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FIRST WORD

THE BRONCOS’ FIESTA BOWL FOOTBALL VICTORY OVER TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, THROUGH INVENTIVE AND WELL-EXECUTED PLAY CALLING, WAS A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF BOISE STATE IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION AT WORK.

All across campus new ideas, exciting partnerships and fantastic opportunities, like those that drive our football program, reflect the wide range of ways we deliver education to our students.

During this past spring break, students participated in the first “innovate@boisestate,” an intensive, five-day session where teams of undergraduates proposed ideas for the continuing revitalization of downtown Boise. Exercising interdisciplinary teamwork, leadership and community engagement, these students had a unique opportunity to test their creative, innovative, problem-solving skills in a real-world setting.

Without a doubt, Boise State’s most important legacy is the success of its students. These graduates are fulfilling some of Idaho’s greatest demands for qualified employees. They enter the work force and their communities with a spirit of creativity embodied and nurtured by Boise State.

Innovation inspired Boise State’s first Intersession term during winter break, providing students an opportunity to complete credits between the fall and spring semesters. It also is the force behind our renewed participation in Microgravity University, where students conduct research that ultimately contributes to NASA’s mission to advance knowledge and exploration of space.

This issue of FOCUS magazine includes further examples of imagination and innovation through three alumni – Ward Hooper (on the cover), Theresa Grant and John Schiff. As innovators, they have taken what they learned at Boise State and combined it with what they love to do to make a difference in the way we see the world. We are thankful for their unique contributions.

– Bob Kustra, President

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PRESIDENT BOB KUSTRA, AT THE FAN FIESTA CELEBRATION FOLLOWING THE BRONCOS’ FIESTA BOWL WIN

“WHO EVER HEARD OF A GREEN FOOTBALL FIELD?”
A new master’s degree in chemistry will prepare Boise State students for careers ranging from the high-tech and health care industries to research science and education. The new degree, approved by the State Board of Education in December, brings the total number of master’s degree programs at Boise State to 74.

“this new program is designed to meet the needs of students in southwest Idaho who otherwise would have to relocate in order to pursue advanced academic and professional goals,” says College of Arts and Sciences Dean Martin Schimpf. “Graduate students involved in the program likewise will enhance the research efforts of our faculty, which range from the development of environmental sensors and vaccines to the study and treatment of cancer.”

In addition, media professionals and others interested in studying cinema and video have a new option. The State Board of Education recently approved a CINEMA AND DIGITAL MEDIA STUDIES CERTIFICATE through the Department of Communication.

The interdisciplinary program is aimed at students looking for a basic background in cinema, with an eye toward production. It also will provide a foundation for those wishing to pursue graduate work in film production or film studies.

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FOR 10 BOISE STATE STUDENTS AND BIOLOGY PROFESSOR MARC BECHARD, THE WINTER SEMESTER BREAK WAS FOR THE BIRDS — LITERALLY.

The group, along with three non-student participants, spent a week in Kenya studying the native raptors. In addition to lectures and presentations, students were involved in field research to determine the size of local raptor populations.

The trip was arranged by Munir Virani, who lives in Nairobi and works for the Boise-based Peregrine Fund on research projects in Africa and India. Bechard, who co-founded the Idaho Bird Observatory, taught the course at Lake Naivasha and the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve.

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Biology Students Experience a Kenyan Adventure

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innovate@boisestate: A Spring Break Challenge

By Melissa Jensen

For many students, this past spring break was a chance to rest at home or on a sunny beach. But for one elite group of Boise State students, spring break involved 12-hour days spent in an intense five-day competition called innovate@boisestate.

The enterprising students were selected from a cross-section of the university’s academic colleges to explore and find creative solutions to a single community problem. They each earned an $800 stipend and academic credit, and winning teams shared prizes of $1,000 and $500 for first and second place.

“At Boise State we are constantly searching for new ways to challenge our students and give them the best education and experience possible,” says President Bob Kustra. “This new challenge is yet another example of that drive. With community partners and enthusiastic students, innovate@boisestate could become a marquee example of Boise State’s innovation and imagination.”

The featured problem was unveiled on the first day of the challenge as teams were formed in groups of five or six students. Each team received a human “tool box” of resources, including a faculty expert, community consultants and a reference librarian from the Albertsons Library.

“The thing that excited me the most was how the university engaged students and gave us an opportunity to make a difference in the community,” says participant Stephen Foster, a mass communication journalism major.

Throughout the week team members kept a video journal of their time together as they combined hard data with innovative ideas. On the final day of competition, a panel of judges scored team performance on the following criteria — supporting data, feasibility, implementation and innovation.

The community problem, along with a list of participants, presentations and video journals, can be found online at http://academics.boisestate.edu/undergraduate/innovateboisestate-spring-break-challenge/.

Remembering Tom Trusky — 1944-2009

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But that’s not why i’ll remember him. My memories include Tom installing Burma Shave poetry signs across campus; pushing for an exhibition of poems hung on refrigerators with children’s magnets; waving a pair of red, white and blue boxer shorts while expounding on the merits of recycling underwear into paper; exalting over a box of previously unknown James Castle sketches; and populating my e-mail box with rambling, creative and often irreverent messages.

He was always enthusiastic, he refused to take no for an answer and there were times i dreaded seeing his name pop up on my caller ID. But I never regretted knowing him.

As Richard Young, chair of the Department of Art, noted: “A really bright star is gone from this university.”

TOM, YOU ARE MISSED.
Boise State University retained its status as Idaho’s largest university, with 18,520 students enrolled for spring semester. This marks a 4.1 percent increase in academic enrollment over last spring, or 724 additional students working toward one of almost 200 degrees and certificates.

After successfully meeting a fund-raising challenge, the university also will break ground this spring on a 110,000-square-foot College of Business and Economics building at the corner of University Drive and Capitol Boulevard. It is expected to open fall 2012.

It will be closely followed by a residence hall project at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive that will add 846 new beds, a transit center at the west entry of the Student Union Building and a parking garage at University Drive and Michigan Street that will add 700 spaces.

The university also is progressing on construction of the five-story, 93,000-square-foot Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development (CESED) along University Drive next to the engineering complex. CESED will be home to Boise State’s departments of Geosciences, Civil Engineering, Public Policy and Administration and Political Science. It’s on schedule for a fall 2011 opening.

Nearly a half-million square feet of classroom, laboratory, office, event and common area space has been opened in the last two years or is currently under construction on the Boise State campus. All of the projects are outlined in the university’s campus master plan, available at www.boisestate.edu/masterplan.
Gene Harris Jazz Festival Renews Vision in 2010

The legacy of jazz great Gene Harris lives on at Boise State. The festival he founded continues to focus on artistry, education and engaging as large an audience as possible in the conversation about what jazz is and what it will become.

The 2010 festival, slated for April 22-24, features authentic jazz experiences for fans and students, from headliner concerts to club shows and educational clinics. All events take place at Boise State, making the experience much more focused and accessible to the campus and surrounding community.

Swing, bop, Latin, funk and fusion styles will be played by top jazz artists. The roster includes the duo of pianist Bill Anschell and soprano saxophonist Brent Jensen, classic horn band Santa Fe and the Fat City Horns, five-piece contemporary group Diverse, Gabriel Alegria’s Afro-Peruvian Sextet, and Doug Beavers’ Latin Jazz Orchestra.

To sample the music from 2010 and learn more about the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, visit www.geneharris.org/.

Cenarrusa Donates Private Papers to Boise State

By Leah Sherwood

Students of Boise State’s Basque Studies Program and anyone wanting to learn more about Basque culture now have direct access to original historical documents, thanks to a significant donation of private papers from Pete Cenarrusa.

In November, a reception was held at Albertsons Library to honor Cenarrusa, who was Idaho secretary of state from 1967 to 2002 and served in the Idaho Legislature for 17 years before that, making him one of the longest serving elected officials in the United States.

In addition to Basque material, Cenarrusa’s collection includes 100 boxes of letters, clippings, photos, reports and memorabilia related to his long political career. It also includes papers from U.S. Sen. Frank Church, Gov. Cecil Andrus and other Idaho dignitaries.

“Pete Cenarrusa’s long and distinguished career of public service to the people of Idaho and to the Basque community worldwide is well documented in these papers,” says Albertsons Library archivist Alan Virta. “Students and scholars of Idaho history, public policy and international relations both here and abroad will benefit from his gift.”

Cenarrusa and his wife, Freda, have a history of collaboration with the university. The couple helped establish the Basque Studies Program, which builds on the work of the Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Studies. The program is a multi-disciplinary course of advanced study that involves all aspects of the language, culture and history of the Basque people. By establishing a Basque Studies program, the Basque community and the world are connected by ongoing research, projects and educational opportunities.

Much of the collection is available for viewing in Albertsons Library, and a guide can be found online at http://library.boisestate.edu/Special/ (search for “Cenarrusa”).
Institute Gets $1 Million Boost

Boise State’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has received a $1 million endowment gift from the national Bernard Osher Foundation to provide ongoing educational opportunities for age 50-plus learners.

Since 2006, the Bernard Osher Foundation has provided $400,000 in grants to help bolster the program in anticipation of the $1 million endowment that recognizes the success and sustainability of the Osher Institute and its programs.

“The Osher Institute gift speaks to the quality of programming that Boise State faculty members and community experts help us offer our members,” says Ellie McKinnon, director. “They are a vibrant group who will never retire from learning. This endowment will ensure they have a multitude of opportunities in the years to come.”

The Osher Foundation supports 120 lifelong learning programs on university and college campuses across the country. Boise State is home to Idaho’s only Osher Institute. It is serving more than 600 members this year with non-credit classes and lectures taught by Boise State faculty members and community experts.

Field trips and international travel have been added to the offerings in the past few years, including a trip to Yellowstone with a hydrologist and a geologist last spring and a trip with an archaeologist to study the Maya in Chiapas, Mexico, this year.

The Osher Institute is a membership-based program for mature adult learners featuring noncredit lectures, short courses and special events. For more information, visit www.boisestate.edu/osher or call (208) 426-1709.

Noteworthy

Richard (Ricki) Southwick III, a doctoral student in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded a coveted Research Associateship by the National Research Council (NRC), which is part of the National Academies. Thanks to his impressive work in electronic devices and materials at Boise State, Southwick is one of a handful of recipients nationwide who will be supported in postdoctoral research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Md.

Kevin Satterlee, associate vice president and general counsel, received the Association of Corporate Counsel Mountain West Chapter’s Leadership Award. Satterlee was selected from in-house counsel across the states of Idaho and Montana. The award was presented at the annual awards gala held in Boise in January.

New Faces

Tim Dunnagan, a Montana State University health and human development professor, has been named dean of the College of Health Sciences. His appointment begins in July.

Currently head of Montana State’s Department of Health and Human Development, Dunnagan was selected based on his leadership record, fundraising efforts and the scope and quality of research among his faculty. He succeeds Jim Girvan, who has served as dean of the College of Health Sciences for eight years.

Eric M. Smedley has been appointed assistant professor of music and director of the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band. Smedley succeeds longtime director David Wells, who led the band until shortly before his death in May 2009. Alumnus Nathan Stark served as interim director.

Smedley has directed the Big Red Marching Band at Western Kentucky University and currently serves as a graduate assistant director of the concert and athletic bands at the University of Washington.
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THE EMBODIMENT OF IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION

By Mike Journee

WARD HOOPER
Those who tread the path of imagination and innovation go, by definition, the way less traveled. They do the unexpected. They find a new course. They are trailblazers.

Boise State’s most celebrated innovators capture the imagination of their fans on the university’s famed blue turf. Just as the Broncos are known for inventive, well-executed football, Boise State’s continuing rise as a metropolitan research university rests on a foundation of innovation and imagination that permeates its culture and the identity of its most important product: its graduates.

They are researchers, artists, performers, authors, entrepreneurs, soldiers, policy makers, scientists, engineers and philanthropists—each making his or her own contribution to the increasing value of a Boise State degree while finding solutions to some of mankind’s most important questions and challenges.

And, as innovators, many of them eschew more traditional career paths for those that let them apply what they learned at Boise State to new opportunities. For these intrepid Broncos, new directions have not only led to personal success and fulfillment, but also allowed them to leave their own marks on the world.

A Familiar, Old School Feel

There is no mistaking the work of Ward Hooper (B.A., graphic design, ’87). Even if you have not seen one of his popular illustrations, the iconic images and familiar style are timeless.

Infused with civic pride, Hooper’s aesthetic style is rooted in the flowing, floral lines of art nouveau and the homey narrative works of Norman Rockwell—nostalgically reminiscent of silkscreen advertisements from the early 20th century. They often feature a well-known Idaho image, like the jagged backbone of the Sawtooth Mountains, a craftsman-style bungalow from Boise’s North End, or the Perrine Bridge spanning the Snake River Canyon at Twin Falls.

“I took the American spin of those styles and created art specific to this region,” says Hooper. “It’s simplifying icons into graphic images that trigger memories or what someone would like their classic experience at that place to be. I want it to be a walk-away experience.”

It works. Hooper’s illustrations have earned him a number of local recognitions, including top honors as Boise’s favorite visual artist in 2007 by Boise Weekly readers.

As a kid growing up in Grangeville, Hooper wanted to be a wildlife artist. But when he arrived at Boise State, he was told that the best way to make a living in art was to become a graphic designer and go into advertising. He earned his degree and learned the advertising trade.

Then, in 2003, he won the commission for the Art In Transit series, which adorned bus stop kiosks all over the city with familiar images from Boise neighborhoods and landmarks.

“That series was so successful, it gave me a chance to do a lot of things that I’ve always wanted to do,” says Hooper, surrounded in his studio by hundreds of illustrations depicting Idaho’s special places.
The series’ nostalgic rendition of landmarks, like the Idaho Statehouse, downtown Boise’s Idanha Hotel and the Boise train depot, spoke to people.

“Ward made a shift from doing something that was more personal for him to doing something that had more civic awareness and that, oddly, became more personal for those who see his work,” says Karen Bubb, public arts manager for the City of Boise.

While Hooper’s images feel old school, his process is not. Using modern graphic design software, his methods owe more to the advertising and graphic arts methods of his training as a Boise State undergraduate than to the silk-screen process of his inspiration.

His success has allowed him once again to turn to his initial love of outdoor and wildlife subjects. Today, his portfolio is filled with stylized images of Idaho’s natural wonders and mega fauna like elk, wolves and salmon. And occasionally, he’ll take on a corporate commission from a company hoping to associate itself with the same kind of romance that exudes from old Coca-Cola ads of the 1920s – a return of sorts to the advertising of his young career.

“I’ve always been drawn to that older aesthetic that’s reminiscent of an era that few people even remember anymore,” says Hooper.

**A Dream and Another World**

**THERESA GRANT** (B.A., political science, ’98) **HOPES TO DO NOTHING LESS THAN END POVERTY.** She has started that monumental task in a corner of sub-Saharan Africa in the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Grant leads Make a Difference Now, a nonprofit organization that helps empower orphaned children and youth in Tanzania by providing programs and services that focus on education, health, job training and income generating activities.

In Tanzania, the organization operates an orphanage housing 22 children. It covers the $1 per day cost of sending the children to a private elementary school nearby and the $2,000 annual cost of sending them away to a private secondary school where students are boarded. In addition, Make a Difference Now helps about 2,000 children in the Moshi area of Tanzania with the costs of public primary and high school education.

“We want these children to stay as close as possible to their home villages but still get the best education possible,” Grant says. “We want them to come back and use their education among their own people – to give back and help break the cycle of poverty.”

Grant says she never wanted to work in Africa when she was younger. The international relations emphasis of her political science degree set her up nicely as a Silicon Valley public relations professional with a six-figure income.

But five years ago, images of gaunt dark-skinned children suffering the ravages of poverty and sickness alone in a bleak world would not leave her. Night after night, the recurring dream nudged her closer to a reality a world away – literally and figuratively. Finally, she was resolved. She sold all of her possessions and moved to Africa to do what she could to help the continent’s estimated 12.3 million children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

“At that point, I don’t even know if I knew anyone from Africa outside of South Africa,” says Grant.

Ross Burkhart, head of Boise State’s Department of Political Science, says Grant’s experience and choice of career path isn’t uncommon among graduates of his department’s international relations program.

“I think for many of our students, it’s not completely evident how their degrees will be relevant to what they do,” says Burkhart. “It’s an entrepreneurial spirit that they bring to their careers.”

Grant’s goal of ending poverty is gaining momentum. Since 2005, she has raised about $500,000 for Make a Difference Now, in part by enlisting volunteers who spend from two to four weeks helping at orphanages and schools. Volunteers help fund the organization by paying $60 per day for room and board.

A Hailey native, Grant credits her international relations studies at Boise State with planting the seed that grew into Make a Difference Now.

“It opened my eyes to the world,” Grant says, not only of her daily classes, but also of opportunities to study overseas. “I not only got the chance to take classes that addressed another culture, I got to see that culture in action on a daily basis. All have been key to helping me in what I’m doing now.”
Going Green by the Pallet

IN 1999, THE KERNEL OF A NEW IDEA SAT IN FRONT OF JOHN SCHIFF (B.A., communication, ’89) on two pallets of used audio-visual equipment. He'd bought the pallets simply to get his hands on an obsolete tape deck he needed to make tape dubs for one of his public relations clients.

After the dubs were made, Schiff quickly sold the rest of the equipment on a new Web site called eBay. It was the start of Obtainium, one of two eco-minded technology and electronics salvaging companies Schiff owns today in Garden City.

Salvaging and selling anything he can from the truckloads of technological odds and ends he buys, Schiff squeezes the last bit of usefulness from not-quite-obsolete technology, saving it from a landfill for at least one more use.

If he cannot interest Obtainium’s online customers in an item, Schiff often will find a buyer for it at the Reuseum, his storefront outlet that is the only place in town to find a DARPA-NASA drone (if you’re in the market) and has “Idaho’s largest collection of Polaroid cameras,” according to Schiff.

Schiff’s Reuseum is not just for high-tech enthusiasts. It also draws artists, engineers, tinkerers and inventors seeking that just-right part or tool for whatever project they might have on their drawing boards or workbenches.

Subsidized by the profitable Obtainium, Schiff sees the Reusement as a place to off-load things he cannot turn into profit.

“Unfortunately, here we have the mentality that we use it and throw it away,” says Schiff, who sells most of the things he acquires to resource-hungry China. “Reusing this isn’t just a great green idea, it’s a way to grow the economy.”

John Gardner, associate vice president for energy research, policy and campus sustainability at Boise State and a fan of the Reuseum, agrees. In particular, Gardner is enamored of the regular workshops hosted by Schiff and Reuseum manager David Gapen to help customers build useful items using recycled materials.

“This idea of selling industrial and government surplus isn’t new,” says Gardner. “But helping people understand the technology and reuse it – that is. There are an awful lot of resources invested in the things he has on those shelves and to throw it away is such a waste.”

Today, Obtainium’s lofty warehouse is temporary home to a lightning generator from Stanford University, pallets of air filters from the Department of Energy’s Nevada Test Site and rows and rows of other unlikely items.

It’s junk to most, but to those who get what Schiff is trying to do, it’s gold.

“We just cannot continue to use things up and expect the economy to keep up,” says Schiff, looking around at the Reuseum’s shelves. “We’ve only just begun to think about ways to make stuff like this work for us again. It’s important that people begin thinking about this on a level that really makes a difference.”
A couple of years ago, physics professor Dewey Dykstra incorporated online discussion groups into some of his courses to encourage students to interact outside of the classroom. While browsing their comments, he noticed one student had been absent from the conversation, as well as from class.

Exchanging e-mail messages with him, Dykstra learned that the student had been having some difficulties. But the student assured him he would be back soon and closed with, “Thanks for caring.”

“I’ve always cared,” Dykstra says. “I just haven’t always had the tools to track every student. Technology has made it possible to have this rather private conversation, and some students really respond to that.”

Increasing numbers of Boise State faculty are utilizing new technology to reach out to students and enhance the learning experience.

“What we’re trying to do is connect faculty with the tools that allow them to create the best possible learning environment for their students,” says Susan Shadle, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. “Technology is just a set of tools. It may make teaching more effective for small groups or large groups, improve communication, make documents available to students, allow for substantive discussion, encourage student response, make things paperless and efficient, help students and faculty reflect on their work, foster student collaboration or help faculty capture their lectures. It’s never technology for technology’s sake. It’s all about teaching and learning.”

Physical spaces

When the Center for Teaching and Learning opened three years ago inside the new Interactive Learning Center (ILC) — a building aptly named for its technology emphasis — it gave faculty a place to gather and grapple with all of the questions new technology poses. What can an application do that nothing else can? Does it open new doors to learning? How does it change the way class time is utilized?

The center and its Division of Academic Technologies evaluates new technologies and introduces them to faculty members through a steady offering of training sessions and hands-on assistance. And faculty are responding in increasing numbers.
Teach-ology: where teaching meets technology

By Sherry Squires

Physics professor Dewey Dykstra’s students grasp introductory physics concepts with the aid of motion-sensing technology.
“The whole concept of the Interactive Learning Center is not a common feature at universities,” says Ben Hambelton, director for Academic Technologies. “Boise State is a leading institution in the Northwest at incorporating technology and intensive faculty training.”

Campus also offers new places where students can put technology to work. Biology students can utilize a 3D visualization classroom in the ILC to view images on a larger and more detailed scale than ever before. Students recently used The Zone, a multi-media lab in the ILC, to create video tours of downtown Boise in a foreign language, focusing both on their speaking skills and visual communication. The Johnson Room in the Student Union Building was re-dedicated as a TeamSpot room this semester, allowing student collaborators to plug in their separate computers and share a single large screen where they can exchange work, share files or work together on a single file. These technology hotspots are found throughout campus, and Boise State’s new buildings all are designed with available and emerging technologies in mind.

This access to an array of media helps students improve digital literacy skills that go far beyond cell phones and social media networks.

“Things are happening all the time to help us harness the devices our students already have in their hands and their attachment to technology,” Shadle said. “We as a campus are starting to explore it and understand its power.”

**Today’s bulletin board**

One of the most widely used technologies at Boise State is Blackboard, a Web-based course management system. Long gone are the days of gathering around bulletin boards outside a professor's office. Blackboard enables instructors to share course materials, host discussion boards, conduct virtual chat, give online quizzes and more. Professors may supplement an on-campus class by posting their syllabi and handouts on their course sites, or conduct a class entirely through Blackboard.

“If a faculty member isn’t using Blackboard, a student is likely to ask why,” says Hambelton. “We’ve grown accustomed to learning and accessing information anytime, anywhere. That’s the landscape we’re in.”

**Just a click away**

More and more, Boise State students find that clickers dot their classroom landscapes. About 45 faculty members already are using the hand-held devices that, with the click of a button, allow students to submit instant feedback that’s displayed for the class to see. All general classroom computers are set up to receive information from clickers and they’re one of the fastest growing technologies at Boise State. It’s easy to see why, says psychology professor Eric Landrum.

“I’ve used clickers in classes of 35 and of 250 students, and in all cases they increase interaction,” he says. “Shy students can’t hide. Clickers are the digital equivalent of having their voice heard.”

**Hands-on learning**

Besides having their hands on clickers, Boise State students are benefitting from a number of cutting-edge technologies that bring textbook concepts to life.

When the Norco Building opened in January, it included a state-of-the-art lab where nursing students practice treatments on simulation mannequins. The lifelike robotic patients have heart rates, breath sounds and responsive eyes. Technicians operate them from a control room with a wireless tablet, giving students an unmatched patient simulation.

In the Music Department, professor Wallis Bratt utilizes composi-
tion software to help aspiring musicians hear their original works as a full orchestra would play them and spot any problems they might have with instrumental range or technical difficulties with instruments. and Dykstra uses motion detectors in his introductory physical science classes to teach physics concepts to non-science majors.

“The technology enables us to engage students’ minds in powerful ways not otherwise possible,” Dykstra says.

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Boise State is taking advantage of Internet technology to reach a rapidly growing off-campus student body. About a quarter of Boise State’s current students are enrolled in at least one online course and an increasing number of departments are developing full online degrees. The university’s eight existing degrees include a master’s degree in Instructional & Performance Technology that’s been online for several years.

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Boise State’s Department of Educational Technology is on the cusp of new Internet-based technologies. They teach and conduct teacher education research on EdTech Island, an online three-dimensional teaching and learning environment within the virtual world Second Life. Teachers log in and participate using avatars. EdTech Island draws thousands of users from around the world and Boise State’s EdTech faculty use the site to teach five different graduate courses and support a multi-partner professional organization simulation called CAVE.

Idaho alone has more than 20,000 K-12 students who take at least one online class and there are more than a million of them nationally. Boise State was the first university in the country to develop a program for training K-12 teachers to teach online.

Boise State also is part of a substantial movement in higher education to make coursework and faculty expertise available online through sites like iTunesU. They make it easier to find, share and use content for educational purposes. In addition, Boise State can be found on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and a number of its faculty members are bloggers.

Those leading the technology charge say the result is a learning environment not restricted by physical location or hours, and on-campus learning that takes on a whole new dimension.

“Used appropriately, technology does not create a barrier between the teacher and the learner,” Shadle says. “Instead it can clearly accentuate relationships and learning, and that’s what we’re out to do.”

Lifelike “patients” give students a realistic hospital room experience.
THE SKY IS NO LIMIT:
Space-Related Research on the Rise at Boise State

By Erin Ryan

For centuries, mankind has looked to the stars for answers and essential questions. Some of the most exciting advancements in knowledge and technology have come from scientists and engineers in the aerospace field, and Boise State is fast becoming a launch pad for related research.

Faculty members have initiated about a dozen NASA-funded projects since 2007 in disciplines ranging from geophysics to materials science, and students are just as motivated. In 2009 alone, an interdisciplinary research team shared runner-up honors with MIT in an international lunar outpost design competition, and an engineering research team completed a lunar rover traction experiment for NASA’s Microgravity University program. Two new teams are participating in Microgravity University 2010, thanks in part to the inspiration and guidance of former NASA astronaut Barbara Morgan, who is Boise State’s distinguished educator in residence.

That’s a lot of Broncos with their eyes on the sky. But in the wake of President Obama’s recent budget proposal, the aerospace community is shifting gears. NASA is moving away from manned missions in order to ramp up robotic exploration and Earth observation, and one research project in Boise State’s College of Engineering fits particularly well into this modified vision for the American space program.

The project aims to develop an affordable, micro-propulsion system that could strategically point small satellites and enable them to maintain position while in Earth’s orbit, and it received a $630,479 NASA EPSCoR grant last year. NASA’s Glenn Research Center is a partner in the effort to miniaturize an electric thruster, using plasma and low-temperature, co-fired ceramic (LTCC) materials to integrate fluidics and electronics in order to reduce the volume of propellant and increase satellite lifespan.

“Very few organizations do research with LTCC, and Boise State is essentially the only one focused on spacecraft propulsion,” says principal investigator and mechanical engineering professor Don Plumlee. “The beauty of our concept is that the power to produce thrust comes from an electrical system charged by a solar array, bringing cost and complexity way down.”

“Our plasma system produces 1,000 times more energy than a traditional chemical rocket,” says co-principal investigator Jim Browning, a professor of electrical and computer engineering. “And it uses a lot less propellant.”

The research team (pictured above), also includes professors Sin Ming Loo and Inanc Senocak, graduate students Sonya Shawver, Matthew McCrink, Carl Lee and Jack Woldtvedt and intern Logan Knowles, a 16-year-old student at the Treasure Valley Math and Science Center (TVMSC). Knowles played a significant role in retrofitting a vacuum chamber for testing the thruster, and he is contributing to the overall process from design to fabrication.

“I’ve learned that things don’t just work — you have to develop new skills and solve problems as you go,” Knowles says, adding that his love of science has now expanded to engineering, especially where it concerns aerospace. “I always wanted to be on the cutting edge, and space is the ultimate challenge.”

MARIA MITKOVA
Mitkova will test the potential utility of chalcogenide glasses in a new generation of radiation sensors that could enable satellites and spacecraft to probe farther into space or be used to more effectively monitor high-level nuclear waste on Earth.

JAMES FERGUSON
Ferguson seeks to improve the performance of gas turbine machinery used in aerospace and defense by developing new experimental techniques for analyzing how to best use cooling air to optimize fuel consumption, mechanical integrity and thermal efficiency.

SONDRA MILLER
Miller is developing new methods to accurately monitor air pollution on-site in various environments by using wireless sensor networks to remotely identify, characterize and quantify particulate matter.

INANC SENOCAK
Senocak and his team are developing a new computational fluid dynamics code that integrates graphics processing units, or GPUs, in powerful computing clusters to accelerate time-to-results in aerodynamics simulations.
By Erin Ryan

American poet William Stafford observed that children dance before they learn there is anything that isn’t music. There are those who refuse that lesson, who make movement their first language and hear music even in the absence of sound. They show us what the human body can do when nothing is wasted and the power of physical control blurs into emotional surrender. They are dancers.

Boise is home to Idaho Dance Theatre (IDT) and Trey McIntyre Project (TMP), two professional dance companies that are working with Boise State to advance the art form and its educational and cultural offshoots. Through a new agreement, the university is offering customized courses from the core curriculum that combine classroom and distance learning to accommodate dancers’ unconventional schedules. In return, the companies are providing the Boise State community better access to more performances and recognition as a vital partner. As the dynamic develops, it may grow to include the Treasure Valley arts community as a whole.

PRACTICAL PASSION

“From choreography to music, scenery to storylines, it has always been a hallmark of IDT to take advantage of the talent and expertise on campus as well as share the company’s unique resources,” says Marla Hansen, co-founder of IDT and head of the dance discipline in Boise State’s Department of Theatre Arts.

IDT alumnus Justin Allen took advantage of the company’s long-standing academic agreement with Boise State before he graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1997. Now a successful writer and performer in New York City, he says splitting his passions as an undergraduate was invaluable.

“In order to follow this unusual career path, I needed to be able to study dance simultaneously,” he says, adding that the storytelling methods he learned as a dancer continue to inform his work as a novelist and ballet script writer.

The recent agreement offers even more opportunities for performers to pursue their academic goals, which helped IDT dancer and elementary education major Caitlin Stanley.

“I am equally passionate about my education and my dancing career,” she says. “I will push my body as far as I can, but I will always have my degree to back me up.”

While performance is a consuming passion, IDT dancer Caitlin Stanley (above left) and TMP dancer Ashley Werhun (below) also are dedicated to pursuing higher education.

BODY AND MIND

In its first full performance season in 2008, TMP toured more than 25 cities across the globe. The ensuing acclaim is built on absolute discipline, demanding nearly every ounce of passion the dancers possess.

“These are incredibly skilled, talented people working at a physical level far above the human average, but cognitive thought uses a different part of the brain,” says TMP executive director and dancer John Michael Schert. “We learn every day as dancers, and the agreement with Boise State is another way for us to open our minds, to evolve. In turn, we want to make the university community part of what we do.”

Five TMP dancers are taking a tailor-made English class this spring, including Ashley Werhun. No stranger to the balancing act, Werhun attended a traditional high school in Edmonton, Alberta, and trained with the National Ballet of Canada and Juilliard during the summers. TMP is her first full-time job as a professional, and even with the added rigors of being a college student, she says the rewards are equally substantial.

“Having this relationship with Boise State is such a gift. It’s an absolute wonder. Every dancer friend of mine is jealous,” Werhun says. “I love getting out of my work mind and concentrating on school, having that balance. It has made my experience of Boise much richer.”

For more about Idaho Dance Theatre, visit http://idahodancetheatre.org/.

For more about Trey McIntyre Project, visit http://www.treymcintyre.com/
When Lynne Barnes came to work at Boise State in 2006 as an administrative assistant for the Boise State Foundation, she was surprised to learn how crucial private donations are for students and the university as a whole. “I soon realized that any money I could give would be very important for our success overall,” she says.

With a daughter who now is an undergraduate research assistant in materials science and engineering at Boise State, that simple truth is even more apparent. Not only do scholarships help the university attract and support a wide variety of talented students, she says, they also allow those students to graduate with less debt and a greater chance of success.

Barnes is one of almost 8,400 donors who have come “on board” since the launch of the $175 million Destination Distinction campaign in July 2004. Together with long-time donors, supporters like Barnes have helped raise more than $125 million for people, places and programs at the university.

A total of 499 new funds have been created through the life of the campaign, including several academic programs and 315 new scholarships.

Ryan Warburton, a general business and marketing major from Idaho Falls, is just one example of how scholarship support can be vital to student success. The honor student’s choice to attend Boise State over a private university was based largely on his ability to graduate without debt.

“I could not convince myself that being $50,000-$60,000 in debt would be worth it when I was done,” he says. “Having the financial assistance to know I could focus on my studies without needing to worry about a full-time job, and live in such a great city, really cinched the deal.”

In addition to scholarships, three additional endowed chairs are furthering scholarly endeavors across disciplines, and 13 other new faculty support positions, including professorships and lectureships, are attracting and retaining talented educators to the university.

The campaign is changing the face of campus in other noticeable ways as well, from the spectacular Steuckle Sky Center perched above the blue turf on the east end of campus and the Ron and Linda Yanke Family research Park on Parkcenter Boulevard to the newly opened Norco Building that houses the Department of Nursing and University Health Services, the Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development (CESED) now rising near the Stadium, and the College of Business and Economics building slated to begin construction soon at the west entrance to campus.

Almost 30 percent of university employees support the campaign, many through payroll deduction, while almost 10,000 alumni have rallied to the cause. More than 650 donors have made gifts of $10,000 or more, while 19 have generously given more than $1 million each.

Dollar by dollar, Boise State supporters are continuing to advance the mission and vision of the institution and elevating “Destination Distinction” from campaign slogan to reality.

“By supporting the Destination Distinction campaign our donors are lifting the university to new heights and allowing our students to achieve their greatest potential,” says Vice President for Advancement Howard Smith. “Thousands of students, faculty and staff are benefiting from their vision and commitment.”
New Business Building Set to Begin Construction

The new $37 million home for the College of Business and Economics will begin rising at the southwest entrance to campus later this year.

The Micron Technology Foundation committed to a $12.5 million lead gift for the business building in 2007, with $5 million of it contingent on Boise State raising matching funds by Dec. 31, 2009. Thanks to the generosity of more than 750 alumni and friends, the university met the match.

“The idea that the new COBE building is actually going to be a reality is really starting to set in with our faculty, staff, students and alumni,” said Patrick Shannon, dean of the college. “The fact that so many people and organizations stepped in to support this project gives me great pride and shows that they believe in us as much as we believe in ourselves.”

The building, designed by Boise firm Hummel Architects, will be about 110,000 square feet and will support the college's future growth. Located at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and University Drive, it is expected to open in fall 2012.

Shannon noted that the new building will transform COBE in many important ways, from how faculty teach and students learn to how the university interacts with the business community.

The building’s design emphasizes student learning, research and community collaboration. It also will house the college’s Business Research and Economic Development Center, the Idaho Small Business Development Center, the Center for Creativity and Innovation and the Center for Entrepreneurship.

Sustainable building practices are a prime consideration in the building’s design. For example, plans include using geothermal energy as a heating source and optimizing use of natural light.

For more information, including a virtual tour, visit cobe.boisestate.edu/cobefuturehome or contact Cheryl Larabee at (208) 426-2039.

Ways to Give Through Your Estate Plan

There are just about as many ways to make a charitable estate gift as there are people who give. In addition to the customary methods, we at Boise State University work with you to tailor your particular estate gift to fit your objectives while at the same time enhancing the university’s mission.

### TYPES

- **Bequest in Will or Revocable Living Trust**
  - A gift you make by naming Boise State in your will for a certain dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the residuary

- **Charitable Gift Annuity**
  - A contract in which the Boise State Foundation agrees to pay you back a percentage of your gift annually for your lifetime

- **Life Insurance**
  - A gift of an existing or new policy with the Boise State Foundation named as beneficiary and owner

- **Retirement Plan**
  - A gift made by naming the Boise State Foundation as remainder beneficiary after your death

- **Retained Life Estate**
  - A donation of your home or farm but with the right to continue living there

- **Charitable Remainder Trust**
  - Trusts that pay a set or variable income to you or those you name before Boise State receives remainder

- **Charitable Lead Trust**
  - A trust that pays Boise State an income for a period of years before you or your heirs receive the trust remainder

### BENEFITS

- **Reduces size of taxable estate**
- **Gives you flexibility in providing for family needs first**

- **Immediate income tax deduction for part of your gift’s value, capital gains spread out over life expectancy, a portion of the income is tax-exempt**
- **Gives you and/or another beneficiary a set income for life**

- **Immediate income tax deduction for gift’s value, plus possible estate tax savings**
- **Provides a way to make a significant gift with minimal capital outlay**

- **Heirs avoid income tax and possibly estate tax**
- **Preserves 100 percent of plan’s value and allows you to leave heirs other, less costly bequests**

- **Immediate income tax deduction for the charitable value of the gift, plus no capital gains tax liability**
- **Allows you to live in your home or farm and still receive charitable deduction; assures immediate passage of title upon your death**

- **Income tax savings from deduction, no capital gains tax liability, possible estate tax savings**
- **Provides guaranteed or annual income that could increase if trust value increases**

- **Gift or estate tax savings for value of payments made to a charity**
- **Allows you to pass assets to heirs intact at reduced or even no estate or gift tax**
For more than 15 years, Greg Kaltenecker has studied bird migration patterns along the Boise Ridge, a significant stopover for a variety of raptors and songbirds. Grants and other “soft” money kept the program running but didn’t allow for major growth. So when Winston Moore recently invested in the Idaho Bird Observatory by creating an endowed chair, Kaltenecker was ecstatic. “I was really honored that he saw fit to do that and that he really believed in me personally and in the good the program is doing,” says Kaltenecker, the chair’s inaugural recipient.

Moore’s gift, combined with Boise State’s continued investment in the program, has allowed the Idaho Bird Observatory to attract even more attention to Kaltenecker’s activities and both the university and the program. Creating an endowed faculty position is perhaps the single most important step a donor can take to assist Boise State in its goal of becoming a metropolitan research university of distinction. Not only do faculty endowments honor prominent faculty members by providing much-needed resources, they also support their work and make the academic department, and the university as a whole, stronger.

Marsha and Kirk Smith endowed a professorship in the College of Business and Economics (COBE) because they felt it would foster academic excellence among the faculty. “Whether given to an existing distinguished faculty member or used as a recruiting tool, endowed positions ensure that COBE has the most talented teachers and scholars and continues to establish itself as one of the premiere business schools in our region,” Kirk says.

Jeri Bigbee, the Jody DeMeyer Endowed Chair in the Department of Nursing, said the prestige of her position, as well as its emphasis on public health, was definitely an attraction. In fact, she turned down other offers in favor of accepting the first endowed chair in nursing in the state of Idaho. “It’s incredibly important that Boise State continue to create endowed chairs and professorships, because it really does attract people nationally and internationally who can strengthen and build the institution,” she says. “And it brings prestige to the university as a whole.”

Thus far, the Destination Distinction campaign has helped create 16 new endowed faculty positions, including chairs, professorships and lectureships. By helping to build the university’s reputation and attracting additional resources and talented individuals to its faculty and student body, these positions are extending the impact of Boise State’s endowed professors across campus and beyond.

For more information about how you can establish an endowed faculty position, call University Advancement at (208) 426-3276.
Norco Building Opens with Gratitude

In January, the Norco Building celebrated its grand opening after seven years of planning. Following is an excerpt from College of Health Sciences Dean Jim Girvan’s comments on that occasion.

“When a long-term goal is set and then realized, there is an obvious sense of accomplishment. For me, however, that sense of accomplishment is bolstered by an even greater sense of gratitude.

“Research shows that a campus that does not emphasize health in the broadest sense compromises student learning. So in this facility you see the beginning of a synergistic partnership that will serve our students, our campus and the greater community well.

“We would be nowhere in accomplishing this dream without the financial support of the Kissler Family Foundation, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, St. Luke’s Health System and others.

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Norco Building, which houses the Department of Nursing and University Health Services, officially opened in January

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Stay in Touch

Lahoma Dupuis was the grand prize winner in Boise State’s recent Stay in Touch drawing. Dupuis’ name was chosen at random from more than 100 people who responded to a mailing asking alumni and friends of the university to update their contact information.

If you have moved, changed your e-mail or have news to share, update your contact information by logging on to the online community at https://boisestate.ealumni.com/.
Bronco Football: A Decade of Dominance
By Brad Larrondo

DECADE OF DOMINANCE. THE GOLDEN ERA. BCS BUSTER. Whatever words you use to describe the past 10 years of Boise State football simply understate what has been accomplished on the field.

Consider this, Boise State’s 112 win tally in the 10-year span from 2000-2009 is a modern era college football record for the number of victories in a decade, bettered only by Penn’s 124 wins and Yale’s 116 wins, both from 1890-1899. Yes, you read that correctly; 1890-1899 marks the last time a team had a decade as dominant as the Broncos.

Boise State’s consistent and dynamic play has allowed the program to complete an amazing quadruple crown as the nation’s best during the past decade: highest overall winning percentage (86.8 percent), highest conference winning percentage (94.8 percent), highest home winning percentage (96.9 percent) and highest-scoring team (41.4 points per game). These staggering numbers place the Broncos atop a list that includes the Who’s Who of college football, with teams like Texas, Ohio State, Oklahoma, USC and Florida all chasing Boise State.
Here’s a by-the-numbers look at what Boise State has accomplished since 1999

112  » Total number of wins, most in the nation
96.9 » Home winning percentage (63-2 record), best in the nation
94.8 » Conference winning percentage (73-4 record), best in the nation
86.8 » Overall winning percentage (112-17 record), best in the nation
73  » Number of conference wins, best in the nation
68-4 » Overall record in WAC games, a winning percentage of 94.4
64  » First Team All-Conference players
45  » Games played on national television (38-7 record)
41.4 » Points per game scoring average, best in the nation
35  » Games with 50+ points
10  » Straight winning seasons
8  » Consecutive years ranked in the top 25
8  » Years ranked in top 10 nationally in scoring offense
4  » Season-ending national ranking in 2009, highest in school history
3  » Different head coaches to win a conference championship and bowl game (Dirk Koetter, Dan Hawkins and Chris Petersen)
2  » Perfect seasons (2006 and 2009)
2  » BCS bowl championships (2007 and 2010 Tostitos Fiesta Bowls)
0  » Seasons with fewer than eight wins
ALUMNI CENTER HAS ANONYMOUS BENEFAC TOR

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE BOISE STATE ALUMNI CENTER RECENTLY RECEIVED A BIG BOOST FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO OFFERED TO MATCH UP TO $2 MILLION FOR ANY DONATIONS MADE TO THE PROJECT THROUGH FEBRUARY 2011.

All contributions made to the Alumni Center Campaign, including any gifts to the Dyke Nally Recognition Hall or the Intercollegiate Knights Conference Room, will be matched dollar for dollar. This generous offer encompasses cash gifts and pledges that will be fulfilled within the next five years.

“We are so honored to have such strong alumni support for this new building,” says Mark Arstein, executive director for the Boise State Alumni Association. “We gladly accept this challenge to find other generous donors who will help us build a new home for all alumni.”

The goal of the Alumni Center campaign, which is part of the $175 million Destination Distinction campaign for People, Places and Programs of Boise State, is to raise funds for a new and larger alumni center on the site of the current building at the corner of University Drive and Grant Street.

“Our wish,” says Allen Dykman, an initial donor to the project, “is to create a larger facility that will be a comfortable and welcoming home for all alumni and friends of Boise State.”

The facility also will house the entire University Advancement team, including the offices of Alumni Relations, Communications and Marketing, Advancement and the Boise State Foundation. The building likely will have several spaces available for public rental, and it will proudly display a variety of campus memorabilia.

To double your donation by making a contribution during this matching funds window, contact Mark Arstein at markarstein@boisestate.edu, call (208) 426-3277 or go to https://giving.universityadvancement.org/ and click on Alumni Association, then write “Alumni Center” in the designated space.

DYKE NALLY RECOGNITION HALL

Dyke Nally was honored in June 2009 for his continuing loyalty to Boise State at an event that kicked off efforts to raise $1 million to name the building’s grand hall after this long-time alumni director.

“By naming this great room after Dyke, we will embody his ever-present spirit of tradition, the sincerity of his lifelong loyalty, and the passion and enthusiasm he carries for Boise State,” says Karin King, event coordinator and long-time Nally friend. “We hope that all of Dyke’s friends will honor him by giving to this building campaign.”

DYke nallY recoGnItIoN hALL

Dyke Nally’s history with Boise State spans more than 30 years. He worked at the school, then graduated in 1969 while employed as director of the Student Union. From 1974 to 1995, he was executive director of the Boise State Alumni Association. He now heads the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary.

NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 1 FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

May 1 is the last day to submit nominations for the Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Service Awards presented each year during Homecoming.

Graduates who have built records of outstanding achievement within their chosen professions will be recognized at the third annual Presidential Alumni Recognition Gala held the Friday evening of Homecoming.

Nomination materials are available at http://alumni.boisestate.edu/programs/alumni_awards.asp. All materials must be returned to the Boise State Alumni Association by May 1.
THANKS TO OUTGOING ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

The Boise State Alumni Association will recognize outgoing board members Paul Basom ’99, Jim Davis ’75, Toni Hardesty ’88, Travis Jensen ’94, and Debbie Kaylor ’93 at the May board of directors meeting. These leaders have served with great loyalty over the last several years.

Basom, president of All Available Properties, has served on the board since 2006 and participated on the marketing/membership committee.

Davis, a Boise attorney, completed his second term with the alumni board. From 1991 to 1999, he moved through all the leadership chairs including service as president of the board. He also has served on the Bronco Athletic Association board, the Boise State Foundation board and the SSPA advisory board.

Hardesty, director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, began her alumni board service in 2006 and has participated on the Bronco Advocacy committee.

Jensen, an audit partner with KPMG, began his alumni board affiliation in 2002 and worked his way through leadership positions including immediate past president. He is a member of the Boise State Foundation board and the COBE Accountancy Department advisory board.

Kaylor, director of the Boise State Career Center, began her board service in 2006 and served as chair of the Traditions Committee. Kaylor was a BAA board member for six years.

Alumni Association members are invited to the Boise State Alumni Association annual meeting to be held on May 19. Watch alumni.boisestate.edu for the time and place.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS STUDENTS

Ever wonder how the Alumni Association uses your membership dollars? You know that the money pays for alumni activities like Fiesta Bowl parties, chapter events and Homecoming, but your tax-deductible donation of dues also supports student outreach. By touching current students, we build loyal future alumni.

Student events supported by the Boise State Alumni Association include Homecoming activities like the parade and the pep rally, grad events and fall Convocation’s Short Stack Shindig of blue and orange pancakes.

The F.A.N. Club (Future Alumni Network — formerly SAA) student organization, sponsored by the Alumni Association, grows traditions on campus. The group hosts the Short Stack Shindig, holds a School Pride Day, volunteers on campus and in the community, and plans an annual “Beat U of I Night” during basketball season.

Financial help also goes to our Bronco Contacts who host barbecues in their hometowns before students return to campus each fall. And through a partnership with the Office of Admissions, the Alumni Association recruited 41 volunteers for our newest tradition of writing welcome cards to incoming students. More than 400 freshmen received personal notes from alumni who were thrilled to share memories and words of encouragement with these new Broncos.

With your support, we’ve revived an important tradition called Boise State Day at the Capitol. In February, we took 81 student researchers and 53 poster displays directly to legislators to show them the caliber of students at Boise State. It’s a great experience that these students would not have without alumni support.

Your membership also funds Alumni Legacy Scholarships. These full-tuition, in-state, renewable scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of Boise State grads. When the fall semester starts, we will have 10 students on scholarship.

Finally, your dues will help us start two new Alumni Legacy Scholarships for the Magic Valley and for the North Idaho/Northeast Washington area. Information will soon be available via the alumni Web site and e-mail, so if you will have freshmen ready to attend Boise State in Fall 2011, make sure your e-mail is current and you’re a dues-paying member. Visit alumni.boisestate.edu.

Calendar of Events, 2010

APRIL
Tuesday, 20, Top Ten Scholars Reception
Friday, 30, Construction Management alumni annual golf tournament

MAY
Monday, 3, Distinguished Alumni/Service Award nominations due
Wednesday, 11, Twin Falls Commencement ceremony
Friday, 14, Boise State Commencement
Wednesday, 19, Alumni board meeting/annual member meeting

JUNE
Thursday, 24, Magic Valley Alumni Chapter brings Bronco football coach Chris Petersen to Twin Falls (time and cost TBA)
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The Alumni Association’s new membership plan allows dues to accumulate toward a life membership. Bronco for Life levels start as low as $45 with full alumni benefits. You can spread your payments over 5, 10 or even 15 years. Pay your Bronco for Life membership in full before May 31 and you’ll receive a special Bronco for Life license plate frame. Pay the first installment of your membership pledge and you’ll receive the Ward Hooper window cling pictured at right.

Whether you’re a die-hard football fan or you support academic and scholarship programs, there’s something for every Bronco alum. Alumni memberships open the door to enjoying the REC Center, Albertsons Library, discounts at the Bookstore and Outdoor Rental Center, lunch at the Bronco Zone in the Stueckle Sky Center and much more.

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CONNECTIONS

IN TOUCH

1960s


1970s

TERRY WALTMAN, B5, psychology, ’75, received a Lifetime Service Award from the Idaho Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders division of the Idaho Federation Council of Exceptional Children. Waltman has worked as a teacher and counselor for many schools in Boise.

SHARON HARRIGFELD-HIXON, BA, sociology, ’79, was appointed director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Before her new assignment, Harrigfeld-Hixon was the administrator of Juvenile Corrections’ Community Operations and Programs Services Division. She lives in Boise.

1980s

J.R. COMPTON, BBA, management, ’81, of Boise is commander of the 190th fighter squadron that provided part of the National Guard flyover for the Boise State vs. University of Oregon football game in September 2009.

WENDY FRENCH, BA, elementary education, ’82, is director of federal programs and curriculum for the Mountain View School District. French lives in Grangeville.

SUNNY SMALLWOOD, BS, physical education, ’85, is in her second season as associate head women’s basketball coach for the University of Nebraska. Small lives in Lincoln, Neb., and previously filled the same position at the University of California, Berkeley.


JOHN SCHIFF, BA, communication, ’89, is the founder and owner of Reuseum and Obtainium Technology Recyclers. He recently moved the company to a new facility in Boise.

1990s

KIM HIGER, MBA, business administration, ’96, was hired as a high school math teacher for the Homedale School District. Higer lives in Caldwell.

DENNIS ANKENY, BBA, business education, ’92, retired from teaching. He spent most of his teaching career in Homedale, where he taught business, math and computer courses. Ankeny lives in Caldwell.

DAVID MILLER, BA, marketing, ’92, was given the field grade command rank of lieutenant colonel. Miller has been with the Air National Guard since 1994. He lives in Richmond Hill, Ga.

MARY PARKS, BA, communication, ’94, retired last year from the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. She served in American embassies in four countries: Barbados, England, Rwanda and Germany. Parks lives in Boise.

WES POWELL, BBA, marketing, ’94, was hired as director of customer experience for the Gourmet Food and Gift Basket Brands for 1800flowers.com. Powell lives in Saint Charles, Ill.

SCOTT MARTIN, BA, political science, ’95; MBA, public administration, ’00, was hired as director for 21st Century Parks. The nonprofit agency is working on development of a park system by Floyds Fork in Louisville, Ky. Martin previously worked as director of the Department of Commerce and Leisure Services in Franklin County, Va.

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SEAN SMITH, BA, history, '97, was named principal of Sage Valley Middle School. Smith was previously the assistant principal for the same school. He lives in Nampa.

MARYAM MESMARIAN, BBA, operations management, '97; BBA, computer information systems, '97, of Janesville, Wis., earned her master's degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Minnesota.

THOMAS ROSENTHAL, MBA, '97, received the Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award for outstanding service to scouting and Rotary. Rosenthal, who is president of the Boise Sunrise Rotary Club, is a supervisor and research analyst with the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare's Medicaid division.

DAVE WAYNE, BBA, marketing, '98, was promoted to company president of Connect Wireless, an exclusive agent for AT&T Wireless products and services. Wayne, who lives in Eagle, co-founded the company in 2002.

KELLIE LEWIS-RAY, BS, social science, '98, is in her third season as the assistant women's basketball coach for the University of Nebraska. Lewis-Ray was previously the assistant women's basketball coach for the University of Washington. Lewis-Ray lives in Lincoln, Neb.

JASON CROWELL, BA, history, '99, became the senior associate attorney for the Salt Lake City office of Stoel Rives LLP. Previously, Crowell worked in the firm's Seattle office.

MELYSSA FERRO, BS, secondary education, '99, was selected as a state-level finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ferro teaches at Syringa Middle School and lives in Caldwell.

JOHANNA SCHUCK JOHNSON, BA, communication, '01, published "Just Jump!" a book that helps people build confidence and courage. Johnson, who lives in Boise, is the founder and president of Johanna Johnson & Co.

JAMES SPOONER, BS, athletic training, '01, is the head football athletic trainer for New Mexico State University. Spooner, who lives in Las Cruces, N.M., was previously the head athletic trainer for teams in the AFL and ECHL.

JENNY WOODARD, BS, health science, '01, was hired as an account manager for Fisher's Document Systems. Woodard lives in Boise.

ERIC TAYLOR, BA, political science, '03, became a member of Rigby's planning and zoning commission in October.

JADE STACEY, BS, political science, '04, became an associate for Elam & Burke PA's legal team. Stacey was a law clerk before joining the Boise legal team.

YANCY MAILES, BA, history, '07, was the featured speaker at the Boise Public Library for the Friends of the Library general meeting in September. Mailes, who lives in Mountain Home, retired from the Air Force in 2007 as a master sergeant.

NICK CUNNINGHAM, BA, communication, '08, was named to the No. 3 U.S. Olympic four-man bobsled team. Cunningham lives in Monterey, Calif., and was a sprinter and captain of the Boise State track and field team.

Misty Dietz, BA, English, '08, became a middle school literacy block teacher for the Marsing School District. Dietz, who lives in Meridian, previously
was employed at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center.

ADRIENNE EVANS, BS, sociology, ’08, is director of United Vision for Idaho. Evans, who lives in Boise, previously worked on a project with the organization to develop connections between rural communities.

BRIAN LEE, MA, education, ’08, who lives in Boise, is assistant principal of Sage Valley Middle School. Prior to his new position, Lee taught in the Vallivue School District.

JUDY PULLMAN, BS, nursing, ’08, became coordinator for West Valley’s Orthopedic Service Line. Pullman, who lives in Caldwell, previously worked as a case manager for the same hospital.

AJ CHURCH, BS, political science, ’09, was appointed as the regional director for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo’s south-central office in Twin Falls. Last year, Church held the same position in Crapo’s southwestern office.

CHRISTINE TRUESDELL, BA, elementary education, ’09, was hired as an elementary school teacher for the Homedale School District. She also was hired as director of “Club Kid,” an after-school elementary program. Truesdell lives in Wilder.

CHARLES ROUNTREE, BS, biology, ’71, was honored as Meridian’s Man of the Year. Rountree worked for the Idaho Transportation Department for 32 years. He also helped develop the Meridian Little League and participated in the creation of Fuller Park with the Western Ada Recreation District.

KILE THOMPSON, TC, recreational/small engine repair, ’09; ATC, recreational/small engine repair, ’09, has been hired as a technician for Lawn Equipment Co. Thompson lives in Meridian.

ANGELA KATONA-BATCHelor, MFA, visual arts, ’07, BFA, visual arts, ’04, had her work displayed at the Rosenthal Gallery at the College of Idaho. Katona-Batchelor lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

TODD CHRISTENSEN, BS, political science, ’96, became the president/CEO of the Coeur d’Alene Area Chamber of Commerce. Christensen previously worked as vice president/marketing director for Bank of the Pacific.

SHARON GAWRON, BA, elementary education, ’72; MA, education curriculum and instruction, ’81, Boise.

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LARRY KERPIERWSKI, BA, general business, ’71, Boise.

KAREN KIMBLE, BA, accountancy, ’01, Nampa.

JACk EVANS, BS, social science, ’77; BS, social science, ’05, Utah.

PATRICK “PAT” FARREll, AA, social science, ’88, New Meadows.

STEPEHEN CROSSMAN, BA, social science, secondary education, ’69, Longville, Minn.

TED DORAMUS, BS, physical education, ’86, Caldwell.

GEORGE DUNN, AS, arts and sciences, ’65, Boise.

JACK EVANS, DIP, arts and sciences, ’40, Edmond, Okla.

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RICHARD KUNTER, AAS, computer network tech, ’06, Athens, Ala.

JANICE LEGG, AA, social science, ’97, Boise; BA, communication, ’00.

DAN LEON, BA, criminal justice administration, ’73, Boise.

JOHN “PAT” MADARIETA, BA, general business, ’72, Boise.

VERNOR MELANDER, AA, arts and sciences, ’48, Gilbert, Ariz.

DONALD MILLER, AA, arts and sciences, ’50, Boise.

MARJORIE MICHHELL, BA, elementary education, ’68, Boise.

DIXILYN NOH, AS, nursing, ’72; BS, nursing, ’80, Boise.

GAYLA NORTON, AS, nursing, ’75, Boise.

MARION PARKS, AA, education, ’40, Meridian.

Marilyn Parsons, BA, elementary education, ’73, Boise.

In Memory

Spring 2010

LOUIS BARCLAY, BA, history, ’73, Boise.

STEPHEN BAXTER, AAS, computer service tech, ’81, Boise.


PATRICIA BOYER, BA, social science, ’69, Boise.

STANLEY BURNS, AA, ’47, Boise.

DONALD CAMPBELL, alumnus non-degreed, Sequim, Wash.

JAMES CANNING, AS, engineering, ’37, Boise.

AARON CHARRIER, BA, history, ’98, Meridian.

JAMES CLOSE, TC, culinary arts, ’94, Kuna.

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JUNE 1: Myth, Mythology and Reality: Hawks and Falcons
Linda DeEulis (appropriate for ages 14 and up)

June 15: Historically Based Songs of Idaho
Gary Eller (appropriate for ages 14 and up)

July 20: Brewed in Idaho
Herman Ronnenberg

July 27: Going Nuclear at Twin Springs, A Tale of the 1960’s (and other stories of Boise River’s Middle Fork)
Susan Stacy

August 31: Hanged, a History of Idaho’s Executions at the Idaho State Penitentiary
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Mario Delisio taught and conducted research at the university level in the areas of geography, anthropology and archaeology for over 20 years. Investigations include the Snake River Birds of Prey Area, Hells Canyon, Yellowstone-Tetons, the Great Basin, the American Southwest, the Oregon Coast, Victoria-Vancouver, B.C., Great Lakes region of the U.S., the Maya of the Yucatan, the great Indian civilizations of central Mexico and the ancient and contemporary cultures of Morocco, North Africa. He is also an experienced wildlife-scenic photographer-writer with numerous publications to his credit. For his teaching-communicative abilities, he was nominated for the Outstanding Educator Award; subsequently, while with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation he was honored with the Governor’s Award for Excellence.

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Jim Wolfe, ’06, BBA Business Economics

As an enrollment counselor, I draw on my student experiences on campus. I was an associate justice for student government, a member of the Student Alumni Association and a founding member of Boise State’s Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity chapter. These experiences all helped shape my loyalty to this university.

Having received my BBA in business economics, I followed in the footsteps of my father, who also graduated in 1979 with an economics degree. My heart is further tied to this campus because my grandfather was employed here until he passed away in 1976. Now that I work for Admissions, it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to promote a place that has meant so much to my family.

Meeting and working with prospective Boise State students and their families is a great job because I get to share the wonderful experience I had as an undergrad on a daily basis. I am currently the adviser of a student organization called the Future Alumni Network or Fan Club (formerly SAA). Fan Club works to develop traditions on our Boise State campus and to connect with Boise State alumni.

My favorite memories of campus surround my involvement in student organizations. These experiences helped me to develop personally and professionally beyond what I could learn in a classroom.

APRIL 22-24: Gene Harris Jazz Festival. Various campus locations.


THROUGH MAY 4: BFA Thesis Exhibition. Gallery 1, Liberal Arts Building, and Gallery 2, Hemingway Western Studies Center.

MAY 9: Concerto Aria Concert. Morrison Center.

MAY 15: Spring Commencement. Taco Bell Arena.


THROUGH JULY: “Inheritance and the Trail of the Serpent” by Shawna Hanel. Student Union Special Events Center lobby.

AUG. 23: Fall semester classes begin.

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