargers have posted .500 records each of the last two seasons. Senior goalkeeper Kyle King returns after playing every minute in goal last season and producing a 1.55 goals against average. Despite returning King and senior back Grant Moris, the strength of this year's team may be its attack. Leading the way for the Chargers offensively should be juniors Chase Beiermann, Andrew Knowles and Parker Staroscik. Beiermann led the Chargers in points (14) and goals (6) last season, while Knowles and Staroscik each added a tally.

Volleyball – Coming off a national tournament appearance, head coach Jill Muhé enters her second season at the helm with similar expectations. The Chargers return key players from last year's run – seniors Liz Krog, Amber Skoglund and Sarah Wieseler. Krog led the team with 548 digs from her libero position and was a team second with 26 ace serves. Skoglund tallied 73 kills and 240 digs, while Wieseler notched 254 kills, team highs of 12 solo blocks and 59 block assists. The Chargers also return sophomore setter Erin Frank, who led the team with 924 assists in her first year with the program.

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BCU's Catholic Daughters of the Americas chapter does service work, such as sponsoring free evenings of child care to give employees with children a night out. They volunteer at the local Soup Kitchen, Gospel Mission and respond to other service needs in the Siouxland area. Catholic Daughters participate in 40 Days for Life and promote respect for life in all areas. They advocate for peace and social justice, build community among themselves and engage in spiritual growth by worshipping together and praying for the needs of our larger world.

upcoming events

Sept. 30 – Arts & Humanities Alumni Event

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 – Homecoming

Oct. 3-4 – Feast of Saint Francis Activities

Oct. 13 – Senior Citizen Luncheon

Oct. 21-23 – Family Weekend

Oct. 23 – Fall Choral Concert
Sister Muriel Ford Lectureship
“Living the Simple Way”

Oct. 27 – Scholarship Luncheon

Oct. 27-29 – “Detestable Madness”
Theatre Production

Oct. 28-29 – Antioch Retreat

Nov. 14 – Sister Muriel Ford Circle of Women
Mentors Event

Dec. 3 – Christmas at the Orpheum

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homecoming 2011

friday, sept. 30 – sunday, oct. 2

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Arts & Humanities Homecoming Reunion

3:15-5:00 p.m.
Stark Student Center Swoosh

25th Annual Honker Reunion

4:30 p.m.
McCarthy & Bailey's Irish Pub
423 Pearl Street, Sioux City



saturday, oct. 1

Homecoming Tailgate

Memorial Field
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Lunch \$5, kids under 5 eat free
Kids' Jumpies (weather permitting)

25th Annual Honker Reunion

11:00 a.m.
Townhouse Pizza & Lounge,
2701 Floyd Blvd., Sioux City

Charger Football

BCU vs. Dordt
Memorial Field
Kick-off @ 1:00 p.m.

Alumni Tours of Heelan Hall & Reception

Tours – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Reception in Bishop Mueller Library

Class of 1961 Dinner

President Bev & Jim Wharton's Home
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Alumni Event at Buffalo Alice's

7:00-9:00 p.m.
Pizza provided



sunday, oct. 2

Alumni Mass

Chapel of Our Lady of Grace
10:00 -11:00 a.m.

