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Boise State researchers, experts wield national, worldwide influence

In the sphere of influence in higher education, Boise State University may be considered a relative newcomer, but make no mistake, scholars on our campus are conducting research and imparting knowledge that have far-reaching implications.

International and national issues such as the strife in the Middle East, homeland security, global warming, aging, immigration, corrupt leadership, natural disasters and health care are just a few of the subjects that dominate today’s media coverage. Boise State scientists and researchers are helping the world understand and seek solutions to many of these complex issues.

Although a significant portion of Boise State’s intellectual proficiency concerns itself with research and scholarship related to Idaho and the Pacific Northwest, the acquisition and sharing of knowledge by many of our faculty members touch areas of interest that reach well beyond those borders. Clearly, as Boise State’s research mission grows in size and sophistication, so does its sphere of influence.

Boise State’s burgeoning reputation as a source of expertise on national and global issues has been enhanced by the addition of 53 new faculty members this year. This infusion of new talent joins a professoriate that includes many well-known experts in areas that are national and global in scope.

Political scientist Greg Raymond, director of our Honors College and the Frank Church Professor of International Relations, is an excellent example of the quality of our established faculty. Dr. Raymond, who has worked at Boise State since 1974, is considered one of the world’s leading experts on international relations. His most recent work is highlighted on page 28 of this issue of FOCUS.

In this issue, we also profile a number of other Boise State scholars who are doing work in four “big-picture” areas: world politics, immigration, global warming, and health and disease control.

From an analysis of Iraq’s future by Dr. Raymond, to expert testimony on Bosnian war crimes by history professor Nick Miller; from an examination of America’s dependency on Middle East oil by sociologist Marty Orr, to relief work in the wake of the recent Israel-Lebanon conflict by English professor Marcy Newman, Boise State faculty are using their expertise to understand — and perhaps help resolve — some of the problems that plague world governments.

In regard to immigration, the work of Boise State researchers such as sociologist Huei-Hsia Wu and history professor Errol Jones help bring clarity to the debate.

As concerns grow worldwide about the impact of global warming, Boise State faculty are both conducting research and developing new courses to prepare our students to assume leadership roles in addressing this critical issue. The complexities of global warming are reflected in the broad range of projects pursued by our faculty. For example, geosciences professors Jim McNamara and John Bradford are studying thawing permafrost on Alaska’s north slope, economics professor Siân Mooney is developing computer models to predict how changes in farming practices could decrease carbon dioxide emissions, and engineering professor John Gardner is studying wind energy as an alternative fuel source. These are just a few of the research projects with applications to global warming that are currently under way at Boise State.

On the health and disease-prevention front, Boise State researchers are working to find cures and battle what ails humankind the world over. Chemistry professor Henry Charlier is trying to modify chemotherapeutic drugs so that the cancer patients who use them do not suffer heart damage. Denise Wingett in biology is also seeking ways to modify drugs so that they can be used to safely treat asthma. Her colleague in biology, Troy Rohn, hopes that his research will shed some light on the causes of Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases.

Our students are the beneficiaries of the world-class expertise of Boise State faculty who are engaged in scholarly activities and research endeavors. In classrooms and research laboratories, our students have a multitude of opportunities to interact with faculty and explore the issues and questions that are shaping the 21st century. As Boise State’s outreach and influence continue to grow in the years ahead, so too will the opportunities for our students.

— Bob Kustra, President
As Boise State continues its transformation into a metropolitan research university, the need for a comprehensive blueprint for growth is critical to its success. To meet the need, the university recently unveiled "Charting the Course," a strategic plan designed to keep Boise State on track toward its goal.

The plan's vision is grounded in the university's reputation as an excellent teaching institution that excels in community engagement, while also responding to the need to develop a stronger research agenda. Charting the Course is designed to shape the university's direction, rather than change it.

To this end, four areas of emphasis form the core of the strategic plan:

- **Academic excellence** — High-quality, student-focused programs that integrate theory and practice, engage students in community-based learning and are informed by meaningful assessment.
- **Public engagement** — Linking the university's academic mission with its community partners to address issues of mutual benefit.
- **Vibrant culture** — Embracing and fostering innovation, responsiveness, inclusiveness, accessibility, diversity and effective stewardship.
- **Exceptional research** — Defined by progressive scholarship, creative activity and graduate programs that have groundbreaking applications locally, regionally and globally.

The plan was conceived a year ago, and its creation involved extensive input from university faculty, staff and students. The campus community identified several guiding principles, including involving everyone in the pursuit of excellence, and a respect for the diversity of individuals, scholarship and learning environments.

The plan is unique as far as university strategic plans go. It does not proscribe responsibilities to specific campus units, but rather lays out a vision, describes how to get there, and makes it possible for all campus units to determine how they can best support the plan. It is also laid out in a unique map format that graphically depicts how the university will achieve its vision.

"Charting the Course represents shared goals and agreed-upon definitions of success, creating a framework on which we can hang our imaginable future initiatives," says Provost Sona Andrews. "It is about our future, including areas where we plan to make a difference, but it also builds upon our solid past in a way that will move us from good to excellent. We believe that ours is a vision that truly defines what a university will look like in the 21st century."

As a document designed to guide the university for the next several years, Charting the Course contains not only goals and strategies, but also milestones to help chart progress.

Boise State will produce an annual report card to assess its progress and evaluate its direction. To learn more about the strategic plan, visit www2.boisestate.edu/vpaa/ and click on "Charting the Course."

— Kathleen Craven
For the ninth time in the last 10 years, Boise State has set an all-time state enrollment record for Idaho higher education institutions with a fall enrollment of 18,876 — an increase of 277 students overall.

Boise State grew by 132 graduate students, an increase of almost 9 percent, and 187 undergraduates, an increase of more than 1 percent.

“The value of the Boise State education is validated by another all-time state enrollment record,” says President Bob Kustra.

“Even in a strong job market, people are opting to pursue their undergraduate and graduate educations as the key to their future. The record number of students choosing Boise State is further evidence of our academic quality through learning in both the classroom and research laboratory.”

The university’s 13,716 full-time equivalent students is an increase of 203 from last fall’s enrollment, with significant growth among the number of minority and out-of-state students. Both head count and FTE numbers represent a 1.5 percent increase.

Since 1996, Boise State has grown by more than 3,700 students, or 25 percent. During that same time span, Boise State has been raising its admissions standards — now the highest among Idaho’s public institutions — to manage growth and increase student success. The university denied 815 students degree-seeking admission this fall.

Other points of emphasis about this fall semester’s enrollment include:

- The number of full-time graduate students increased 23 percent, from 434 to 533
- The freshman class of 2,261 is a record, up 3 percent from last fall
- The number of minority students increased: Hispanic/Latino, 9 percent (from 1,056 to 1,154); black/African-American, 7 percent (237 to 254); Asian, 7 percent (529 to 564); Native American, 8 percent (185 to 200) with an overall minority enrollment increase of 8.3 percent (2,007 to 2,174)
- Students taking online classes grew 31 percent (from 2,219 to 2,902)

“Enrollment this semester is positive from many perspectives,” says Mark Wheeler, dean of extended studies and former dean of enrollment services. “The number of additional students was manageable, academic quality continued to increase, ethnic and geographic diversity improved, and the biggest percentage increases occurred at the graduate and upper-division levels, where the university has the capacity. It wasn’t just that we grew; it was how we grew.”

Boise State receives $23.8 million for research, projects

Boise State received $23.8 million for externally funded research and sponsored projects for the fiscal year that ended June 30 — the second-highest total in the university’s history.

The awards include grants from the National Science Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency, National Institutes of Health, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Department of Education and a number of other state and federal agencies, as well as from individuals, businesses and private foundations. (More on Boise State research, pages 18-32.)

Cancer studies, wind energy research, watershed investigations and bird migration surveys are just a few of the many research projects funded in fiscal year 2006. In addition, programs to enhance drug-free workplaces for youth, offer professional development workshops for educators and provide registered nurse services to in-home patients were among funded projects.

Boise State’s fiscal year 2006 total follows a general trajectory of increases in external funding over the past 20 years. This year’s $23.8 million total is more than double that received in fiscal year 1999, when Boise State received $10.9 million for external awards, and nearly 10 times the $2.4 million received in fiscal 1985.

The largest amount awarded from a single source was $3.17 million from the EPA to develop and test multi-purpose sensors to detect and analyze contaminants, and to develop hydrogeophysical imaging technologies that aid the mapping of contaminant movement in the subsurface. The EPA grants are led by civil engineering professor Molly Gribb and geosciences research professor Warren Barrash, along with colleagues in biology, geophysics, materials science and engineering, and electrical and computer engineering.
Bronco pride gallops into downtown Boise’s BoDo district

Bronco insignia merchandise will be even easier to purchase in Boise later this year with the opening of a Bronco Shop in BoDo, the retail/entertainment/office urban redevelopment district that opened in Boise’s historic Eighth Street Marketplace last fall.

The Boise State Bookstore has leased a 1,300-square-foot retail shop next to the Edwards Theatre lobby on Broad Street. According to Kim Thomas, Bookstore director, the university hopes to open the store in December.

Thomas says the university’s expansion to its first off-campus retail outlet is due to the continued popularity of Bronco merchandise. Currently, Bronco insignia merchandise such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, other articles of clothing and sports-related items are sold in the Bronco Shop in the Student Union on Boise State’s main campus and at the bookstores at Boise State West and the Canyon County Center.

Sales of Bronco clothing and other merchandise continue to be strong, says Thomas, who noted that for the second straight year Boise State is listed among the top 50 schools in royalties among schools represented by the Collegiate Licensing Company.

According to Thomas, the new store has the potential to add to the significant revenue the Bookstore has generated during the past two fiscal years. During those two years, the Bookstore was able to return approximately $2 million in the form of scholarships and support for the university operating budget.

The revenue generated from the Bookstore’s operations helped support donations to the Boise State Foundation’s academic scholarship endowment, institutional research salaries, the university’s graduate assistantship program, and the Graduate Residential Scholars Program. Other funding went to operating support, merchandise donations and royalties the Bookstore pays the university.

“We are very interested in making the ability to shop and support the university as easy as possible for customers at a store where 100 percent of the profits are returned to the institution and help drive the continued success of the university,” Thomas says.

Boise State’s BetterBricks award winners from top left: Einar Norton, John Every, Leonodus Jensen and Steve Swain. Seated: Scott Stultz and Roy Miller. (See story at left.)

Boise State was recognized for its multi-year energy conservation project with a prestigious BetterBricks award this fall. BetterBricks is the commercial initiative of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, which is supported by local electric utilities. BetterBricks advocates changes to energy-related business practices in Northwest buildings.

Boise State won the award in the Operator-Manager category. Employees recognized for their roles in the award included Einar Norton, Leonodus Jensen, Steve Swain, Scott Stultz and Roy Miller of Facilities Operations & Maintenance and John Every of Architectural and Engineering Services (pictured at right).

Begun in fall 2004, the first and second phases of Boise State’s energy conservation project resulted in a 16 percent reduction in electrical and gas usage. The final phase, a collaboration between Boise State, Siemens Building Technologies Inc. and the Idaho Division of Public Works, has led to annual utility cost avoidance of more than $400,000 per year. In future years, when utility rate escalation is figured in, that number could jump to $800,000 annually.

KINESIOLOGY’S SHIMON RECOGNIZED FOR TEACHING

Jane Shimon, associate professor of kinesiology at Boise State, has been named the Idaho Collegiate Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD). Shimon has taught at Boise State since 2001. Her area of expertise is secondary physical education and adolescent physical activity.

Previously, Shimon served as a certified athletic trainer at various high schools and universities. She is the author of several articles found in the journal Strategies and in the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Her research focuses on increasing physical activity in children.

“Jane is one of the finest teachers with whom I have ever interacted,” says Lynda Ransdell, chair of the Kinesiology Department. “She is hard-working, effective and creative and she has very high expectations for her students. BSU and the Department of Kinesiology are very fortunate to have her on the faculty.”
An indication of Boise State’s growing stature as an institution of higher education is the quality of guest lecturers lined up for the first few months of 2007. Campus visitors will include:

Former U.S. presidential candidate and civil rights leader **Jesse Jackson** will deliver the keynote address for Boise State’s Martin Luther King Jr./Human Rights Celebration at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Taco Bell Arena. Free tickets are available at the Student Information Desk, (208) 426-4636.

Radio personality **Garrison Keillor** will present “An Evening with Garrison Keillor” at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Morrison Center as a guest of Boise State Radio. Keillor, author of *A Prairie Home Companion*, taped his radio show at Boise State about 10 years ago. Ticket prices are $60-$90, available through Boise State Radio, (208) 426-3663 or radio.boisestate.edu.

Former Vice President and presidential candidate **Al Gore** will speak Jan. 22 in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom as the keynote speaker for the 23rd annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs, which this year focuses on global warming. The event is free. Check www.boisestate.edu/fci for more information.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Tracy Kidder** will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 as the guest of the university’s First-Year Reading Program. Kidder wrote *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, the story of Dr. Paul Farmer’s quest to cure Haitians suffering from infectious diseases. The location of Kidder’s talk has not been determined. Call (208) 426-4636 for more information.

**Hans Blix**, former chief U.N. weapons inspector will speak at 7 p.m. March 12 in the Morrison Center as a guest of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Blix led the U.N.’s search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq prior to the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003. The lecture is free.

These speakers join an impressive slate of past campus visitors, including former Polish president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa, former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, human rights activist Gloria Steinem, activist and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader, investigative journalist Seymour Hersh and legendary basketball coach John Wooden, among others.
Following are selected new books and book chapters written by members of the Boise State community.

AFTER IRAQ: THE IMPERILED AMERICAN IMPERIUM
By Greg Raymond

In After Iraq, Raymond, Frank Church Professor of International Relations, and colleague Charles W. Kegley look at America’s present position in the global arena and the opportunities and risks that the United States will likely face once the war in Iraq ends. The book provides an insightful overview of the U.S. response to the threats posed by global terrorism and an assessment of the challenges created by the rise of China and other emerging powers (page 28).

POLYGAMYLAND
By Tom Trusky

English professor Trusky’s limited-edition book explores his visits to polygamous communities in Utah and Arizona. This panorama book is a 16.5-foot long, continuously printed accordion fold book of photographs and captions. Information about Fundamentalist Latter-day Saints is printed atop screened layers of various sized Deseret alphabet letterforms.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND PARENTHOOD: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, ISSUES AND INTERVENTIONS
Chapter by Will Rainford

A chapter by social work professor Rainford and two colleagues titled “Hacia un futuro mas seguro: Pregnancy and childbearing among Latina adolescents,” was included in this publication by Taylor and Francis Books.

UNIFORM BEHAVIOR: POLICE LOCALISM AND NATIONAL POLITICS
Chapter by Joanne Klein

“The Failure of Force: Policing Terrorism in Northern Ireland,” a chapter by history professor and Social Sciences and Public Affairs interim associate dean Klein, was published in July. The chapter explores the failure of the British strategy of criminalizing terrorism in Northern Ireland rather than treating it as a political problem.

GEOARCHAEOLOGY
By Christopher L. Hill

The second edition of this book by anthropology professor Hill and colleague George Rapp considers the history and theory of geoarchaeology. Topics include soils and environmental interpretations; initial context and site formation; methods of discovery and spatial analyses; estimating time; paleoenvironments, landscapes and the human past; and more.

THE MERRELL LOCALITY AND CENTENNIAL VALLEY, SOUTHWEST MONTANA: PLEISTOCENE GEOLOGY, PALEONTOLOGY AND PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY
Co-edited by Christopher L. Hill

Edited by anthropology’s Hill and colleague Leslie B. Davis, this is the fourth in a series of cultural resource monographs published by the Montana Bureau of Land Management. The book looks at the unique record of fossils, paleoecology and early human adaptations found in deposits near Lima Reservoir in southwest Montana, and provides a fascinating prehistoric glimpse into the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

NEAR-SURFACE-GEOPHYSICS
Two chapters by Jack Pelton

Pelton, dean of the Graduate College and interim vice president for Research, wrote chapters on “Near-surface seismology; wave propagation” and “Near-surface seismology; surface-based methods” in this new textbook, published by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

EMERGING THREATS TO TROPICAL FORESTS
Edited by William Laurance

Alumnus Laurance (BS, biology, ’82), a senior scientist at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, co-edited this book. A key theme is that many emerging threats to tropi-
Engaging Readers and Writers with Inquiry is Wilhelm’s third book this year. It deals with inquiry methods of teaching students, including an explanation of what it is and why it is an important principle. Wilhelm explains inquiry methods through quizzes and transcripts of lessons, then provides step-by-step ways to bring those methods to the classrooms.

EARLY RECORDS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTHWESTERN IDAHO, 1867-1916
Transcribed by Patricia Dewey Jones

History student Jones compiled these birth, baptism, marriage and death records from documents donated to the Albertsons Library archives. The book contains records kept by Episcopal clergymen who visited Silver City and DeLamar, high in the Owyhee Mountains, when they were booming mining towns.

Boise State was one of several hundred schools across the nation chosen for the first President’s Higher Education Honor Roll for Community Service. Nearly 500 schools were honored for their work with hurricane relief, mentorship programs for foster children, literacy tutoring for preschool children in underserved communities and neighborhood cleanup programs.

More than 1,660 Boise State students contributed 35,465 hours of service at more than 50 area agencies through the university’s Service-Learning program during the 2005-2006 academic year. Students served with agencies such as the Idaho State Veteran’s Home, Catholic Charities of Idaho, Meals on Wheels and Head Start, and their projects included youth development, citizenship and immigration, empowering and valuing older citizens, and promoting literacy.

The honor roll was announced a day after the Corporation for National and Community Service released its report, “College Students Helping America.”

The honor roll is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The recognition is presented in cooperation with Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,000 college and university presidents, and supported by all the major national higher education associations.

BOISE STATE RADIO JOURNALISTS CAPTURE REGIONAL AWARDS

Boise State Radio reporters Elizabeth Wynne Johnson and Jyl Hoyt won regional journalism awards earlier this year.


Hoyt, Boise State Radio’s special projects director, and her editor, Peter Thomson, won first place in the Documentary division of the “Excellence in Journalism Competition 2005” sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists chapter of the Northwest for their hourlong “Legacy and Lessons of Lewis & Clark.”

The honor is the fourth Excellence in Journalism award Hoyt has won.

“The problem is that the federal government basically defines its own powers.”
College of Engineering marks 10 years of excellence with yearlong celebration

Boise State's College of Engineering kicked off its yearlong 10th anniversary festivities this fall with plenty to celebrate — including news that the college had moved up seven slots to 12th place in the U.S. News & World Report's list of best engineering programs among public, comprehensive universities.

The list is included in the 2007 edition of "America's Best Colleges," published annually by U.S. News. Boise State's College of Engineering tied with several other public universities for the 12th place ranking, including the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and California State University-Los Angeles.

"We are very pleased that the College of Engineering at Boise State continues to gain recognition for excellence. To be ranked in 12th place in this national survey only 10 years after the college began is quite an accomplishment," says College of Engineering Dean Cheryl Schrader.

"Engineering 10.0," the college's yearlong celebration, kicked off at the start of the current academic year with a barbecue attended by students, faculty and industry representatives. Boise Mayor Dave Bieter also attended and presented a proclamation to Schrader and Boise State President Bob Kustra declaring the day "Boise State College of Engineering Day" in the city of Boise.

Other special events during the year include an alumni recognition luncheon held in October, Family Engineering Day and National Engineers Week in February, and a special Commencement celebration in May. Guest lectures, laboratory tours and other outreach activities are also planned.

The College of Engineering traces its roots to November 1996, when the State Board of Education approved four-year baccalaureate degree programs in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering at Boise State. The programs, initially part of the College of Technology, were transferred to the new College of Engineering after the State Board approved Boise State's proposal to divide the College of Technology into two new colleges — the College of Engineering and the Larry Selland College of Applied Technology.

In the ensuing decade, engineering programs at Idaho's largest university have experienced dramatic growth. The College of Engineering now offers 13 bachelor's and master's degree programs and a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering.

—Janelle Brown

Boise State makes plans for diamond anniversary

The College of Engineering's 10th anniversary festivities aren't the only on-campus celebrations planned at Boise State University over the next several months.

• In recognition of the opening of Boise Junior College on Sept. 6, 1932, the entire university is making preliminary plans to celebrate its 75th anniversary in the fall of 2007. A variety of special on-campus events and activities will be held to commemorate the landmark date.

• The Selland College of Applied Technology is making plans to recognize the 60th year of vocational education on the Boise State campus. In 1947, BJC formed a new unit called the Division of Vocational Education, which over the years has morphed into Boise State's School of Vocational Technical Education, the School of Applied Technology, and in 1997 (50 years after its formation) into the Selland College of Applied Technology. Various activities are planned next spring to recognize the college's service to the Treasure Valley and beyond.

• The College of Education is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its first doctoral graduates, beginning with an open house in December to welcome potential students and introduce them to the program. In February, the College of Education will host an invitation-only celebration to share the successes of the program with faculty members, administrators, graduates and others. The college's Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction was Boise State's first doctoral program.

• In 2007 Taco Bell Arena will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The venue’s marketing department is working on a survey of alumni and students to solicit ideas for what musical or comedy act they would most like to see as part of an anniversary concert in the late spring or early fall of 2007. Taco Bell Arena will also hold a 25th anniversary celebration during the upcoming Bronco basketball season. The sports and entertainment arena was known as the Boise State Pavilion when it opened in 1982.
Promotions, new hires bring added energy to campus

A new vice president for research and an associate vice president for undergraduate studies joined Boise State’s leadership team in recent months. In addition, a longtime administrator has taken over as the university’s dean of extended studies, the interim registrar has been promoted to the position on a permanent basis, and a new Alumni Association director has been named.

MARK RUDIN, currently the interim vice president for research and graduate dean at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, will join Boise State on Jan. 1 as vice president for research. His hiring includes a professorship in health physics with a joint appointment in the departments of Geosciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Community and Environmental Health.

Prior to serving in his current position at UNLV, Rudin was senior associate vice president for research services and chair of the Department of Health Physics. He replaces Jack Pelton, dean of Boise State’s Graduate College who has served as interim vice president for research since 2005.

SHARON PATERSON McGUIRE is Boise State’s new associate vice president for undergraduate studies. Her administrative and teaching career spans 17 years and includes positions at Iowa State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Radford University and Pacific Lutheran University.

For the past six years McGuire served in several positions at Iowa State. She most recently served as dean of students, where she provided leadership for 14 units and 80 staff.

MARK WHEELER (BA, English, ’89; MPA, ’96) has moved from associate vice president for student affairs to dean of the Division of Extended Studies. He replaces Michael Stockstill who accepted the position of dean of the College of Distance Learning for Park University in Kansas City, Mo.

Interim registrar KRIS COLLINS has been promoted to the position on a permanent basis. She has been a member of the Enrollment Services team for more than 10 years. She has been promoted to positions of progressively increasing responsibility during her tenure at Boise State, including management systems coordinator, assistant registrar and interim registrar.

MARK ARSTEIN (BS, political science, ’90) senior director of development for the Boise State Foundation since 2004, was named executive director of the Boise State Alumni Association. In addition to his degree from Boise State, he also holds a master’s in public administration from Idaho State University.

As a development director with the Boise State Foundation, Arstein was in charge of building and developing an advancement department for the College of Business and Economics. Prior to July of this year, he also coordinated development efforts for the Selland College of Applied Technology and Boise State’s community college initiative.

Before joining Boise State, Arstein served three years as director of major and planned giving for the Salvation Army of Idaho and Oregon.
For the second year running, The Arbiter, Boise State’s student newspaper, received a prestigious Pacemaker Award recognizing it as one of the 20 best college newspapers in the country.

The awards were presented at the annual convention of the Associated Collegiate Press in St. Louis. Boise State was the only Idaho college to win the award. Judges select Pacemakers based on coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, design, photography, art and graphics. Awards are given in three categories: four-year dailies, four-year non-dailies and two-year papers.

In the ACP Best of Show competition The Arbiter was judged to have the best college online podcast in the nation. Multimedia producer Hadley Rush, host Shannon Morgan and online editor Harsh Mantri received first place for a podcast episode of the show On the Flipside.

Four members of The Arbiter’s advertising department also took second-place honors in the national competition — Bethany Walter and Leona Ellsworth in the Ad Campaign category and John Smith and James Orr in the Display Ad category.

EXTRA, EXTRA: ‘ARBITER’ AGAIN JOINS RANKS OF NATION’S BEST COLLEGIATE NEWSPAPERS

EXTENDED STUDIES CAPTURES REGIONAL MARKETING AWARD

Boise State’s Division of Extended Studies was awarded the 2006 Best Catalog Award in the category of Institutional Standards for its printed Summer 2006 Schedule of Classes. The winning schedule was designed by Extended Studies graphic designer Julie Erb, who worked with Extended Studies directors Linda Urquidi and Catherine Harris.

The award was given by the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators (WASSA). The award marks the fourth honor BSU Extended Studies has received from WASSA in the last six years. In 2000, Boise State took first place in the Best Use of Theme category for the class catalog. In 2002 it was first runner-up for Best Catalog Cover, and in 2003 it was awarded the Gary Award for Best Practices in Marketing for its summer program marketing campaign.

• JOHN ZIKER, anthropology, was interviewed by the National Public Radio station in College Station, Texas, on the 30-minute show, titled “Peoples and Cultures.” The interview focused on Ziker’s research with Russia’s indigenous population (page 77).

• GREG HAMPIKIAN, biology, was interviewed on Guardian Unlimited (United Kingdom), on the Idaho Innocence Project, an organization that uses DNA tests to help prove the innocence of people wrongly accused of crimes.

• An Associated Press story on Basque arborglyphs (tree carvings) quoted JOHN BIETER, history. The story ran in the New York Times, Idaho Statesman and Jackson Hole Star Tribune. It was also posted on the Basque EiTB Web site. A second story with a more European slant was published in The Independent out of London.

• JIM WEATHERBY, recently retired from public policy and administration, was quoted in an article at CQPolitics.com on state Rep. Bill Sali’s run for Butch Otter’s seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was also quoted in the Boston Globe on the chances that Western Democrats would make gains on election day.

• An opinion piece by JOHN FREEMUTH, political science professor and fellow at the Andrus Center for Public Policy, ran in the Salt Lake Tribune. Freemuth wrote about the ongoing debate over the sale or transfer of federal land.

• VINCENT SERIO, M.D. and health center director, was quoted in a story on the Inside Higher Ed Web site on the Food and Drug Administration’s decision to allow women 18 and older to buy the emergency contraceptive drug Plan B without a prescription.

• Biology professor IAN ROBERTS and graduate student WYATT WILLIAMS were featured in an Associated Press story on their study of bark beetles. The story ran in the Deseret News, Idaho Statesman, North Platte (Neb.) Telegraph and other newspapers.

• STEPHANIE WITT, public policy and administration, was quoted in a New York Times story on property rights measures in the West. The story also ran in Florida and Connecticut newspapers.

• JIM BELTHOFF and CARL MARTI, biology, and graduate student THAN BOVES, were featured in a story on the alarming number of barn owl deaths along I-84. The story ran across Idaho and in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

• DAVID WILKINS, geosciences, was quoted in an Associated Press story on the possibility of southwest Idaho being named a distinct grape-growing region. The Snake River viticultural area would include 10 Idaho counties and two Oregon counties.

• GARY MONCRIEF, political science, was quoted in a Washington Post story on national election results.

• TODD SHALLAT, history, was quoted in the New York Times about the history of Idaho politics and the fact that it remains a red state despite Democratic gains elsewhere.
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Former Bronco stars make their mark in NFL

Led by a Super Bowl winner who has since moved on to the Big Apple, five former Boise State football players are currently on National Football League active rosters while a sixth is on his team’s injured reserve list.

Now in his 13th season in the NFL, New York defensive tackle KIMO VON OELHOFFEN signed with the Jets after six years in Pittsburgh. His career with the Steelers was highlighted by Pittsburgh’s Super Bowl victory earlier this year. Before joining the Steelers in 2000, Von Oelhoffen spent his first six seasons in the pros with the Cincinnati Bengals.

After spending the first four years of his pro career with the Denver Broncos, JEB PUTZIER signed with Houston during the off-season and has spent the season so far as the Texans’ backup tight end.

QUINTIN MIKELL is a reserve safety and special teams standout in his fourth season with the Philadelphia Eagles.

In his second year with Oakland, defensive back CHRIS CARR continues to be the Raiders’ top punt and kick returner. He returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown in the Raiders’ 20-13 win over Pittsburgh on Oct. 29.
Green Bay’s second-round pick in this year’s NFL draft, rookie offensive lineman **DARYN COLLEDGE** has started at left guard and seen action at left tackle for the Packers. He made his first NFL start against New Orleans on Sept. 17. Colledge’s selection in the second round makes him the third Boise State football player to be picked that high. He joins fullback David Hughes, who was the Seattle Seahawks’ second pick in 1981, and defensive end Markus Koch, who was the Washington Redskins’ No. 2 choice in 1986.

All told, 34 ex-Broncos have been drafted by NFL teams between 1971 and 2006, and 32 have played in the league.

Chicago Bears fullback **BRYAN JOHNSON** was placed on the team’s injured reserve list following surgery in August to repair a hamstring injury he incurred in practice. The six-year veteran showed no ill effects from a foot injury that had dogged him for much of the previous 19 months. He joined the Bears in 2004 after spending his first four NFL seasons with the Washington Redskins.

Two former Bronco stars also are playing in the Canadian Football League. **RYAN DINWIDDIE** is the backup quarterback for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and **T.J. ACREE** is a wide receiver for the British Columbia Lions.

**Ex-Broncos with talent to ‘Burn’**

When the Boise Burn opens its inaugural indoor football season next spring, at least three familiar faces will be on its roster. Former Boise State standouts Bart Hendricks, Tim Gilligan and Lee Marks signed with the arenafootball2 expansion franchise in October.

Their signings were announced at a press conference earlier this fall when the Burn also debuted its new team logo and orange, silver and black uniforms at Qwest Arena in Boise.

“I’m young enough still to do it,” said Hendricks at the press conference. “I didn’t want to look back in five years from now and say, ‘I could have done it.’”

“They kind of had to convince me a little bit,” said Marks. “Now I’m excited because I’m playing football and competing, working out and lifting weights.”

Hendricks started at quarterback for the Broncos from 1997 to 2000 before stints in the San Diego Chargers’ preseason camp, NFL Europe and with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League.

Gilligan played wide receiver at Boise State from 2000 to 2003 and holds records for receptions in a game (16), receiving yards in a game (255) and receiving yards in a season (1,192). He played for the CFL’s Montreal Alouettes in 2004 and 2005.

Marks played tailback at Boise State from 2002 to 2005. He was the Broncos’ leading rusher his junior and senior seasons.
The large crowd of faculty, students and local media gathered behind barrier tape on the north side of the Math/Geosciences Building on an October morning breathed a collective sigh of relief as a large crate containing scientific instrumentation was safely delivered through the building’s second-floor window.

The instrumentation, a thermal ionization mass spectrometer, or TIMS, is the centerpiece of a new Isotope Geology Laboratory that is the first of its kind in the Interior Northwest. The TIMS was acquired with a $620,000 instrumentation grant from the National Science Foundation. Boise State geosciences professor Mark Schmitz procured the grant.

The unusual delivery method was necessary because of the size of the instrumentation and its sensitivity to being tipped more than about 15 degrees. After studying the possible delivery methods, BSU crews decided to remove the glass from the second-story window of the Math/Geosciences Building and use a fork lift to get the various crates containing the instrumentation into the building.

Schmitz says he was very pleased that the operation went so smoothly. With the help of a support engineer from the Manchester, England, company where the TIMS was built, Schmitz and his colleagues then set up the instrumentation in the new ultra-clean lab.

The TIMS measures the products of radioactive decay in microscopic minerals and can be used to determine the age of geologic materials such as rocks or fossils, and the composition of environmental samples such as dissolved minerals in water or lead contaminants in soil. The instrumentation will enable Boise State faculty and students to collaborate with scientists at similar labs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of California-Berkeley and other research universities as part of a National Science Foundation program.

Among the national-scope projects Boise State will join is an NSF-funded initiative to precisely date the Earth’s geologic history. Another project focuses on understanding future climate change by documenting how the Earth’s climate has changed over the past 500 million years.

In addition, the new TIMS equipment will support a number of local and regional research projects, such as determining when volcanic eruptions occurred on the Snake River Plain, or tracing how quickly water flows underground through the Boise Foothills and what dissolved minerals it picks up along the way.

Boise State now has the only TIMS capabilities in a geographic area stretching from the University of Washington in Seattle to the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo. As such, the facility will be an important regional center of training for the next generation of geoscientists, and may also support research at the Idaho National Laboratory, Schmitz says.

“Geoscience is a global science, and we anticipate that current and future partnerships with scientists in Europe, Russia, South Africa, Australia and South America will flourish with the resources made available through this new facility,” Schmitz adds.

— Janelle Brown
New NSF grant funds X-ray diffraction system

The National Science Foundation has awarded Boise State a grant for major research instrumentation that can be used to study the structure on an atomic level of materials ranging from metals to viruses to rocks.

The instrument, an X-ray diffraction system, will be housed in the new Boise State Center for Materials Characterization in the College of Engineering, and used by researchers in a broad range of engineering and science disciplines.

Total cost for the instrument and technical services is $527,000, including the $347,000 NSF award and $180,000 in supporting funds from Boise State.

“This new instrument will greatly enhance our research capabilities by providing engineers and scientists with a powerful and versatile tool for characterizing materials,” says Peter Müllner, a materials science and engineering professor who procured the grant along with colleagues in electrical and computer engineering, materials science and engineering, geosciences, chemistry, physics and biology.

“It will support both current research projects here at Boise State and provide the infrastructure that will increase our competitiveness for future awards,” Müllner adds.

X-ray diffraction techniques enable researchers to analyze the arrangement of atoms, molecules and other microscopic structures in a broad range of materials. By understanding this microstructure, scientists can then make nanoscale manipulations that change the material’s properties.

As an example, Müllner will use the new X-ray diffraction system as part of his research with magnetic shape-memory alloys — materials that change shape and mechanical properties in the presence of a magnetic field. The research could lead to the development of valves in automotive engines that would open and close automatically when the alloy’s microstructure changes, instead of relying on mechanical parts to open and close the valves.

The ultra-fast valves would decrease pollution by increasing the automobile’s combustion efficiency. Other applications of magnetic shape-memory alloys could include positioning tools for microsurgical procedures or sensors for detecting environmental contaminants.

The new instrument will also be used by Boise State researchers who are developing ways to improve data storage technology and the reliability of memory chips, studying the structure of cartilage, developing nanoscale biodegradable capsules for drug delivery, and conducting research in other areas.

— Janelle Brown
Education professor’s research adds up to students’ success

Jonathan Brendefur says there’s no reason why kindergartners can’t move beyond counting to 10 or starting to multiply and divide.

In fact, the education professor says he’s worked with five-year-olds who can understand square roots.

Brendefur is working with four local schools to revamp the way that mathematics is taught, and the results have boosted scores at schools and won the praise of teachers, administrators and parents. The idea behind his method — Developing Mathematical Thinking — is to help teachers reform the traditional math lessons that can stifle understanding.

“There are five or six ways to multiply, divide, or whatever,” Brendefur says. “The way schools teach math now is very abstract. We have to get out of this traditional way of teaching.”

A few years ago he approached schools with low-performing math classes and worked to partner with them to improve their scores by working extensively with their teachers. Armed with a Mathematics and Science Partnership grant and another from the Micro Foundation, he took his ideas to Lincoln Elementary School in Caldwell, Shadow Butte Elementary and Carberry Intermediate School in Emmett and Taf’t Elementary in Boise.

Brendefur helps the teachers in the participating schools figure out how students learn. For example, the conventional method used for addition, subtraction and multiplication — stacking numbers on top of each other and then “carrying” or “regrouping” numbers by moving them to another column — is not always the same method people use to complete math problems in real life, Brendefur says.

Instead, students use the Developing Mathematical Thinking method to “decompose” numbers: 12 + 18 would be broken down into its base numbers, or 10 and 2 and 10 and 8. By adding 10 + 10 and 8 + 2, students can easily get to 30. This method helps students grasp the facts, develop number sense and understand place value.

Students are encouraged to discuss the way they got to the answer, whether the answer is correct or not. “We’re always focusing on the process over the answer,” Brendefur says.

Brendefur says that some of the teachers he works with were wary about abandoning traditional methods because they felt that they didn’t have the depth of knowledge they needed to teach in a different way. But thanks to the support of administrators and the dedication of teachers and students, the schools’ Idaho Standardized Achievement Test scores have gone up dramatically — Lincoln Elementary even has classes where 100 percent of the students are proficient or advanced.

Brendefur says he hopes his method will catch on at other schools. “There’s no limit to what the kids might learn.”

— Julie Hahn
Grad student awarded prestigious DOE fellowship

Boise State graduate student Brian Jaques, left, and engineering professor Darryl Butt conduct an experiment using a controlled atmosphere tube furnace.

A Boise State student has been selected as one of 12 graduate students from across the nation to receive a $42,500 fellowship from the U.S. Department of Energy to pursue studies involving the nuclear fuel cycle.

Brian Jaques, a graduate student in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Boise State, competed against a pool of 130 applicants for the prestigious fellowship. Other institutions whose students received the awards include MIT; University of California, Berkeley; Texas A&M; the University of Michigan; and several others.

The fellowships were awarded under the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative—a program within DOE’s Office of Nuclear Energy to look at ways to close the nuclear fuel cycle and recycle components of used nuclear reactor fuel.

Jaques works on surrogate nuclear fuel research in the laboratory of Darryl Butt, a professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. One of the projects in Butt’s broad-based research program involves developing new methods to completely “burn” nuclear fuel so that no high-level nuclear waste remains at the end of the fuel cycle. The advanced fuel cycle area has been identified by the DOE as key to growth of the nuclear industry because it would greatly reduce the need for high-level radioactive waste storage in facilities such as the proposed Yucca Mountain repository, and would also increase the efficiency of nuclear energy production.

Butt collaborates with scientists from around the country on his research, including researchers at the Idaho National Laboratory. Jaques will also have opportunities to work with INL and other national laboratory researchers as part of his fellowship.

“I’m really honored to receive this fellowship and I’m looking forward to continuing my research,” says Jaques, who received a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Boise State earlier this year and graduated from Meridian High School in 2001. “Nuclear research is a very exciting field, and I hope to someday make a career out of it.”

— Janelle Brown

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S$750,000 GRANT ADDRESSES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES

The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a $750,000 grant to the Boise State Gender Studies Program, the State Independent Living Council and the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. The team will develop and implement innovative approaches to ending violence against women with disabilities in Idaho.

According to a statewide assessment conducted in 2005 by Boise State for the State Independent Living Council, 44 percent of Idaho households have at least one member with some form of disability. At least 60 percent, or 92,400, of Idahoans with disabilities are female. Idaho’s service providers, both from disability and domestic abuse service organizations, report both a high occurrence rate of abuse and difficulties serving women with mental, physical and/or emotional disabilities.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTER OPENS

Boise State’s College of Business and Economics has established the Center for Economic and Business Research. The center’s primary focus is the release of a quarterly publication forecasting the economic activity of the entire state with special emphasis on two of its regions: the Treasure Valley and the Magic Valley.

The quarterly forecasts are designed to help Idaho companies understand the economic environment affecting their businesses, which in turn will help in the formulation of their business plans. The reports will include an analysis of how external conditions — fiscal policies of the state and federal government, changes in national and international agricultural or computer chip markets, petroleum prices and tourism — affect local business conditions. The overall strengths and weaknesses of each region will be assessed with forecasts of population, employment and personal income.

John Church and Don Holley, professors of economics at Boise State and two of the most respected economists in Idaho, will prepare the forecasts. The first report will be released later this year. Church has provided the economic and demographic forecasts for Idaho Power and numerous other clients over the past 25 years. Holley has more than 30 years’ experience in forecasting economic activity in Idaho. He built the first econometric model of the state, worked as an economist for Ore-Ida Foods for 17 years, and has presented General Fund Revenue forecasts to the Joint Revenue Forecasting Committee of the Idaho Legislature for nearly 30 years.
Business students take their best shot at winning cash, trip to Barcelona, Spain

It wasn’t so very long ago that cameras were used for taking pictures and telephones were used for making telephone calls, and the words “camera” and “phone” were never uttered sequentially in the same sentence.

Those days are history, as any savvy technophile with a camera phone in his or her pocket can readily attest.

Cellular phones with imaging capabilities have opened a whole new world of possibilities for instant communication. As the technology continues to become more sophisticated, and user-friendly, it is also gaining more visibility and clout in the marketplace.

This semester, a group of 20 Boise State business students is getting a firsthand education in the capabilities of camera phones and corporate strategies for marketing the groundbreaking technology. In addition, they’re vying for cash prizes and a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Barcelona, Spain.

The contest, sponsored by Micron Technology Inc., is called the “Micron Mobile Theater Contest.” Five teams of four students each from Boise State, and the same number from Drexel University in Pennsylvania, are entered in the contest. The two universities were selected for the competition based on their relationship with Micron’s university outreach programs.

Each team member will be asked to capture one video clip and one still image with their phone. The winning four-member team, to be announced in January, will receive an all expense-paid trip to Barcelona, where they will display their winning entries in Micron’s booth at the 3GSM World Conference Feb. 13-17. Additionally, each winning team member will be presented with a monetary prize of $1,250.

The Boise State student contestants reside in the College of Business and Economics residential college in Keiser Hall, and operate “Dawson’s 4.0,” an entirely student-run coffee shop located in the lobby of the Multipurpose Classroom Building. The camera contest has provided plenty of friendly competition as teams work on strategies to win.

“It’s pretty cool. I’m interested in international business, so I’m really excited about the international aspect of the contest and the possibility of getting to go to Barcelona,” says Sonia Trevizo, a Boise State freshman who lives in Keiser Hall.

“Adds freshman Matt Dalley, another contestant, “I’m getting a chance to use my creativity. Plus I really like getting a free cell phone.”

The Micron contest provides a great opportunity for Boise State business students to learn firsthand about marketing and promotion, as well as about a major corporation headquartered in Boise, adds Paul Bahnson, chair of the Accountancy Department and faculty in residence at the COBE residential college.

“They’re getting a chance to experience some new technology,” Bahnson says. The contest also provides the students another opportunity to work together, a key part of the COBE residential college experience. Regardless of which team wins, students can gain rewards just by participating, Bahnson adds.

— Janelle Brown
Those who feel they are living in a world of greed and apathy can take heart. New research shows that people are basically hard-wired for altruism and fairness. Flying in the face of popular market theory that emphasizes self interest, findings by a team of researchers including Boise State anthropology professor John Ziker indicate that in diverse societies across the globe, people are not only willing to share fairly, but also to punish those who do not.

While these results are surprising, Ziker says, they are also very helpful when studying issues ranging from criminal behavior to how to get people to cooperate on the use of and respect for common resources, such as the Boise Greenbelt or national forests.

The project, funded by the National Science Foundation, involved a series of controlled experiments in 15 societies on five continents, ranging from Tanzanian nomads and South American foragers to Siberian hunter-fishers and Missouri farmers. The study addressed one of what Science magazine identified in 2005 as the top 25 unanswered science questions: How did cooperative behavior evolve?

Titled “Costly Punishment Across Human Societies,” a recent summary article in Science describes how the researchers utilized three games to measure participants’ willingness to punish others they deem are acting unfairly. Each game involved the division of a hypothetical sum of money equal to a day’s wage in that society; the first two games measured a willingness to punish selfishness; the third game was a measure of altruism.

In the first game, player 1 was asked to divide the sum with another anonymous player. If player 2 accepted the offer, they both received the amount agreed upon. If the amount offered was rejected by player 2, both walked away with nothing. In the second game, a third player was added. If player 3 felt the amount being offered was unfair, he or she could alter the portion each of the other two players received, but it would cost a share of his/her own take. In the final game, player 2 had to accept whatever player 1 offered.

Results across the board show that members of all societies are willing to punish unfairness, even at a personal cost, and that in some societies those perceptions of unfairness also extend to overly fair offers, or those above 50 percent. And the higher the willingness to punish inequality in games 1 and 2, the greater the altruism shown in game 3.

Surprisingly, contrary to what researchers might have expected, the greatest emphasis on fairness was found in market economies and not in small-scale, non-Western societies. “There’s something about markets that teach people about fairness in these one-shot anonymous contexts,” Ziker says.

The project was developed to identify a common attribute of human psychology relevant to understanding cooperation in large groups. Ziker feels they accomplished that goal.

“This research shows that the mechanism that encourages altruism might be some form of costly punishment, as in withholding mutual benefits,” he says. “All groups seem to be willing to take on a cost in order to promote fairness.” Ziker was one of 13 researchers on the project from universities including Emory, Harvard, the University of California, Davis, and Oxford.

— Kathleen Craven

Ziker receives funding to study portable homes in northern cultures

The National Science Foundation has been good to Boise State anthropology professor John Ziker.

On the heels of his recent NSF-funded research on various societies’ attitudes toward altruism and fairness (above), Ziker will spend the next few years studying the use of portable skin lodges in Siberia and northern Canada.

The 3-year, $375,000 grant is funded by the NSF and is part of a much larger project involving researchers in five other countries — Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The project, called “Home, Hearth and Household in the Circumpolar North,” seeks to improve understanding of the dynamics of northern indigenous households and their resource sustainability in a changing world. Findings will also document and support the reinvention of traditional knowledge about caribou-skin lodges held in the collections of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.
Boise State’s Role in the Big Picture
LET’S FACE IT, IN MANY WAYS LIFE IN THE 21ST CENTURY ISN’T SIMPLE.

Global warming, terrorism, immigration and health concerns are just a few of the issues that grab headlines and affect lives. These issues are both complex and multi-faceted, and tackling them requires the resources, energy and collaboration of many different entities from across the globe.

Boise State University is actively engaged in efforts to address some of the major challenges of the day. For example, Boise State faculty are studying thawing permafrost in the Arctic, immigration trends in the United States, the causes of side effects in cancer-fighting drugs and what will happen in Iraq after the war. They are testifying on political issues at The Hague, developing computer models to predict how changes in farming practices could affect carbon dioxide emissions, consulting with foreign and domestic government officials on a range of topics, and delving into many other difficult and important questions.

All told, these endeavors are having an impact that extends far beyond the boundaries of the university or the state of Idaho. The following pages contain just a brief look at some of the ways Boise State is contributing to efforts to address major national or world issues.
Boise State doctoral student Josh Nichols sets up a GPS surveying station near Bench Glacier in the Chugach Mountains in southeast Alaska as part of research funded by the National Science Foundation to understand how water flows through melting glaciers. Geosciences professor John Bradford heads Boise State’s part of the multi-university project. Nichols is pursuing a Ph.D. in geophysics.

BSU scientists tackle big questions on causes, effects of global warming

By Janelle Brown

High above the city, Boise State civil engineering graduate student Katrina Ladd (page 25) lugs heavy scientific equipment down a Foothills trail. After reaching a test site, she sets the equipment on the ground and uses it to measure carbon dioxide being released from the soil.

Many hundreds of miles to the north, Boise State geosciences professors John Bradford and Jim McNa- mara step off a helicopter in a remote basin on Alaska’s North Slope. They assemble ground-penetrating radar, temperature probes and other instrumentation they will use to study thawing permafrost beneath streambeds.

Inside her Boise State office, economics professor Siân Mooney fine-tunes a computer model she has developed that predicts how changes in farming practices could reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

On a weekday morning in downtown Boise, community members listen as geosciences professors Jen Pierce and Shawn Benner describe what the geologic record from millions of years ago can tell us about the Earth’s climate patterns today.

These are just a few of the many recent Boise State projects that are addressing what has been widely described as the most critical challenge of the 21st century — global warming.

The research conducted at Boise State in this important area spans literally millions of years — from scientists who are analyzing ancient geologic records to identify conditions that led to past climate shifts to those who are studying alternative fuel sources that may be a key to reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere in the future.

In addition, Boise State faculty in the Department of Geosciences and the Department of Economics have developed new classes to address climate change issues, and a new Renaissance Institute class for community members on climate change was offered in October.

If it feels like research and education efforts are taking off in many different directions, there’s good reason: The issues are so complex that a multidisciplinary approach is critical, BSU researchers say. At the same time, the growing awareness of impacts...
of climate change is creating a sense of urgency.

“For the past 20 years, every scientist I have worked with has been convinced climate change is occurring, and that this change is exacerbated by human activities,” says Mooney, an economics professor who studies the impacts of climate change on agriculture and ways to offset these impacts. “From a scientific perspective, it’s no longer in doubt.”

Adds Bradford, director of BSU’s Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface: “There are real impacts here that will affect society in the near future … understanding the processes involved in climate change is critical.”

Much of the research at Boise State deals with aspects of the carbon cycle — the process by which carbon is stored in the ocean, plants and other organic matter and in soils, released into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, and then absorbed by plants during photosynthesis. As carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere increase from pollutants such as fossil fuels and from natural processes, the gases are trapped as part of the “greenhouse effect” that makes the Earth’s atmosphere become warmer.

Arctic regions are especially sensitive to climate change and are of special interest to scientists. Boise State researchers are studying thawing permafrost below streambeds on Alaska’s North Slope as part of a multi-university study to understand how the Arctic ecosystem is affected by warmer temperatures. Because permafrost holds huge stores of carbon, increased thawing could increase the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere and lead to changes in the nutrient cycling in streams that support a variety of plant and animal life.

Bradford and BSU graduate students have also spent months camped on glaciers in remote south-east Alaska to study how water flows through melting glaciers. Bradford’s findings have many applications for understanding the processes involved in the accelerated melting of ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

Closer to home, BSU graduate student Ladd works with geosciences professor Benner on research to measure how temperature and moisture content affect the amount of carbon dioxide released from soil — a process that is poorly understood at this point. Because soil plays a major role in storing carbon, the research could help scientists develop new methods to lessen the effects of climate change.

“It’s a small brick in the wall,” says Ladd about her studies. “There is still a lot we don’t know.”

That sentiment is echoed across campus as Boise State researchers pursue projects they hope will both add to scientific understanding and pave the way for policy changes.

One promising area of research that economics professor Mooney is pursuing involves using “carbon credits” to encourage industry and agriculture to make changes that would reduce their carbon emissions.

The system, already established in Europe, would allow a firm that was unable to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to buy carbon credits from a tree farm or other “green” program that reduced carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, thus reducing the firm’s overall impact on the environment. A voluntary initiative involving carbon credits already operates in the U.S., but Mooney says there is potential to make it much broader and more effective.

“Economics is a powerful tool in creating solutions that are win-win,” says Mooney. “We need to use all the resources at our disposal to deal with these problems.”
Think tanks and experts at prestigious universities such as Harvard, Princeton and Yale often tackle policy issues ranging from economics to national security programs. But that power and influence is not wielded solely by Ivy League schools. Whether the issue is terrorism, democracy or the West’s insatiable appetite for oil, several Boise State professors are making a difference both nationally and globally.

Greg Raymond, director of the Honors College and the Frank Church Professor of International Relations, has influenced policy for years through consultations with NATO, travel to 22 countries to speak to audiences ranging from private think tanks to government institutions and foreign ministry officials, and publishing 12 books on national security issues. His latest book (page 9) is the first to deal with what will happen to Iraq after the war, and is of particular interest to policymakers.

But Raymond isn’t alone. As a student of 19th century Yugoslavia, history professor Nick Miller never dreamed his specialized expertise would one day lead to a summons to The Hague. But he’ll soon be providing expert testimony in the war crime trial of Jadranko Prlic, former president of the rogue state of Herzegovina.

“There hadn’t been a war in Europe for a long time,” Miller says of the war that broke out as he was defending his thesis in 1991. Scrambling to catch up on the area’s recent history, he suddenly found that not only was he the local expert when Bosnian refugees began moving to Boise in the early 1990s, he also authored a State Department study on democratization in 1995. In addition, he’s been called to Washington, D.C., several times to brief intelligence staff on the situation in Bosnia.

Joining Miller in studying the world’s hot spots is fellow history professor Michael Zirinsky and English professor Marcy Newman.

A 1960 graduate of a Western high school in Iran, Zirinsky has been studying that nation’s relations with the West since the outbreak of the 1978 revolution. A frequent speaker at prestigious academic conferences, Zirinsky looks to the United States’ relations with Iran over the past century for clues to the best way to deal with the present and future.

“The current crisis is to a certain extent very uncomfortable for Americans to acknowledge,” he says, “although it is in part of our own making. A sign over the entrance to my high school read, ‘Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ My take on that is that I can’t know anything unless I acknowledge the truth about the past.”

Newman is finding plenty of opportunity to study the influence of the past on the present in Lebanon. Following a year at University of Jordan as a Fulbright scholar, Newman accepted a one-year visiting professor position at the American University of Beirut. When the current conflict with Israel broke out around her, she quickly joined up with Civilian Resistance, a relief group focused on forging relationships with villages in south Lebanon. She is also working with Soliya, an organization that creates courses that are co-taught by faculty in the U.S. and Middle East in an effort to raise awareness of one another’s cultures.

By documenting the political situation in Lebanon and also in Palestine,
Newman hopes to educate her students and the greater community of Idaho about the history and context of this region.

Not all faculty are involved in war-torn conflicts. Sociology professor Marty Orr (pictured at left) studies peak oil theory, based on the idea that the United State’s oil production peaked in the 1970s. With less oil available and demand at an all-time high, international tensions are escalating and “people are perceiving that the current times are rather perilous,” he says.

Although many policies have been introduced to deal with the problem, Orr says, it’s unclear which is the best route to take. “We’re just a catastrophe or two away from shortages worse than in the 1970s,” he says, noting that this time around we will likely see not only high prices, but also supply disruptions.

The key, he says, is wholesale change in consumption. “Policies will fail because they are bad policies. People will only change their behavior when they have to.” By educating policymakers on peak oil theory, Orr hopes to help influence how society moves past the age of oil to a new era of energy production.

Beyond educating key policy officials, Raymond says, putting a human face on U.S. policy may be a scholar’s most valuable contribution. “There is a general distrust in the world today of the United States, in particular the official representatives of the United States. So to have scholars interacting with policymakers ... helps create a better climate for American relations with other countries and other cultures,” he says.

Zirinsky agrees. “The Iranian people know a good deal about the American people,” he said in a September campus address. “I wish that the American people could know Iranians equally well, to see them for who they are.”

Perhaps someday, thanks to the work of Boise State scholars, we can all see one another just that clearly.
BSU researchers shed light on national immigration debate

BY JULIE HAHN

When Boise State demographer Huei-Hsia Wu began crunching immigration numbers she realized that her research would have implications far beyond Idaho. Wu, a professor in the Department of Sociology, found that the traditional states where foreign-born workers concentrated were changing, and Idaho had suddenly become the state with the third-highest population growth in the United States.

Wu’s findings reflect the ever-changing nature of immigration, a hot-button issue that Boise State researchers insist is a global problem. From the hard numbers to history to community awareness, Boise State faculty and staff — such as sociology professor Wu, Errol Jones in history, and Ro Parker at the Student Union Cultural Center — are looking at the many angles of the issue and how it has affected our past and will shape our future.

Boise State’s role in the immigration issue begins with the hard facts. Using data from a variety of sources, Wu has been able to detail the level of education, English skills, employment status, occupations and length of immigration of Mexican-born workers around the country. In Idaho, her work paints a picture of communities of young, undocumented single male workers concentrated in Canyon County and in areas around Pocatello. The influx of such workers — 40,000-50,000 in 2005 and 2006, up from 20,000-35,000 in 1999 — makes Idaho one of the new immigration “gateway” states.

Traditionally, Wu says, undocumented immigrants resided in Texas, California, Florida, Illinois, New York and New Jersey. But globalization has led to a surge in manufacturing jobs in China and India where there has been a boom in both education and economics, leading to a change in immigration patterns around the world. In the United States, states with plentiful jobs in fields such as agriculture are attracting immigrants, leading to foreign-born population growth in places such as the Northwest states.

New debates about services, education and population growth will come with changing immigration patterns, Wu says. Her paper, “The Impact on Citizenship and Language on Health Insurance
Coverage of Immigrants in Idaho, New Mexico, North Carolina, Illinois and California, will be presented next year at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America.

“The impact of immigration is not just to the individual or to one social class, it’s to the whole country,” Wu says.

For history professor Jones, the current immigration debate is nothing new. There has not been a break in U.S. immigration since the late 1980s, he says. Combine that with the disappearance of American manufacturing jobs, a rise in English-only activists, protests from human rights groups and a policy debate over what should be done, and you have the makings of this generation’s immigration crisis, he says.

“When the economy gets difficult we see a huge upswing in opposition to people who are different and who people think are taking jobs from them,” he says.

Jones, who specializes in Latin American history, has written extensively about Mexican immigration to Idaho and the United States. In the fall 2005 edition of Idaho Issues Online, sponsored by Boise State’s College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs and edited by the Center for Idaho History and Politics, he wrote an article titled “Invisible People: Mexicans in Idaho’s History.” The article tracked the growth of Mexican immigration to Idaho since the 19th century and the ensuing policies that have shaped that influx.

International trade agreements, such as NAFTA, have transformed the way the Americas do business, he says, leading to an upswing in immigration. “Even Mexico is going through it,” Jones says, referring to the immigration debate. The solution, he asserts, does not rest with one country. “We’re not going to solve this problem until we come to the realization that this is a worldwide problem,” he adds.

While Boise State researchers such as Wu and Jones tackle immigration from a national and global perspective, Parker, director of the university’s Cultural Center, is helping students and the community learn about the current immigration debate and what they can do about it. The Cultural Center hosts educational events and lectures to help others gain a greater understanding of the issue.

“Our charge is to raise the awareness of all 18,000-plus students on campus,” Parker says. That means delving into ideas that may challenge students’ viewpoints. “We shouldn’t just take in what people say and go with it, we should question it.”

The Cultural Center invites Boise State professors and community members to give presentations at events such as the Speak Up forum and invites students to learn about the issue from a variety of viewpoints. Parker says the events are made to challenge assumptions.

“Some students are still adamant about their perspectives, which is fine,” Parker says. “Open your mind and let it strengthen or change your perspective.”

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Scientists fight back against killer diseases
BY SHERRY SQUIRES

Henry Charlier squeezes his index finger and thumb together so that only a couple of sheets of paper can slide between them. He explains that he could fit millions of the molecules displayed on his computer screen behind him into the same space.

From his lab and small office, the Boise State chemistry professor is working to modify cancer-fighting drugs on the molecular level so that their side effects are not harmful to the human heart. “A single human cell is a whole universe to me compared to what I’m looking at,” he says.

While minute in scale, Charlier’s aspirations are anything but small in scope. “I was in the sixth grade when I lost an uncle to cancer, and that’s when I decided I was going to cure cancer,” he says. “Boise State has a niche in this area. The cancer work really stands out here.”

He is referring to several fellow Boise State researchers—and leading cancer experts at the U.S. Veterans Affairs Regional Medical Center in Boise—who are all chasing down the same disease, from its causes and treatment to what they hope is ultimately its cure.

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One of the most effective and widely used drugs for cancer treatment on the market has led to heart failure in some people who take repeated doses of the drug. Charlier says the key to fixing the problems associated with the drug is developing inhibitors that stop the body from “seeing” the drug during treatment and fight-
The Boise State Foundation raised $15.6 million during the 2006 fiscal year, its second-best fund-raising year ever.

Noteworthy gifts included Micron Technology Foundation’s $5 million multi-year commitment to the electrical and computer engineering doctoral program; Boise Junior College graduate Larry Arguinchona’s leadership gifts totaling almost $1 million to athletics and the College of Business and Economics; the John Vallega Trust’s $900,000 gift for scholarship support, bringing its total giving to Boise State to more than $1.7 million; and a $2.3 million enhancement of the William H. and Gladys E. Langroise Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship. In addition, Duane and Lori Stueckle, who last year created a Dean’s Distinguished Professor award, committed between $1.5 million and $2.3 million for an endowed chair in biology (below).

Gifts and memberships in support of the Boise State Alumni Association, Bronco Athletic Association and Boise State Radio also figured into the Foundation’s annual total. Membership in the Alumni Association grew by 183 members to 2,820, a 7 percent increase over last year. BAA membership revenue increased by more than 12 percent, from $1.6 million to $1.8 million. Boise State Radio’s member support grew by $81,000 for a total of $917,435, while $450,000 was raised for underwriting support, a 15 percent increase over the previous year.

“We are most appreciative of the ongoing generous support of so many friends, alumni and local and regional businesses and foundations,” says Rika Clement, interim vice president for university advancement. “Their help and involvement, together with that of our faculty, staff and students, is propelling Boise State toward a metropolitan research university of distinction, and this is good news for the Treasure Valley and Idaho.”

Stueckles make another donation to Boise State

Boise State supporters Duane and Lori Stueckle just keep on giving. Thanks to a gift by the Stueckles worth between $1.5 million and $2.3 million, the university will establish a new endowed chair in the Department of Biology.

The Stueckles’ gift will provide annual support for an existing faculty member who is involved in research and teaching with biomedical applications, particularly involving the study of proteins and genes, molecular biology and cell biology.

The new endowed chair is the first established in the College of Arts and Sciences at Boise State. “We are very grateful to Duane and Lori Stueckle for their generosity and foresight,” says Martin Schimpf, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “This endowment comes at a critical time for our fast-growing biomedical research program, and it will greatly expand what we can accomplish in the years ahead.”

Boise State scientists are involved in a number of funded projects with biomedical applications, including studies involving the structure and function of cartilage, breast cancer, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, chemotherapeutic drugs, vaccine development and others.

Duane Stueckle, a Boise businessman and entrepreneur, and his wife have been longtime supporters of Boise State and have now donated nearly $3 million to the university. The Stueckles were among the 11 lead supporters who stepped forward to contribute an initial $7 million toward the Caven-Williams Sports Complex. Last year the Stueckles also established a Dean’s Distinguished Professor award in the Department of Biology (“Stueckles’ gift to benefit research,” FOCUS, Fall 2005).

Stueckle says he has had a longtime special interest in genetic research, including proteomics, the study of proteins. After learning about Boise State’s biomedical research program, the Stueckles decided they could make the biggest difference by establishing an endowed chair at Idaho’s largest university rather than investing in programs at Harvard University or other institutions.

“Boise State has some very talented faculty, and a biomedical research program with lots of momentum and promise,” Stueckle says. “We’re very pleased to be able to offer some support.”
New staffers join Foundation

Along with several other new employees, four new development directors have joined the Boise State Foundation: Shirl Boyce with the Selland College of Applied Technology and Boise State West, Melissa Seevers with the College of Engineering, Sandra Sutherland with the College of Education, and Sunny Wallace with the College of Arts and Sciences. All four will work to raise funding for their respective colleges through private, corporate and foundation donations and will be responsible for the identification, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of prospective and major gift donors to the university.

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Sally was born in Portland, Ore., while her father was working at the Swan Island shipyards during World War II. The family returned to Boise following the war, moving back into the Taft Street home where the elder Morrow still lives. Sally grew up riding and showing her family’s Arabian horses, which were once featured in a BJC Broncos billboard ad. She learned to ride by first practicing on the family cow at the age of 3.

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100-year-old donor honors her daughter’s memory

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Before joining Boise State, Boyce had been with the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce for 20 years, serving most recently as vice president for economic development services.

For the past year, Seevers had worked as the engineering co-op coordinator for the College of Engineering, developing engineering internship opportunities for undergraduate students. She has more than 20 years’ experience in the aerospace and aviation industry.

Sutherland worked at Idaho Public Television for 23 years before joining Boise State, working her way up from a development assistant to the director of corporate sponsorships.

Wallace was the executive director of Life’s Kitchen, a non-profit organization that trains young adults in culinary and life skills. She also has served as the community relations manager for Capital One Financial Services, the development director for Ballet Idaho and the grants officer for the Office of Highway Safety in the Idaho Transportation Department.
20th Phonathon in full swing

This fall marks the 20th anniversary of the annual Phonathon administered by the Boise State Foundation. Each year students call alumni and friends and ask them to make a pledge in support of the university. The Fall Phonathon began in early October and runs through Nov. 30. During the fall, callers ask alumni and friends to donate to the Annual Fund, which supports and enhances academic colleges, departments and programs at Boise State. Annual gifts provide flexibility to enhance academic programs, strengthen student programs and scholarships, invest in faculty and staff, help pay for campus improvements, and furnish more resources to maintain a high-caliber university.

In the spring students will be calling again to ask alumni to make a gift in support of their college. Last year, the Foundation kicked off its first ever spring Phonathon. That event, combined with the fall effort, brought the total for the year to nearly $243,000.

DONOR PROFILE

Professor’s reproof remained with Elorriaga long after BJC days

Longtime Boise State supporter and alumnus John Elorriaga (AA, ’49) and his wife, Lois, have established the Ada Burke Endowed Fellowship in the College of Business and Economics to honor Burke, who served as the dean of women at Boise Junior College from 1940-1955.

While at BJC, Elorriaga says there were several professors who influenced him and were instrumental in his success, including Burke. She taught Elorriaga’s modern literature class. He vividly remembers her giving him an A on one paper followed by a C minus on the next, with a notation that read, “I should have flunked you.”

“When I went in to see her, she said, ‘John, you are mentally lazy,’” he recalls. “She was 100 percent right. It bothered me so much that I never forgot it all of my life.”

Elorriaga went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Oregon, an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and to study at the University of Washington Pacific Coast Banking School. Throughout his long career in the banking industry he said he often remembered Burke’s words to him.

“I think she was a big part of the reason that I became president of the bank,” he says. “I never forgot what she said and I worked a lot harder and followed through on things.”

He retired from US Bank as chairman and CEO in 1988 but still has an office in Portland.

SCHOLAR-DONOR LUNCHEON ATTRACTS 350 PARTICIPANTS

The Boise State Foundation’s annual Scholar-Donor Luncheon was held Oct. 17 and involved approximately 350 participants.

The event is designed to recognize student scholars and introduce them to the donors who provided the funding for their particular awards. This year’s luncheon included a video presentation that showcased some of the grateful recipients — students telling their own stories about the benefits they received from the various donors’ generosity.

The Boise State Foundation administers more than 400 academic scholarships, assistantships and other funding sources that help students with financial aid or research support.

Many of the students receive more than one award, either from individual donors, private foundations or corporations.

For more information about scholarships, fellowships or other support, contact the BSU Foundation office at (208) 426-2927.

FUND-RAISING ORGANIZATION HONORS FOUNDATION’S NEIL

Jennifer Neil, executive director of planned giving and board relations for the Boise State Foundation, was named Outstanding Development Executive by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Idaho Chapter.

The award recognizes her contributions to philanthropy in Idaho. Neil received her award at the National Philanthropy Day award luncheon in November.

Neil came to Boise State in 2003 as the development director for the College of Health Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences. Earlier this year she was promoted to her new position.

Bob Madden, executive director of Boise State’s Bronco Athletic Association, received the award in 2003. “Jennifer is an incredible professional and team player,” says Rika Clement, acting vice president for university advancement. “She exemplifies the very best in leadership and in her commitment to Boise State and its tremendous potential. She is highly deserving of this award and we are extremely proud she is working on behalf of the Boise State University Foundation.”

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Thanks in part to the Boise State Alumni Association, attending BSU has become a family tradition for Courtney Brokaw of Boise and Nicole Ridgeway of Twin Falls. Members of the university’s current freshman class, Brokaw and Ridgeway are the second recipients of the association’s Legacy Scholarships, which are awarded annually to eligible children or grandchildren of Boise State alumni.

Brokaw, a 2006 graduate of Bishop Kelly High School, is the daughter of alumna Caroline Brokaw (BA, elementary education, ’89). Ridgeway, an ’06 Twin Falls High School graduate, is the daughter of alumnus Michael Ridgeway (BS, physical education, ’85).

Enrolling at Boise State was a top priority for both students, who credit the Legacy Scholarship for helping to solidify their decision. In addition to studies and other campus commitments, Brokaw and Ridgeway are both actively involved with the Student Alumni Association.

Implemented in 2005, the Legacy Scholarship is a four-year, renewable scholarship program. Scholarship selection is a rigorous process that is based on academic performance, extracurricular activities and community service. Two incoming freshmen are selected each year. The application deadline for the next scholarships is Feb. 15, 2007. Applications can be found on Boise State’s scholarship Web site or the Alumni Association Web site.
Ilett Keeps on Trucking

Boise entrepreneur Bill Ilett is a busy man. As president of TransCorp – a truck leasing company – and managing investor of the Idaho Stampede basketball organization, he has lots of irons in many fires, but he always manages to find time for Boise State.

Ilett (AS, ’65, arts and sciences; BS, ’67, accountancy) has served as president of the Alumni Association and the College of Business and Economics Advisory Council, and on the boards of the Bronco Athletic Association and the College of Applied Technology. Over the last five years he and his wife, Christina, have donated five semi trucks to the Idaho Center for Professional Truck Driving in the Selland College of Applied Technology. He regularly speaks to business classes and he is about to begin a two-year stint as chair of the Boise State Foundation.

“You have to give,” says Ilett, who plans to continue the foundation’s record of success in raising funds for the university’s scholarships and endowments.

Ilett, the son of Boise teachers, says he wasn’t a great student when he graduated from Boise High School. “I was more interested in cars and sports and girls,” he laughs. But a tour with the National Guard and a degree from Boise Junior College made him realize that school was more important than he had thought. After a year at Cal State Long Beach, he returned to Boise and was elected student body president of the first class to graduate from Boise College, which had just become a four-year school.

Ilett worked his way through college in the parts department of a truck shop, and has worked in trucking for nearly all his career. He went into business for himself when he was 27, and over the years built TransCorp into a successful company. He eventually sold much of it but kept the finance leasing side, which he runs with his wife. “It’s a true mom and pop operation,” he says.

With a smaller business, Ilett had more time on his hands, so he delved into the world of professional basketball. In 1996 he and nine other investors brought the Idaho Stampede to the Treasure Valley. Once a member of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), the Stampede survived league bankruptcy and is gearing up for its first year in the NBA Development League, or “D” League.

Ilett is excited about a new season in a new league. He is also excited about Boise State and the city he has always called home. "I love this community," he says. “I love its vitality. I feel lucky to be living here now. When I was growing up, Boise was a sleepy little town of 30,000 people, which was nice, but there is more excitement now with 300,000.”

— Anna Fritz
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

ORANGE JUICE

> Professor Justin Moore wins international mathematics competition
> White House honors engineering dean Cheryl Schrader for mentoring
> Alumnus Mick Sharkey named Idaho Teacher of the Year
Annemarie Hasnain can be found most mornings typing away on her laptop in a comfortable chair at the Starbucks near the Boise State campus, cranking out another tale of passion and intrigue in England or Italy some two centuries in the past. “I can rent a chair for the cost of a tall non-fat cappuccino,” says Hasnain, who preferred studying in the student union when she was a college student because the library was too quiet.

Hasnain (BBA, accountancy, ’89), who writes under the pen name Ann Elizabeth Cree, began weaving stories in her head as a child. Years later, at the urging of a friend, she put those stories on paper. Her first effort resulted in A Bargain with Fate, a historical romance she wrote while on maternity leave with her first son. The book won the Golden Heart Award from the Romance Writers of America in 1995. She found a literary agent and has since written six more novels. Her books, published by Harlequin Historicals and sold around the world, have been translated into French, Italian, Dutch and Greek.

Hasnain says her novels are character-driven, but a good plot is important and historical details are critical. She researches the Regency period (1811-1820) diligently, searching through stacks of books on period speech, fashion, furniture, architecture and social mores. “I have to get the details right,” she says, “or some reader somewhere will catch the mistake and let me know.”

Hasnain grew up in eastern Washington and graduated from Whitworth College in Spokane and Washington State University with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in home economics. She worked as a public health nutritionist for several years before she returned to school, earning an accounting degree from Boise State and becoming a CPA. She worked as a legislative auditor for the state of Idaho for six years until she left her job to write full time.

— Anna Fritz

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Sometimes the best choices are right in front of you. When it came time for 19-year-old Boise resident Trent Warbis to choose a college last year, his options were by no means limited. Scoring a 32 on his ACT — 11 points higher than the national average — staying active in his high school music program and participating in foreign exchange through the Youth For Understanding program, Warbis was practically guaranteed acceptance into the college of his choice. And he chose Boise State.

Trent’s parents, Mark and Michelle Warbis, attended Boise State in the 1980s, but there was no hard sell, the couple say: Boise State simply sold itself. “Part of him would like to be away from home,” says Mark Warbis. But, just as many other college students are realizing, “a lot of what you might be looking for is right here.”

Mark Warbis (BA, political science, ’84), communications director for Gov.-elect C. L. “Butch” Otter, couldn’t be more supportive. Since graduating from Boise State more than 20 years ago, Mark says the education he received and the relationships he formed on the BSU campus have stayed with him throughout his career. “Any parent,” says the senior Warbis, “would like to see their children have those kinds of advantages.”

Mark and Michelle met in 1981 while attending Boise State. That shared background was undoubtedly a big influence in raising their children. In addition, Trent’s older brother, Brian, is a construction management major at Boise State, so when Trent decided to follow in his family’s footsteps and pursue a degree in music education, they were delighted.

So is their son. Under the guidance of music professor Marcellus Brown, the younger Warbis has made a smooth

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Freshman musician trumpets how student recruitment works in various ways

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transition to college life. He wants to go on to graduate school and eventually get his Ph.D., so staying at home to avoid incurring debt is a big plus. "It's really a good value for your money," he says.

Between his part-time job at the Morrison Center, playing his trumpet with the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band, the Boise State Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Winds, then class time and homework, Warbis is living the college experience to the max — right here at home.

— Natalie Orgill

1970s

DAVID K. PARKER, BM, music education, '70, retired from teaching high school band after dedicating 35 years to the profession.

JERRY F. ALDAPE, BBA, accountancy, '73, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Idaho Bankers Association. Aldape is currently the president and CEO of Syringa Bank in Boise.

LOIS GENE (BRANCH) SUTTON, BA, elementary education, '73, received the Marsha Nakamura Award for Teaching Excellence from the Idaho Education Association.

1980s

JOSEPH E. KEEBAUGH, BBA, accountancy, '81, was promoted to vice president of business and operations at the Bellin College of Nursing in Green Bay, Wis.

ALICE (MYERS) SCHENK, BS, physical education, '81, completed her first ironman marathon in Oklahoma City in September with a time of 16 hours, 46 minutes. The competition consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle race and a 26.2-mile run. She resides in Rupert.

TOM BEITIA, BBA, management behavior/business economics, '84; MBA, '87, was named to Banner Bank's Pacific Northwest cash management sales team. Beitia is currently vice president and cash management sales officer for Banner Bank, and is serving on the Alumni Association's board of directors as first vice president.

WILLIAM C. "BILL" McCLUNG, BS, construction management, '84, was a recipient of the 2005 Lion Award Project of the Year from Washington Group International.

KRISTIN ANN (KNIGHT) HICKS, BA, communications, '85; BA, English teaching, '96, was promoted to director of business development for Idaho Properties GMAC Real Estate.

1990s

ERIK A. HANSEN, BBA, business economics, '90, was appointed general manager of Hampton Inn & Suites at the Boise downtown location.

JACK WAYNE SUMMERS, BA, elementary education, '91, was named Idaho history teacher of the year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America.

JASON D. NORRIS, BBA, economics, '94, was promoted to senior vice president of
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Ferguson Wellman Capital Management Inc.


MARGARET D. SANKEY, BA, history, ’95; MA, history, ’97, was awarded tenure in the history department at Minnesota State University Moorhead in Moorhead, Minn.

DIXIE LEE ANN TATE, BS, social science, ’95, was presented the Making a Difference for Women award by the Burley Soroptimists.

BRIAN G. DOSTER, BBA, accountancy, ’96, was promoted to partner at the Boise-based Little-Morris LLP accounting firm.

ROBERT PAUL LINK, BA, political science, ’96; MBA, ’04, has become an agent with State Farm and opened an office in Boise.

BRIAN VAUGHAN McCORMACK, BA, criminal justice administration, ’96, is a special assistant to President Bush and the deputy director of Public Liaison, the office that sets up White House briefings, meetings, and large presidential events.

JAMES R. HARPER, BA, Spanish, ’98, BBA, accountancy, ’98, has been named a senior manager at KPMG LLP, an audit, tax and financial advisory firm.

SHARON ELIZABETH STRAUSS, MA, education, ’98, has joined the staff of the Idaho Press Tribune.

2000s

Cami Richelle (Peck) Hill, BA, English, ’00, is a development coordinator at the Discovery Center of Idaho. Hill researches and writes grant proposals, seeks funding opportunities, processes memberships and acts as event planning liaison.

Justine Wayne Vance, BA, history, ’00, was appointed assistant dean of academics of the military campus programs department of Hawaii Pacific University.

Debra Sieloff, MS, instructional and performance technology, ’00, won her second national award for...
her Florida-based online career management consultancy. Recently her business, The Career Edge, was awarded the Employment Standard of Excellence by the Web Marketing Association. Earlier this year, Sieloff received the Golden Web Award from the American Association of Webmasters for her Internet training systems.

JIMMI NICOLE SOMER, MPA, ’01, is a regional director based in Twin Falls.

ALEXANDER LEE DOSTER, BBA, computer information systems, ’02, joined CSHQA as a member of its information systems department.

WILLIAM EDGAR LOVE, BA, English, ’02, is a sports reporter for the Idaho Press Tribune.

JOEL CHRISTOPHER CLARK, AS, criminal justice, ’03, BS, political science, ’03, joined Northwest Research Group as a research analyst.

DONALD CHARLES COLLINS, BBA, economics, ’03, is an assistant vice president and business relationship manager for Wells Fargo in Meridian.

PHILIP MICHAEL DAILEY, BA, communication, ’04, is the assistant sports editor for the Idaho Press Tribune.

ERIC JOHN HILDERETH, BBA, computer information systems, ’06, is a Web design specialist for the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Hildreth has also started Never Enuf Ventures, a Web development service company.

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Weddings

CARLY DAWN SCHNEIDER and JAMES DAVID HAMMER (Boise), June.

STEVEN MICHAEL BRUSHEY and Jennifer Suzanne Johnson (Sun Valley), September.

Deaths

GWYNN WILLIAM “GUEN” BARRETT, a longtime member of the Boise State history faculty, passed away at the age of 79 on Sept. 23 in Arizona. He joined Boise State in 1948, where he taught until his retirement in 1993. In the early 1980s he was commissioned by then-Boise State President John Keiser to write the history of Boise State. The result was the book Boise State University: Searching for Excellence, 1932-1984, which was published in 1984.

LAWRENCE H. BAUSCHER, BBA, marketing, ’72, died June 21 at the age of 57.

LINNETTA L. BEERY, AS, nursing, ’78, died July 1 at the age of 72.

MICHAEL C. BLANK, AS, nursing, ’76, died July 2 at the age of 51. Blank worked at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco for the last 30 years. In addition to his duties as a clinician, he was in charge of training the new nurses and employees.

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Each year the Alumni Association supports and promotes Boise State by hosting BroncoBash tailgate parties before all home football games and some away games. The BroncoBash home tailgates are free and hosted at the Alumni Center two hours prior to kickoff in Bronco Stadium.

Although advance registration is not required for the out-of-town tailgates, doing so helps with planning and expedites the process of admission to those events. There is a $5 per person cover charge for admission to the away-game tailgates, which feature music, a no-host bar and food for purchase.

The Nevada BroncoBash in Reno on Nov. 24 will be at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino. Contact Renee White at (208) 426-1831 for more information on the tailgate parties or go online at alumni.boisestate.edu.

Alumni Association tailgates’ popularity continues at home, on the road for football fans

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS!
The following members of the Boise State Alumni Association completed lifetime membership commitments between May 1 and July 31, 2006. Our thanks to these alumni and friends for showing a lasting interest in our university and its alumni association. For more information on becoming a lifetime member, contact the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698 or join online at alumni.boisestate.edu.

Jean Vandenburg, Boise, ‘49
Richard Vandenburg, Boise, ‘49
Robert Kellogg, Green Valley, Ariz., ‘56
Richard Kyle, San Carlos, Calif., ‘64
Charles Rountree, Meridian, ‘71
John Shafer, Alexandria, Va., ‘73
Robert Franz, Boise, ‘75
Carol Frazier, Arlington, Texas, ‘75
E. Scott Harmon, Meridian, ‘75
Chris Mares, Ashland, Ore., ‘78
Doug Mares, Ashland, Ore., ‘78
Roger Hornsby, Eagle, ‘79
Polly Franz, Boise, ‘81
Vince Derig, Boise, ‘88
Tyrone Jones, Jerome, ‘88
Karen Silva, Boise, ‘90
Ricky Standley, Sioux Falls, S.D., ‘90
James Lloyd, Boise, ‘91
Lisa Derig, Boise, ‘95
Cynthia Jones, Jerome, ‘95
Stacy Pearson, Boise, ‘95
Timothy Bellingham, Boise, ‘96
Mari Ryan, Boise, ‘96
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Melissa Nash, Boise, ‘97
Julie Ortega-Mooney, Boise, ‘97
Ryan Allen, Salmon, ‘99
Deborah Powell, Boise, ‘99
Natalie Aurich, Boise, ‘00
Libby Clay, Seattle, ‘00
Nancy Rountree, Meridian, ‘00
Laura Jantz, Boise, ‘01
Michele McFarlane, Wendell, ‘01
Leonard Jenkins, Boise, ‘02
Jared Aurich, Boise, ‘03
Josephine Evans, Boise, ‘06
Texie Evans, Boise, ‘06
Sarah Scherer, Boise, ‘06
Maribeth Standley, Sioux Falls, S.D., ‘06
Do you know any fellow alumni who are worthy of recognition for their service to Boise State? If so, you are invited to submit a nomination for the Alumni Association’s annual Alumni Service Award and help to grow the impressive list of honorees.

The Alumni Association will select up to two Alumni Service Award winners whose interest in and contributions to the university are worthy of such recognition. The awards will be presented at the Alumni Association’s annual meeting on May 9.

Requirements for the award:
1. Nominee must have earned a degree from Boise Junior College, Boise State College, or Boise State University.
2. Recipients must attend the ceremony to receive their award.
3. Nominations must be submitted no later than Jan. 15.
4. Include completed form and letter describing nominee’s qualifications for the award.

Deadline: Jan. 15
Send information to: Alumni Awards Committee, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1035. Call the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698 or visit alumni.boisestate.edu to download a nomination form.
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