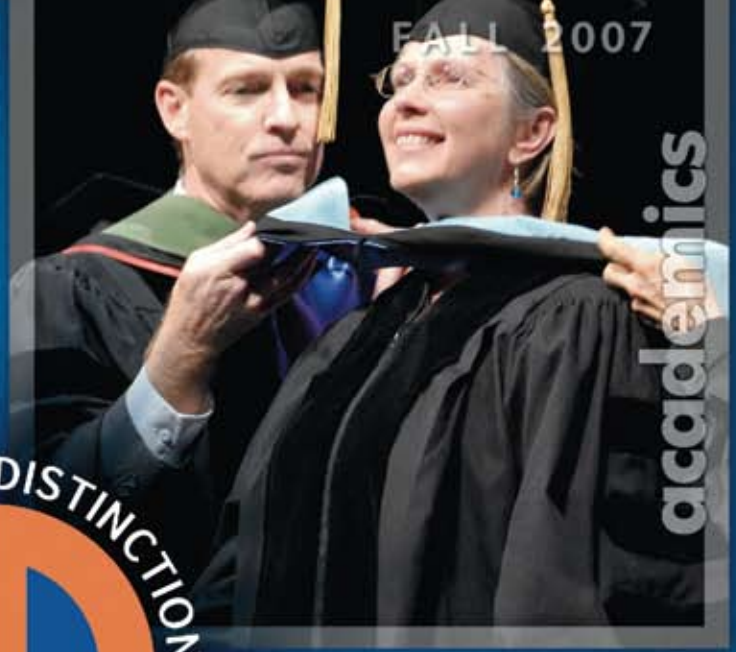


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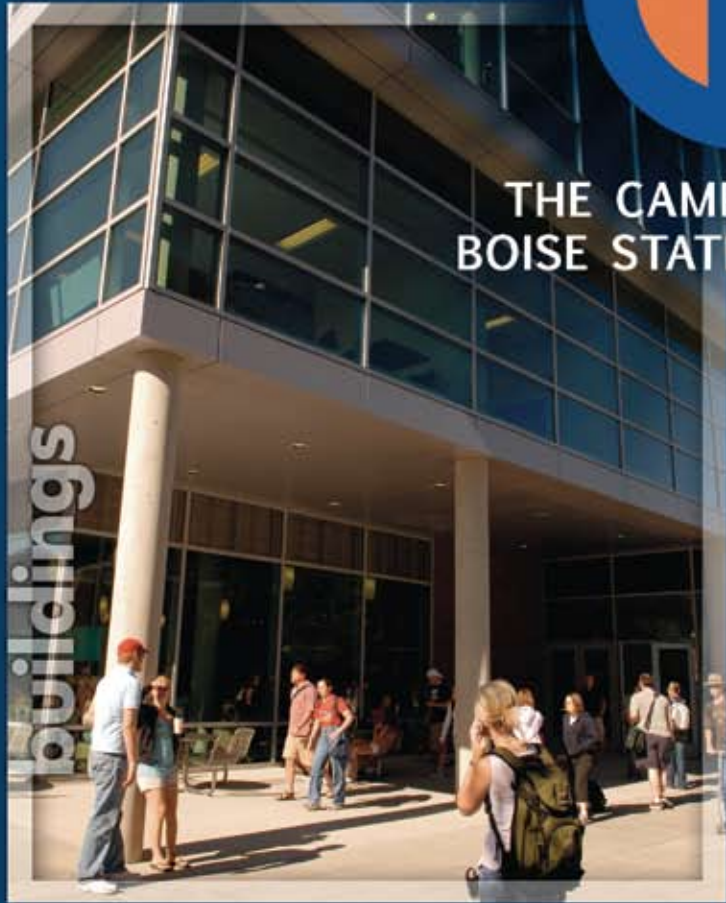


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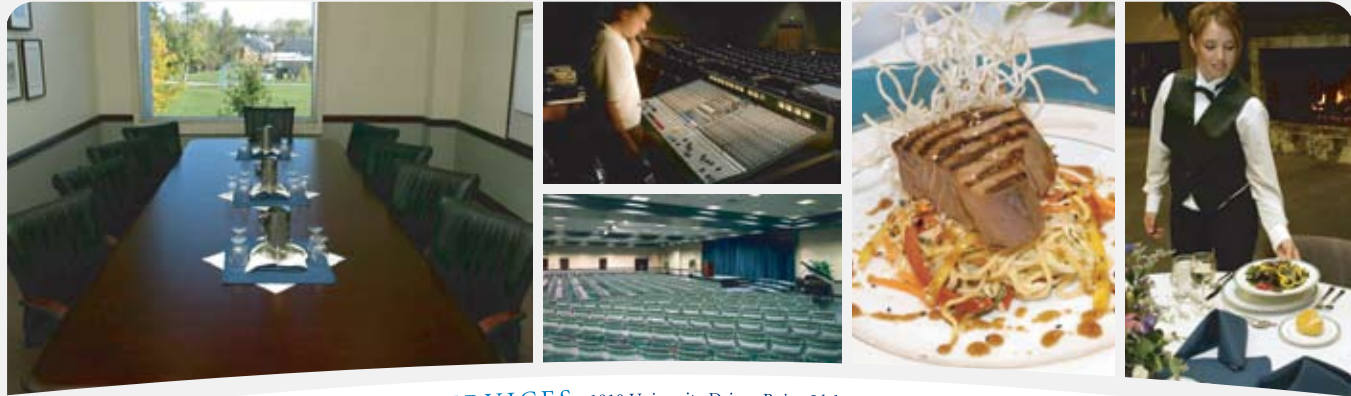


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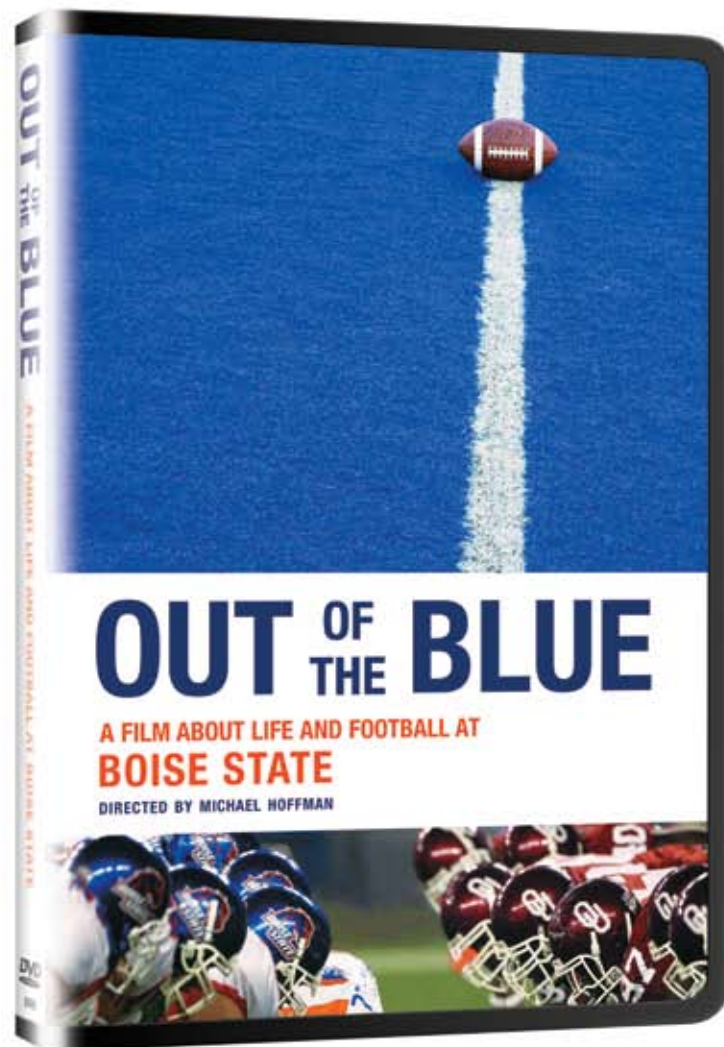
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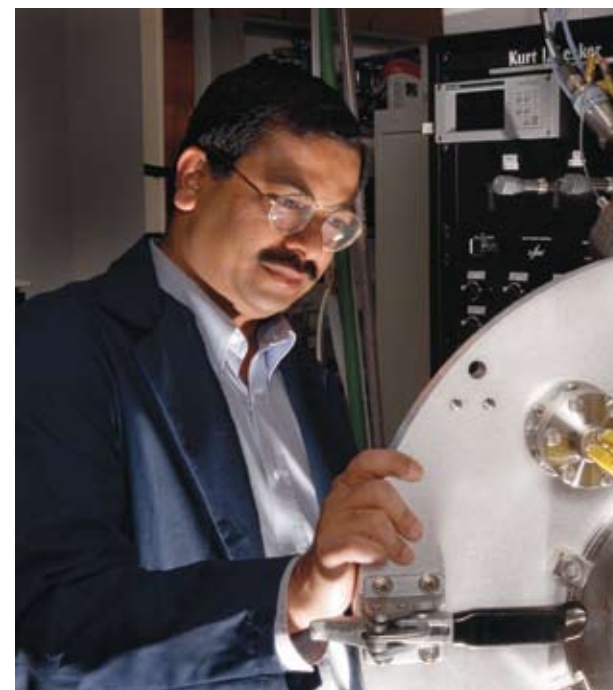
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Campaign will benefit Boise State and the community

As you may know, on the occasion of our university's 75th anniversary in August, we officially launched "Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State University." The announcement of this first-ever comprehensive campaign, with an ambitious \$175 million goal, was without a doubt the most important announcement of my presidency.

The success of this campaign is essential if we are to complete our journey as a metropolitan research university of distinction. The campaign will provide critical resources for student scholarships and continue the long-established tradition of teaching excellence at Boise State. It is a comprehensive campaign in that the funding will be for academics and athletics; for students and faculty; for programs and buildings.

Why do we need a campaign like this? It became clear to me soon after arriving at Boise State that it was time for us to join the ranks of private universities and an increasing number of public universities that utilize comprehensive campaigns to raise critical private funding. We simply cannot have our students bear the financial brunt of shrinking state support.

I am delighted to report that tremendous progress was made during what is known as the "quiet phase" of the campaign, which preceded the August announcement:

- In the past 16 months the number of employees with the Boise State Foundation has grown from 19 to 32, a 68 percent increase. Each of our seven academic colleges has or soon will have a development director who works closely with each college dean in his or her fundraising efforts. (Our most recent hires are featured on page 30.)

- The campaign has already benefited greatly from the guidance of Bruce Matthews, vice president of Campbell & Company, a consulting firm for nonprofit organizations. As a specialist in the area of metropolitan universities embarking on first-time campaigns, Bruce has been an excellent fit for our initiative.

- A 16-person steering committee comprised of prominent community and business leaders spearheaded the launch of the campaign, and two of our most illustrious alumni, Micron CEO Steve Appleton and Boise business owner Allen Dykman, have agreed to co-chair the campaign.

- Thanks to contributions such as the recent \$2 million pledge from the Kissler Family Foundation for a new nursing/health, wellness and counseling building (page 30) and a recent \$5 million commitment from the Yanke family (page 31) we have already raised \$77 million of our \$175 million goal.

In short, we are on a roll!

But this will not be an easy task, to say the least. If this campaign is to succeed, we will need the help and support of our alumni, faculty and staff, emeriti faculty and staff, friends of Boise State,

supporters of our athletic programs, and our corporate neighbors in the Treasure Valley and beyond — to name a few. Our academic deans will be fully engaged in this effort since a good many donors wish to focus the impact of their gifts on a specific college, department or program.

And by help and support, I don't mean just donations or gifts. We will certainly need those in abundance, but we know that not everyone has the same capacity for giving. We also will need our friends and supporters to talk about the importance of the campaign, make introductions, and help set up meetings between potential donors and those working on the campaign. Think of those who may have attended Boise State and left the area but who may be in a position to contribute to their alma mater. If someone who fits that description comes to mind, please feel free to contact the appropriate dean or development director or my office.

In this issue of FOCUS, you will find a special section beginning on page 16 that puts human faces on the campaign and illustrates our four most important needs: support for students, support to assure an outstanding faculty, support for academic programs and research, and support for capital renovation and expansion. Additional information about the campaign, the members of the steering committee, a breakdown of the target amounts for each area of need and how the funding will be used, and other information can be found on our Web site at <http://foundation.boisestate.edu/campaign/>.

This campaign is the most ambitious fundraising effort in the annals of Boise State. The support and interest that I have seen since we announced our goal have encouraged me greatly. I believe that the spirit of this campaign will generate genuine excitement on our campus and in the community and will invigorate and embolden our supporters to join us in this quest for distinction in all that we do.

Please join me in this most exciting campaign as we lift Boise State to new heights and strive to serve our students and community in the best manner possible.



— Bob Kustra, President

Enrollment reaches 19,540, sets *another* state record



With the exception of one year, Boise State has seen an increase in its fall enrollment every year since 1996 and 19 times in the past 22 years.

Enrollment has become a matter of both quantity and quality at Boise State.

That's partly because for the 10th time in the last 11 years, the university has set an all-time record for Idaho higher education institutions with a fall enrollment of 19,540 — an overall increase of 3.5 percent from last year's head count of 18,876. The impressive increase of 644 students marks not only the first time an Idaho school has surpassed the 19,000 level, but is also Boise State's largest enrollment gain in four years during more than a decade of managed growth.

Equally important, says President Bob Kustra, is the fact that the university is attracting not only more students, but also better students — a trend that is borne out in the profile of the incoming freshman class. Kustra notes that while the freshman class of 2,280 is a record, it is also one of the most academically talented groups to enter Boise State, as indicated by:

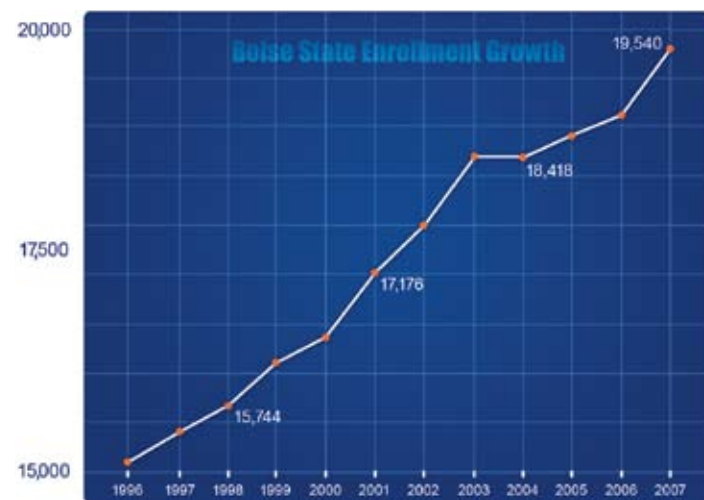
- The addition of 12 National Merit finalists — an increase of 300 percent over last year.
- An inaugural class of 28 Presidential Civic Leadership Scholars — recipients of a new scholarship offered to high-achieving Idaho residents who have experience in and a commitment to civic leadership.
- The recognition of 33 Boise State Capital Scholars — recipients of a renewable scholarship for standout students in Idaho who were in the top 10 percent on a high school class and scored within the top 10 percent of a national standardized test. The 33 recipients represent an 83 percent increase in Capital Scholars from the previous year.
- A composite ACT score that surpassed the previous year's entering freshman class and exceeded the national and Idaho average scores.
- The students' average high school GPA of 3.30 is an increase from last year's number.

"Our very highest priority is recruiting high-ability students," Kustra says. "We're being much more strategic about bringing them here."

Kustra adds that the quality of the school's newcomers and the academic prowess they bring to the campus is a driving force behind Boise State's development as a metropolitan research university of distinction. "Our record-setting fall enrollment is evidence that our efforts to enhance the value of a Boise State diploma are paying dividends," he says.

Since 1996, the only two fall enrollment increases that surpassed this year's 3.5 percent hike were 4.2 percent gains in 2001 and 2003. With the exception of one year, Boise State has seen an increase in its fall enrollment every year since 1996 and 19 times in the past 22 years. Since 1996, Boise State has grown by more than 4,400 students, or 29 percent.

"These are extremely exciting times at Boise State," says Kustra, "and the fact we have more than 19,500 students who want to be part of this experience speaks volumes about the quality of our faculty, our campus facilities and our academic offerings."



Professor of the Year communicates excellence



Reeder's honor marks Boise State's 11th Idaho Professor of the Year award.

By Kathleen Craven

You may have seen her interviewed on NBC's *Today* show, or perhaps you caught her on the *Life & Style* show, on a local radio talk show, or speaking at a community event. But if you haven't seen her in action in the classroom, you haven't really seen Heidi Reeder at her best.

That's because as dedicated as this Boise State associate professor of communication is to sharing her research in a meaningful context, her passion lies in teaching — the opportunity to mold and change lives for the better.

Reeder credits her own teachers with transforming an awkward, self-doubting teen into a young woman with a clear vision of how she could make a difference as a teacher. It's that vision that she hopes to pass on to her own students.

"I believe I'm at my best when I provide students with experiences that challenge them on a personal level," she says.

Her concern about her students as individuals and her ability to help them see new ways to approach life's challenges are what make her such a successful mentor and teacher. So successful, in fact, that she has been named the 2007 Idaho Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Reeder's honor marks the 11th time that a Boise State professor has earned this award, and the seventh time in the past decade. In mid-November, she and other state winners from across the United States were honored at a reception in Washington, D.C.

When asked what sets her apart, students point to her ability to connect with people both in and out of the classroom, her enthusiasm for her chosen profession and her ability to make it real and personal. And just as her former teachers showed her the way, she is now acting as a mentor to others.

"Dr. Reeder guided me on a path of self-worth and discovery. She enabled me to see my full potential and assisted me in breaking the self-made barriers holding me back," writes former *Arbiter* editor and student Mary Dawson in a letter of recommendation. "I only hope my actions reflect her teachings and that in some small way I, too, will have an impact on those around me."

Boise State nets \$26.8 million in research funding

Boise State research continues to gain momentum and stature after setting another annual record for sponsored project funding for a wide array of research programs.

Boise State netted \$26.8 million in sponsored project funding during fiscal year 2007, a new university record and increase of \$3 million over the previous year. This increase is just the latest step in a coordinated campuswide focus on fostering research programs that address issues such as the development of new energy sources and the treatment of debilitating diseases.

"University research programs don't just add to the stature and prestige of the institutions where they are housed and the scholars doing the work," says Boise State President Bob Kustra. "It's true that the momentum we're building in top-notch research programs helps Boise State attract the best faculty and students possible. But these programs also pump millions directly into the regional economy."

Since 2000, total awarded funds for research and sponsored project funding have increased 47 percent. During that same period, total awarded funds from the National Science Foundation have increased 130 percent and funding from the National Institutes of Health has increased 314 percent.

In total, 243 Boise State research projects received sponsored funding during fiscal year 2007. Nearly \$14.5 million of Boise State's sponsored project research dollars came from federal grants and awards, according to Boise State Vice President for Research Mark Rudin.

"With each new research initiative and each new dollar awarded, BSU's reputation as a research university grows and helps breed future success," says Rudin. "Our focus on research will be at the heart of Boise State's growth and advancement far into the future."

For a rundown of some of Boise State's research highlights from fiscal year 2007, go online to <http://news.boisestate.edu/newsrelease/092007/0911researchprograms.shtml>.



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CELEBRATING OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE:

The Boise State campus was abuzz with 75th anniversary celebration events in late August and early September. From top clockwise: Students Seren Horton (second right) and Alyssa Dunlap (far right) of the Associated Students of BSU watch as fellow students sign a happy 75th birthday card during the ASBSU-sponsored Founders' Day Grill and Chill in the Quad on Sept. 6. Members of the comprehensive campaign steering committee hold up the amount — more than \$70 million — that the campaign had raised so far during the Aug. 21 gala that formally kicked off the campaign. Gov. Butch Otter and first lady Lori Easley Otter at the gala. Boisean Pauline Hill, a member of the first group of students to attend Boise Junior College on Sept. 6, 1932, visits the campus during Founders' Day — 75 years later to the day.



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FUN AND FESTIVITIES: From above clockwise: Boise State celebrates the opening of the Interactive Learning Center on Aug. 23. Artist and faculty member Alma Gomez-Frith speaks during the unveiling of her 75th anniversary mural in the Student Union on Aug. 22. During the Founders' Day Grill and Chill university archivist Alan Virta and libraries dean Marilyn Moody open the time capsule that was buried on campus in 1963. On Sept. 6, Boise State's 75th anniversary, hundreds of students, faculty, staff and visitors gathered in the Quad to celebrate the occasion during the ASBSU Grill and Chill.



JOHN KELLY

briefs

KLOC WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Hy Kloc, associate general manager and director of development and marketing for Boise State Radio, was named Development Professional of the Year by the Public Radio Association of Development Officers. Kloc received the award from PRADO at the organization's Public Radio Development/Marketing national conference in Reno, Nev., in July.

Kloc was awarded in recognition of his efforts to demonstrate excellence and leadership in development at Boise State Radio. He was recognized for his work in underwriting, membership, individual donor development, and BSU Radio's newly created marketing department.

SELLAND STUDENT WINS GOLD

Boise State student Josh Bovey won the gold medal in the Precision Machining contest at the SkillsUSA National Championships earlier this year.

Bovey, who will graduate in December with a bachelor's in applied science degree in machine tool technology from the Selland College of Applied Technology, won the gold medal in the same event at the SkillsUSA state competition in April to qualify for the nationals in Kansas City, Mo.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the showcase for the best applied technology students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. More than 5,000 students competed in 87 separate events this year.

PROGRAM EARNS RECOGNITION

Boise State's Service-Learning Program was honored with the Idaho Health Care Association's annual Life Enrichment Award.

The award is given each year to the individual or the organizations with outstanding contributions to long-term care.

Students in the Service-Learning Program were recognized for their volunteer work with residents at the Boise Samaritan Village Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Last year, the Service-Learning Program coordinated 169 service-learning students with the community to enhance learning and foster civic responsibility. These students served more than 3,375 hours with five long-term care agencies through 17 different service projects.

CORRECTION

In the faculty retirement article in the Summer 2007 issue of FOCUS, the biographical sketch of former Selland College drafting technology co-director Reed Shinn incorrectly included a photo of Ed Lonsdale, another Selland College faculty member.



Maj. Vaughn Ward is presented the Bronze Star by his commanding officer, Lt. Col. Brian Sulc, at the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area in Massachusetts in September.

Alumnus Ward wins Bronze Star for valor

On Sept. 22 Maj. Vaughn Ward (BS, political science, '94) was awarded the Bronze Star with a Combat "V" for valor for his heroic actions while serving as a Marine rifle company commander in Fallujah, Iraq.

On behalf of President Bush, Ward's battalion commander, Lt. Col. Brian Sulc, awarded the Bronze Star to Ward at Devens Reserve Forces Training Area in Massachusetts in front of 200 Marines and sailors, some of whom Ward led in combat between March and October of 2006.

A native of Jerome, Ward joined the Marine Corps in 1995 after he graduated from Boise State. In 2000 he left the Corps and earned an MBA from the University of Maryland in 2002. Ward later joined the CIA, where he was a case officer in the Middle East and Africa. He then put his career with the CIA on hold and rejoined the Marines to serve in Iraq.

Ward, 38, is currently working in the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C. He and his wife and daughter plan to return to Idaho by the end of the year. Ward, who served as a legislative aide for then-U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne in 1993, plans to pursue a political career.



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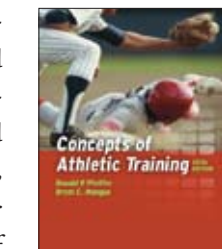
Political science professor Freemuth and his co-editor compile a roster of top scholars to explore population growth and industrial development vs. wide open spaces and natural resources in this new edition of their book, first published in 1993. Boise State public policy and administration department chair Les Alm is a contributor.



CONCEPTS OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

By Ron Pfeiffer

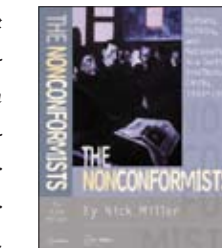
Pfeiffer, a professor of kinesiology and co-director of the Center for Orthopaedic and Biomechanics Research, joins with his co-author on this fifth edition of a text targeted to undergraduate students majoring in athletic training, coaching or physical education. In print since 1995, it is used widely at colleges and universities around the country and internationally.



THE NONCONFORMISTS

By Nick Miller

In *The Nonconformists: Culture, Politics, and Nationalism in a Serbian Intellectual Circle, 1944-1991*, history professor and department chair Miller examines the interaction of culture, politics and nationalism in Serbia since 1945. The book focuses on the activities and ideas of novelist Dobrica Ćosić, painter Mića Popović and literary critic Borislav Mihajlović Mihiz. Together, these three helped forge a new Serbian identity that fused older cultural imagery with modern conditions.



BRONCOS JOIN HALL OF FAME: Boise State President Bob Kustra, head football coach Chris Petersen, Idaho Gov. and alumnus C.L. "Butch" Otter, and alumnus and former Morrison Center director Fred Norman were among 12 Idaho leaders recently inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame. The 2006 Bronco football team was also honored at the Idaho Hall of Fame Association's 2007 dinner and induction ceremony in October. It's the first time any of the Idaho Hall of Fame inductees have had close ties to Boise State and the first time the association has inducted a new class of honorees since 2002. Pictured above, Kustra (at podium) and Otter share a humorous moment during the event.



- **JULIA OXFORD**, biology, was quoted in a story about the State Board of Education's approval of a \$1 million grant for Boise State University to establish a biomedical research center. The center will look for new therapies and preventions for bone disease. The story ran across the state and region.
- **JOHN FREEMUTH**, political science, was quoted in an *Idaho Statesman* story on C.L. "Butch" Otter growing into his role as governor. The story was also posted on *The Oregonian's* Northwest Headlines Web site.
- **GENE BLEYMAIER**, athletic director, was quoted in a *Macon Telegraph* (Ga.) story about how the football team's success has equated to overall university and community success.
- The research of **JOHN ZIKER**, anthropology, was featured in a story that appeared on Vesti Taimyr (Taimyr News-Channel 2 in Russia) in August. The story was about Ziker's work on a project titled "Home, Hearth and Household in Siberia and Northern Canada."
- Boise State football was the cover story on the Aug. 20 *USA Today* sports page. Outside of athletics (**CHRIS PETERSEN** and **BRAD LARRONDO**), others quoted in the story included President **BOB KUSTRA**, Boise Mayor Dave Bieter and US Bank's Jim Grigsby.
- **CAROLE NEMNICH**, project coordinator for the Social Science Research Center, was quoted in a *USA Today* story on Idaho's growth.



Four former Broncos gathered in Green Bay's Lambeau Field earlier this season when the Packers hosted the Philadelphia Eagles. From left: Quintin Mikell, Kimo von Oelhoffen, Daryn Colledge and Corey Hall. Photo is courtesy of the Varsity B Club, a branch of the Boise State Alumni Association and Athletic Department designed to connect former Bronco athletes, band members, cheer squad members, Maneline Dancers, sports medicine graduates, and parents of student athletes with Boise State. Contact Michel Bourgeau, Varsity B coordinator, at www.broncosports.com/varsityb.

Four rookies make it nine former Broncos in the NFL

Four members of Boise State's undefeated and nationally ranked 2006 football team made the cut as National Football League rookies this year, bringing the total of former Broncos in the NFL to nine.

A second-round selection by Detroit in the 2007 NFL draft, **GERALD ALEXANDER** became the first rookie to start the season opener at safety for the Lions since 1986. He recorded his first professional interception the following week against Minnesota.

Drafted in the fifth round by San Diego, the versatile **LEGEDU NAANEE** made the Chargers' active roster and is listed at both wide receiver and fullback in his first season.

The third rookie is Buffalo tight end **DEREK SCHOUMAN**, who was drafted in the seventh round and started three games before he was placed on the injured reserve list with an ankle injury.

The fourth first-year player is Green Bay fullback **KOREY HALL**. Drafted by the Packers in the sixth round, Hall played linebacker at Boise State and was the 2006 Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Hall is joined on the Packers' starting offensive squad by former Bronco teammate **DARYN COLLEDGE**.

The second-year guard was a second-round draft pick in 2006, worked his way into the Packers' starting lineup that fall, and was named to the prestigious Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie Team at the end of the season.

Another twosome of former Broncos plays for Philadelphia. After a single season with the New York Jets, defensive tackle **KIMO VON OELHOFFEN** began his 14th year in the NFL as a member of the Eagles. He joins safety and special teams standout **QUINTIN MIKELL**, now in his fifth season with the Eagles.

In addition, tight end **JEB PUTZIER** is in his second season with the Houston Texans and his sixth year in the NFL, and cornerback **CHRIS CARR** is in his third year with the Oakland Raiders. In 2006 Carr became the Raiders' all-time leader in kickoff returns with a total of 142 for 3,514 yards. Another member of the '06 Broncos, wide receiver **DRISAN JAMES**, is on the Raiders' practice squad.

In the Canadian Football League quarterback **RYAN DINWIDDIE** and defensive back **CAM HALL** play for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and wide receiver **T.J. ACREE** is on the Edmonton Eskimos' injured list.



The 2007 inductees into the Boise State Athletic Hall of Fame were honored at a banquet in late September at the Boise Centre on the Grove. The honorees (from left) were: John Keiser, Roberto Bergersen, Jarred Rome, Kirk White, Johnna Evans and Bart Hendricks. Not pictured is Wesley Moodie.

Keiser, 6 ex-Broncos inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

John Keiser, Boise State's president from 1978 to 1991, and six former Bronco athletes were inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. The other inductees were basketball player Roberto Bergersen, gymnast Johnna Evans, football player Bart Hendricks, tennis player Wesley Moodie, track and field athlete Jarred Rome, and wrestler Kirk White. The seven bring the total members of the Hall of Fame to 86.

JOHN KEISER is largely responsible for spearheading the effort to move the Bronco football program to the Division I-A level, which happened in 1996 when Boise State joined the Big West Conference. Keiser retired as president of Missouri State University in 2005.

ROBERTO BERGERSEN played for the Bronco men's basketball team from 1996-99 and was named the 1999 Big West Conference Player of the Year. He is a two-time first-team All-Big West selection at forward and was also named to the 1999 first-team all-district team. He is currently playing professional basketball in Europe.

A member of the women's gymnastics team from 1994-98, **JOHNNA EVANS** earned second team All-America honors her senior season. Evans was named the Big West Conference Gymnast of the Year in 1996 and 1998. In '98 she was also named the state of Idaho's NCAA Woman of the Year.

BART HENDRICKS is one of the top quarterbacks in Boise State history. He was a two-time Big West Conference Offensive Player of the Year, winning the award in 1999 and 2000. As a senior, he was the top-rated quarterback in the country, leading the nation in passing efficiency, touchdown passes (35), and points per game (22.9).

WESLEY MOODIE earned All-America honors as a doubles player for the men's tennis team in 1999 and 2000. He now plays on the professional tour, and in 2005 he and his partner, Stephen Huss, won the Wimbledon men's doubles championship.

A six-time NCAA All-American in the shot put and discus, the most by any Bronco track and field athlete, **JARRED ROME** is currently ranked fourth among the world's discus throwers. As a Bronco, he earned All-America honors from 1997 to 2000 winning three each in both events. He qualified for the 2004 Olympics in the discus.

In 1999 **KIRK WHITE** earned All-America honors and captured the 165-pound NCAA national wrestling championship as a sophomore. He went on to win two more All-America awards, the most of any Bronco wrestler in school history. Now an assistant coach for the Bronco wrestling team, White continues to wrestle freestyle and won silver medals at the 2003 and 2004 Pan American Games.

Influenza game helps businesses prepare for pandemic

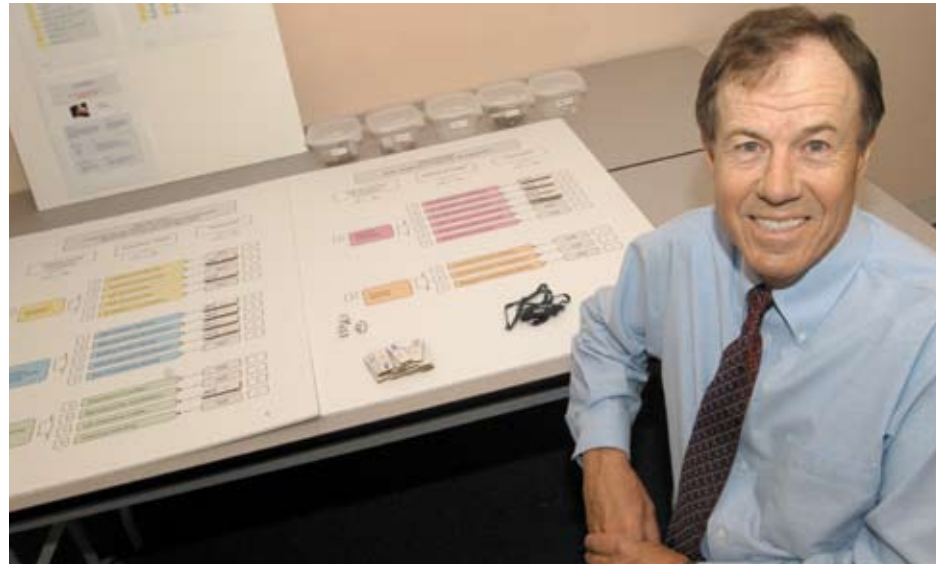
By Kathleen Craven

It's Monday, and your secretary just called in sick. Your human resources director has been out for several days, as has most of the accounting team. In fact, 30 percent of your work force is down with the flu, and you're not feeling so hot either. In the face of further absences, are you prepared to keep your business up and running?

The World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention anticipate that an H5N1 influenza (a strain of bird flu) outbreak of pandemic proportions will reach the United States in the near future, with far reaching health and economic consequences.

In anticipation of a pandemic occurring in Idaho, Boise State researchers and Southwest Idaho's Central District Health Department teamed up to create a tool to help organizations prepare for high absenteeism. In the form of a board game, the tool allows companies to quickly estimate the potential impact of an influenza pandemic on their ability to continue business operations.

"An influenza pandemic will be very different from other disasters," says Uwe Reischl, a Boise State health sciences professor, a public health physician and one of the project researchers. "There will be no physical destruction due to fire, flooding or collapsing



Health professor Uwe Reischl is part of a team of researchers who have developed a board game aimed at helping businesses prepare for a pandemic, such as the bird flu.

buildings. The H5N1 influenza will be an 'equal opportunity' disease that may be able to infect anyone in Idaho and in the U.S. This requires a unique preparedness strategy both at the individual level and at the business level."

Because the population as a whole will have no established immunity to the H5N1 strain, the game assumes a random probability for transmission of the virus. Using these parameters, a roll of the dice is used to "wipe out" employees responsible for various key organizational functions. This allows management to analyze where they are adequately

covered in terms of cross training, and where job reassignments could help strengthen vulnerable areas.

Organizations can visually identify critical operational and staffing vulnerabilities in the event that 20 percent, 30 percent or 40 percent of their employees are absent due to a pandemic, and then appropriate strategies can be devised.

The game has already been applied at four local Treasure Valley organizations. Reischl's research partners are business professor Sandy Gough and engineering professor Vidya Nandikolla.

Prof donates books to Korean library

There's an old superstition that says that if a visitor wants to return to the place he has just visited, he needs to leave something behind.

If that's true, then many return trips to South Korea lie in store for Boise State literacy professor Stan Steiner.

Steiner spent the spring and part of the summer on sabbatical at Chonbuk National University in Jeonju, South Korea, as part of an agreement between Chonbuk and Boise State's College of Education. Steiner, who specializes in children's literacy, began arranging for children's books to arrive long before he stepped onto the plane that would take him to Asia. With the help of colleagues and family and a lot of packing, he amassed about 850 books for Korea.

Those books now make up the Children's and Young Adult Books in English section of the Jellabuk Provincial Library. Steiner's donation was celebrated with a formal ceremony, and he received a

plaque that now sits in his office back in Boise. His donation was big news in Jeonju; pictures of Steiner and his colleagues in Korea wound up in local newspapers and on television.

Books, says Steiner, are incredibly important to Koreans. "There is a big market for books in Korea," he says. "Most families have a library, and everyone has books in their homes."

Besides numerous libraries — the library system in Jeonju is set up so that a branch is open every day of the week — there are book rental stores, such as those we have for videos or DVDs. And, as Steiner found out during the summer, the Harry Potter series enjoys a following in Korea, too.

Steiner will see how his section of the library is doing this fall, when he visits South Korea again. While he's there he'll be able to drop off another gift: more books.

— Julie Hahn

'Idaho Review' celebrates 10th anniversary

By Julie Hahn

When you pick up *The Idaho Review* and take in its elegant cover and layout, there's no indication that you're holding a literary success story in your hands.

But the Boise State University publication, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2008, has produced eight issues and has had eight stories appear in prized anthologies — which is equivalent to having a football team that makes it to a major bowl game. Every year.

Not bad for an anthology that was created out of thin air.

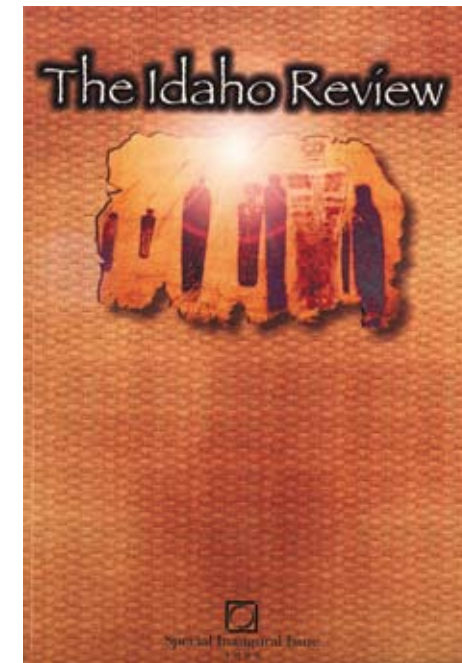
Mitch Wieland, a professor in the MFA in creative writing program and *The Idaho Review's* founding editor, came up with the idea of the review shortly after he arrived at Boise State from the University of Alabama, where he received his master's degree.

In 1997, as Boise State explored the possibility of developing an MFA program, Wieland went to then-provost Daryl Jones and argued for an anthology that would give the university a national presence and would help put the new program on the map.

Jones, a poet, didn't need much persuading. "He gave me \$6,000 on good faith and said, 'Here — go out and do it,'" Wieland recalls. Jones gave the money on one condition: The publication would be called *The Idaho Review*.

Wieland went back to his office and started calling old friends and past teachers, including author George Garrett, who had been one of his professors in Alabama. He donated a story, "which instantly legitimized the whole project," Wieland says. Wieland got in touch with writer Ann Beattie, who happened to be Garrett's neighbor, and on Garrett's advice sent over a piece — for free — that had been rejected by *The New Yorker*.

"Her agent called me and said, 'Don't



you have any money? Can't you give her any money?" Wieland says, laughing.

The first issue took 15 months to come together, but the wait was well worth it — three stories from the inaugural edition were included in the Best American Short Stories anthology, a major coup for any publication, much less a start-up.

That recognition led to a number of submissions from all over the country; Wieland said that *The Idaho Review* now gets stories from all 50 states and from around the world.

The publication is unusual in that students are the ones who choose the stories that will be included in each issue; in fact, an entire class is built around the production of the anthology. Students get a chance to not only hone their editing skills, but they also learn marketable skills that will serve them well later, Wieland says.

But Wieland says that the merits of *The Idaho Review* go far beyond those found in the classroom.

"Journals always bring great attention to the universities to which they are connected," he says.

History prof testifies at international trial

For most faculty, years of painstaking research end in publication of a book, a presentation at a prestigious conference, or perhaps a moment of fame in the popular press. For Nick Miller, chair of the Department of History and an expert on the former Yugoslavia, it led to all that and more.

This fall, Miller's extensive knowledge of the war in Yugoslavia from 1991-1995 led to expert testimony at the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands.

He testified for the prosecution in the trial of Jadranko Prlic and five other Bosnian Croats. Prlic was the premier of the Croatian rogue state of Herceg-Bosna, which terrorized Muslims during the Bosnian War from 1992-1995.

In particular, Prlic and his colleagues are accused of ordering the killing, raping, and expulsion of tens of thousands of Muslim civilians from territory held by the Croats.

Miller's testimony addressed two specific questions. First, when Herceg-Bosna declared independence in 1992, was it logical to assume that such a declaration would lead to the slaughter of civilians? And second, was Prlic loyal to the Herzeg-Bosna government rather than to the new federal government of Bosnia? The trial, which began in 2006,

is expected to last another year. (See page 11 for a brief on Miller's recently published book *The Nonconformists*.)

— Kathleen Craven



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FOUNDATION AT THE FOREFRONT

"Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State University" is spearheaded by the Boise State Foundation. A nonprofit Idaho organization, the Foundation is Boise State's official fundraising organization and also serves as the custodian for donations to the university.

For additional information about the campaign and a breakdown of the target amounts for each area of need and how the funding will be used, please go to the "Destination Distinction" link at the bottom of Boise State's main Web page. You can also visit the campaign Web site directly at <http://foundation.boisestate.edu/campaign>.

To contact the Boise State Foundation by phone, call (208) 426-3276 or call toll-free at 1-800-341-6150.

programs



Boise State's comprehensive campaign is designed to support the university's faculty, students, programs and places. From left: One of the elevator towers that will support the new skyboxes and press box at Bronco Stadium. Adelina Draghici, a marketing and business major from Romania, celebrates her 2007 graduation. Former electrical engineering student Todd Plum, who graduated in 2005, conducts research in the Idaho Microfabrication Laboratory.

Join our Journey to **Distinction**

Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State University, is Boise State's recently launched \$175 million fundraising initiative. The campaign will transform BSU into a metropolitan research university of distinction, bringing students unparalleled opportunities, improving the quality of life for Idahoans, and solving problems at home and around the globe.

Boise State's people (our students, faculty and staff) are the motivation. The university's programs (our exceptional academics and enhanced research agenda) are the means to achieve greatness. Boise State's places (our new buildings and facilities) are where

that greatness will be imparted, witnessed and shared.

However, Boise State will face an uphill battle to meet those obligations unless we broaden our base of support. Building and sustaining this greatness requires commitments from our alumni, supporters and community partners — a concerted effort to improve the university's reputational currency, thus attracting better students and faculty and securing even better opportunities.

Only with the generous help from individuals, companies and foundations can we achieve the goals of Destination Distinction and take Boise State to unprecedented heights for an enthusi-

astic, diverse and accomplished student body.

The following 12 pages feature a look at four key areas of focus that the campaign is designed to support: students, faculty, academics, and buildings and facilities.



**THE CAMPAIGN FOR
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY**

MANY STUDENTS FIND LACK OF FUNDING TOUGH TO OVERCOME

By Julie Hahn

Take a look around professor Teresa Boucher's Spanish 498 senior seminar and you'll get a snapshot of Boise State students.

There are the traditional undergraduates who arrived on campus fresh out of high school; there are students who decided to further their educations after serving in the armed forces; there are mothers and fathers; and students who have spent time, effort and resources to study abroad and expose themselves to new cultures and experiences.

Spanish professor Teresa Boucher (left) says she often feels her students' financial pain.



JOHN KELLY

These students share a love of the Spanish language, and a quick survey reveals that they would continue their educations here if they could — but they can't. Although a plan for a master's degree program in Spanish has been in the works for years, Boise State has lacked the funding to get the program started.

And even though these students are some of the top Spanish students at Boise State, few of them have received any scholarship money.

"I received \$125 once," Greg Shaffer says, recalling his scholarship as a major in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. Another student received \$500 to study abroad, which paid for only 10 percent of the total cost of her trip.

The students in Boucher's class demonstrate one of the core needs of the Boise State "Destination Distinction" campaign: the financial support needed to recruit and retain excellent students.

Destination Distinction has outlined many areas of need for students, including scholarships, graduate assistantships, new degree programs and expanded research space and library collections.

ALL ASPECTS

Funding for students is the most important part of any campaign, says Michael Laliberte, Boise State's vice president for student affairs.

And that funding plays into all aspects of a student's college experience, from where the students live — one of the campaign goals is to raise money to remodel and expand student housing, including residential colleges, where stu-



JOHN KELLY PHOTOS

Students Greg Shaffer (top) and Tyler Roberts face financial obstacles in their efforts to enroll in graduate-level Spanish courses.

dents and faculty live in the same building — to how they study. Boucher's Spanish program alone hopes to benefit from a \$30,000 boost to the Albertsons Library Spanish collection, and many other departments are counting on expanded resources for students.

The No. 1 reason that students stop attending Boise State is financial need, Laliberte says. "Students

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have amazing responsibilities that people need to be aware of," he says. "It's not unusual to have people working full time and going to school full time."

DEEP IN DEBT

Idaho college graduates carry one of the nation's highest average debts; about 71 percent have student loans. The average debt accrued by graduates of four-year colleges and universities exceeds \$20,000.

According to Laliberte, if Boise State can create scholarships that can augment students' living expenses and life needs, it will have much more engaged students who are likely to graduate.

Boise State's diverse student population leaves gaps that aren't met by traditional scholarships. For instance, students who are returning to college after a long absence don't necessarily have the academic standing required for many scholarships.

"Our students aren't cookie cutouts," Laliberte says.

Boucher says she feels her students' pain most acutely when she has to turn away those who would like to continue their educations at Boise State but can't because a master's degree in Spanish isn't offered here, or anywhere else in Idaho.

"We have the population, the student demand, but no program," she says. Every year, Boucher writes letters of recommendation for outstanding students who move elsewhere after receiving an undergraduate degree from Boise State. "We lose some really talented people," she says.

ESPECIALLY TROUBLING

It's especially troubling because Boucher also responds to numerous requests for highly educated Spanish speakers as the demand for qualified bilingual teachers, translators and business people grows daily.

Boucher receives requests from Idaho's court system and hospitals, where a mistake in translation can lead to disaster.

Tyler Roberts, one of Boucher's students, is a businessman who says that he receives requests for bilingual students from local companies that want to do business with Idaho's growing Spanish-speaking community.

But even though the demand is there, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures can't fill it fast enough. Student Rhonda Schaff would like to continue her education and help fill that need, but she can't for practical reasons.

"I have a family here and couldn't pack up and leave for a master's in, say, Vermont," she says.

Although one of the benefits

of the Destination Distinction campaign would be to keep students in Idaho, Laliberte says it could also help them experience parts of the world that they wouldn't see otherwise.

PAYING THE PRICE

Many of Boucher's students have traveled to Spanish-speaking countries and have received credit for their work — but often at their own expense.

Her students say they have taken out loans, gone into debt, worked long hours of overtime, and racked up credit-card bills in order to learn with native speakers.

Laliberte says that he would

like to see more opportunities for learning outside the classroom, such as expanded study abroad programs, more opportunities for internships and partnerships with local businesses.

The list of student needs is long, Laliberte says, but the contributions to the Destination Distinction campaign will make a tremendous impact.

"In the long run a campaign will benefit students because they can save their money," he says. "To retain excellence and affordability — that should be the goal of a public institution. That's really one of our goals, and why we would run a [comprehensive] campaign."

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT DRIVES FACULTY IN CLASSROOM, COMMUNITY

By Mike Journee

When C.J. Northrup first came to Boise State as a young Ph.D. in 1998, he was struck by the vision with which the Department of Geosciences approached the future.

With aggressive five- and 10-year plans in place and being actively pursued, the department's focus on building a national reputation for envelope-pushing research and, in turn, one of the field's best academic programs in

the country, was strong.

That disciplined vision was a key selling point for Northrup. Now, as the chairman of the Department of Geosciences, Northrup underscores the concrete results — four undergraduate degrees, four master's degrees, two doctorates, the department's international reputation for excellent scholarship and millions of dollars in annual research funding through grants, fellowships and contracts with government, philanthropic and corporate sources.

Northrup has helped the geosciences program develop a rock-solid reputation.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MUSIC TO HIS EARS

Jake Ineck is one busy guy.

A senior who is double majoring in music performance and music education, he's expected to devote four hours a day to practice. And do his homework. And check out graduate schools. Oh, and give 35 students private guitar lessons.

But as Ineck says, he's luckier than a lot of other music students. He has been the recipient of a number of scholarships that have allowed him to devote more time to his studies and less time to an outside job.

His most recent scholarship, a prestigious award from the Presser Foundation, will take care of most of his academic needs this year. Throughout his academic career, he's also received a number of departmental scholarships that have helped defray his costs.

"They all do help offset the cost of attending here, which is really important," Ineck says. "The price it takes to be a music major is a lot



With financial help, Ineck (right) has less to fret about than some music students.

more than you would expect. Once you're done with your homework you still have hours of practicing you need to do ... to tack work on top of it, it's just more."

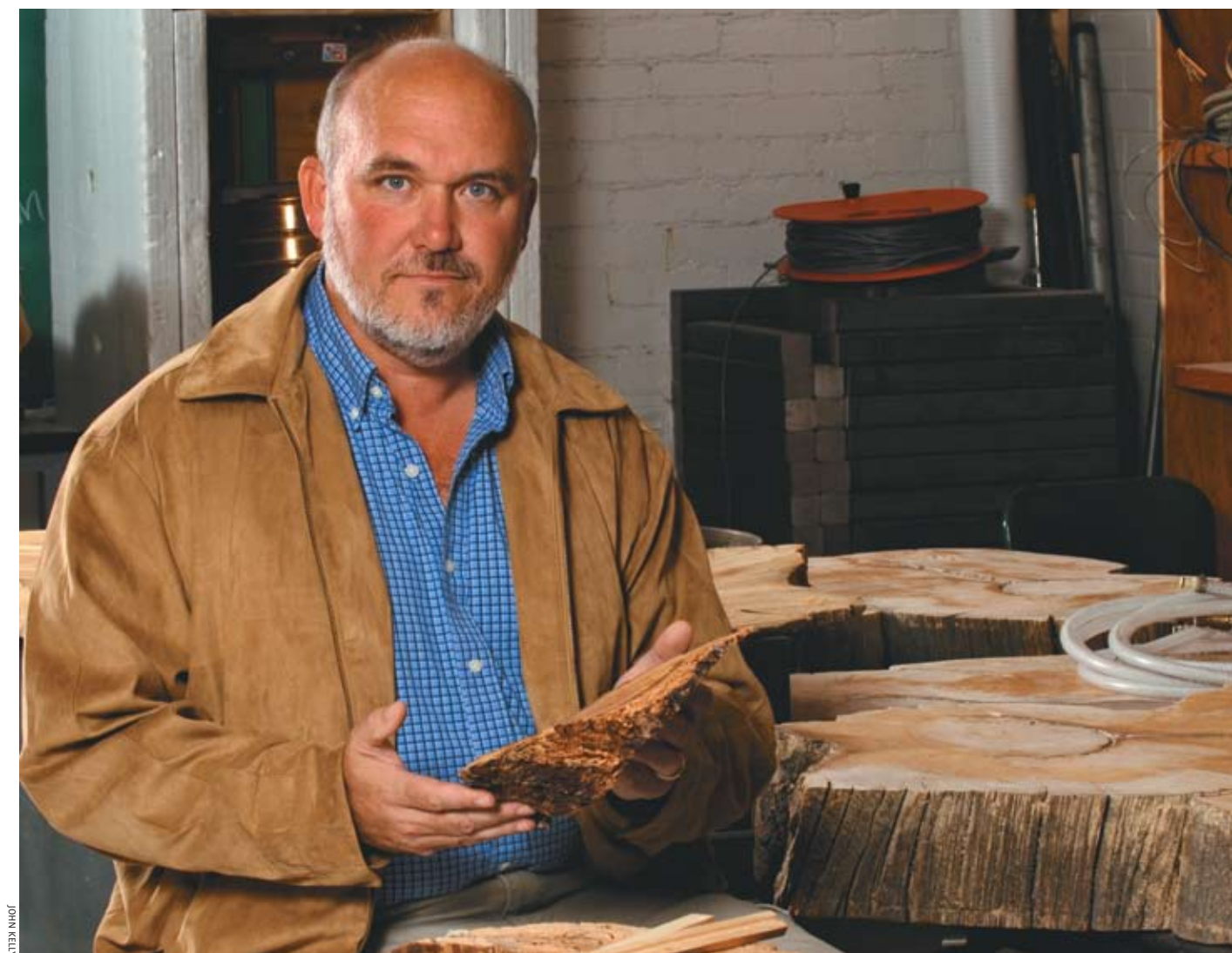
Ineck is from Boise and decided to stay in the area to study guitar at Boise State. "I was excited that it was a quality institution in my hometown," he says, adding that Boise State has given him a well-rounded education.

Ineck plans to go to graduate

school after a couple more years at Boise State, making his scholarships especially important. "That's when the big bucks start happening," he says. His undergraduate scholarships have given him an advantage, he says.

"It takes a while to get started," he says of a music career. "It's even harder to get started in the professional world with loans and everything hanging over your head."

— Julie Hahn



JOHN KELLY

“Our faculty members are the heart and soul of the university. They are the ones who make it work. Without them we do not have a university.”

Northrup and his colleagues talk about a similar campuswide vision as they recruit today’s generation of promising young professors and established scholars.

The university’s strategic focus on building research programs as a way of lifting the entire institution to a new level of distinction bears a striking resemblance to the geosciences department’s vision a decade ago, Northrup says.

IDEAS AND PASSION

“If you are someone who likes the idea of building a university with your ideas and passion for your field, there is probably no better place to be in the country,” Northrup says.

It’s a relatively new way of thinking. Boise State has long been known as a “teaching university” — where a professor’s main focus is teaching a full load of undergraduate classes.

But in recent years, Boise State’s momentum in developing key graduate programs — in large part through research — is seen as a path to expanded aca-

demical horizons for students while tapping into lucrative funding sources.

“Universities that do great research attract great students,” says Mark Rudin, who joined Boise State as vice president for research earlier this year. “Research and teaching are not mutually exclusive things. Professors researching the cutting edge of their field can offer a richer, more relevant learning experience for students.”

MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

Faculty is only one piece of the overall puzzle the university’s leaders are putting together. But in these early years of establishing Boise State’s reputation as a serious research university, the intellectual capital they lend to the university’s reputation and their commitment to passing it on to students could be the most important elements, says Sona Andrews, the university’s provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“Our faculty members are the heart and soul of the university,”

says Andrews. “They are the ones who make it work. Without them we do not have a university.”

That’s why developing the resources that make strong faculty happy and keep them at the university is a central focus of “Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State University.” Up to \$26 million of this \$175 million comprehensive fundraising campaign has been earmarked for recruiting and retaining “the best faculty” and enhancing Boise State’s research infrastructure.

A YEN FOR RESEARCH

In reality, it’s hard to separate the faculty earmark within Destination Distinction from the campaign’s other areas of focus: the creation of new academic programs and degrees, building new facilities for an increasingly crowded campus and supporting student needs.

Andrews, Rudin, Northrup and others say each area of focus and investment will play off of the others and go directly to the sum total of Boise State’s reputation and credibility as a research university.

Such investments make it easier to lure and keep idealistic professors with a yen for research and who are eager to be part of something bigger, Northrup says.

“This campaign gives the dream substance,” Northrup says. “It says, ‘Not only is this metropolitan research university of distinction a good idea, it’s actually happening.’”

PUSHING THE ENVELOPE

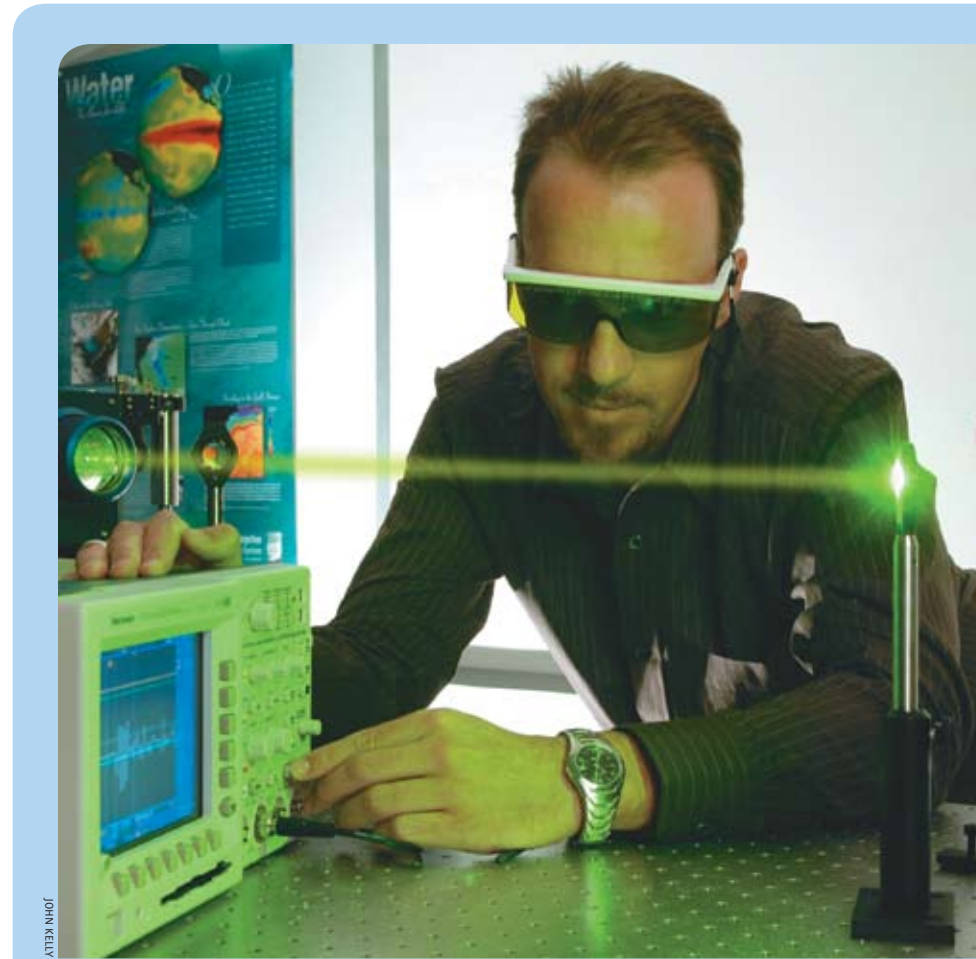
Andrews says recent areas of focus include new programs, faculty, degrees or research centers in the areas of geophysics and

geosciences, electrical and computer engineering, biomolecular sciences, chemistry, education, health sciences, public affairs, and the arts and humanities.

But more important than areas of focus, Andrews adds, is recruiting and retaining faculty who believe in the vision for the university’s future. Boise State is

looking for professors interested in pushing the research envelope in their field and using that expertise to create an inspiring, cutting-edge academic environment for their students and to contribute to the needs of the community and regional economy. They must be teachers, scholars and ambassadors, Andrews says.

“The ideal professor is someone who blurs the boundaries between the different worlds in which they operate,” she says. “Their passion for their field shines through in the classroom, in the laboratory or studio and in the community. The silos in which we all tend to categorize their work disappear.”



Van Wijk says it was clear that Boise State “was serious about its effort to push research.”

LIFESTYLE, RESEARCH MAKE BOISE STATE AN IDEAL PLACE FOR GEOPHYSICIST

For Kasper van Wijk, Boise State fits like a glove.

Long before the Dutch geophysicist joined the university’s faculty last year, he spent time at Boise State’s Hydrogeophysical Research Site

just east of Boise. Now operated by the Department of Geosciences, the research station is on the cutting edge of the work being done by the university’s Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface to push the frontiers of what scientists know about the structure, processes and properties of the Earth’s crust.

“They were really pushing the boundaries,” van Wijk says. “I re-

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But the deal became sweeter when Boise State jumped on van Wijk’s proposal to build the Physical Acoustics Laboratory to study seismic waves — similar to watching water ripples created when a pebble is dropped into a pond, only on land — to help characterize what’s under the surface.

“It can be a very hard thing for an experimental researcher to come to a university without a lab ready to work in,” van Wijk says. “Here, it was clear — no matter who I talked to, the dean, the department chairman, other professors — that Boise State was serious about its effort to push research.”

The lab will generate information useful in energy exploration, aquifer identification, land mine extraction, understanding fault lines and land-use decisions.

— Mike Journee

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS + RESEARCH = STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



CARIE QUINNEY

Brendefur's by-the-numbers approach seeks to improve math test scores.

By Kathleen Craven

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ... Dr. Math to the rescue for students and teachers in the Caldwell School District.

Three days a week Boise State mathematics education professor Jonathan Brendefur (aka Dr. Math) and two research assistants visit with teachers at the elementary and middle school levels, helping them demystify mathematics and improve teaching.

The results are a greater understanding by students of mathematical concepts, more excitement for the subject, and improved test scores.

Brendefur is the driving force behind Boise State's Initiative for Developing Mathematical Thinking (IDMT). Funded by a grant from both government and private entities, IDMT is a way to practically apply in the community what is being taught in the classroom.

IDMT uses the latest research to help teachers better understand how kids develop mathematical ideas and the best way to support that.

The long-range goal is to provide a strong mathematical foundation that will lead to more success in algebra and more students, especially minorities and girls, entering math and science fields — two areas of critical need nationally and internationally.

Academic initiatives and partnerships such as that between Brendefur and the Caldwell schools are common elements of a growing, thriving university.

ISSUES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

At Boise State they are absolutely essential to both the institution and the larger community it serves. New programs and research pro-



CARIE QUINNEY

Provost Sona Andrews says Boise State is focused on improving life for Idaho's citizens.

posals are constantly being considered to address issues of mutual benefit in areas ranging from science and engineering to health care and the arts.

Because university offerings must respond to market needs and interests in order to be relevant, proposals for new master's and doctoral programs are stringently reviewed.

Not only must new programs and research centers meet the needs of community partners, but they must also play to the strengths of existing undergraduate programs.

As part of its "Destination Distinction" campaign, Boise State is looking to fund new doctoral programs in biomolecular science, public policy, educational leadership and materials science and engineering; new master's programs in community and regional planning, dramatic writing and Spanish; and new interdisciplinary research centers in innovation

and entrepreneurship, imaging and memory, health policy, math education, biomechanics and human performance, and alternative energies and sustainability.

The university also plans to improve partnerships in elementary and secondary education, focus on its statewide public policy mission and continue to support the formation and implementation of a community college in the Treasure Valley.

"We're creating new programs where we already have existing strengths and can be assured of the highest quality," says Provost Sona Andrews, noting that the broad reach of the university is focused on improving life for Idaho citizens.

THE GREATER GOOD

As an institution working for the greater good of Idaho, Boise State is asking itself some tough questions, Andrews says.

In the area of public policy,

"The questions are more complicated, therefore Idaho can no longer rely on other people to come up with answers for Idaho. We need to be vested as a state in what happens to us."

for example, she notes that the university is investigating potential energy sources, their impact on the environment, and the best way to deliver those resources to the state's citizens.

"The questions are more complicated, therefore Idaho can no longer rely on other people to come up with answers for Idaho ... We need to be vested as a state in what happens to us," says Andrews. "Our graduate programs are designed to address these [and other] issues and make Idaho a better place."

NECESSARY TOOLS

As Boise State and its surrounding community continue to grow, new and greater challenges will be presented to many of the university's researchers.

Adding programs such as a master's in community and regional planning will give Boise State the tools it needs to provide the data local, state and government

agencies are seeking, while also providing a hands-on opportunity for students to contribute to the formation of public policy.

"This new program will integrate research and teaching, and promote research in the community," says Susan Mason, director of Boise State's certificate program in community and regional planning, which is administered by the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. "It will increase our capacity to perform the research that is needed, as well as give faculty members and graduate students opportunities to contribute to the

formation of public policy."

A new master's program will also help jumpstart the Institute for Urban and Regional Planning, an interdisciplinary program administered by the Department of Public Policy and Administration. This and other proposed centers focus on research that is relevant to the welfare of the community, whether locally, regionally or globally.

PERFECT VEHICLES

"Research centers are the perfect vehicles for connecting university research to the com-

munity's needs and the regional economy," says President Bob Kustra. "They really become the circuitry by which the university helps improve the quality of life in our community, while fostering groundbreaking research of national importance."

"Investing in research helps everyone," says Mark Rudin, vice president for research. Not only does it address specific problems and issues, he says, it adds prestige to the university, thus attracting better students and research faculty. "Research really is the future of this university."

GRADUATE STUDENT SEEKS ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

As the network administrator for the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, and the mother of a high school and a college student, Susan Emerson keeps plenty busy. Even so, she finds time to volunteer for Treasure Valley Public Access Television and serve on the Faith Relations committee for Habitat for Humanity. She'll also graduate this spring from Boise State's master of public administration program.

Emerson (BA, history, '94) says the MPA is a multi-faceted degree that could open more doors for her. "I love policy analysis and program management," she says. "This degree will help me frame policy in a historical context."

If possible, she'd also like to eventually earn her Ph.D., perhaps helping her land a job at a community college. But with all of her commitments — her job, her family, the need to care for aging parents, etc. — leaving the valley to pursue that goal would be difficult, if not impossible.



A Ph.D. in public policy at Boise State would allow Emerson to pursue her doctorate in Boise.

Seeing Boise State's proposed Ph.D. in public policy become a reality would mean students like Emerson could stay right here in the Treasure Valley.

"It would be great to have the

program here," Emerson says. "I don't feel I would be shortchanging myself at the intellectual level. The academic and research opportunities I need are all right here."

— Kathleen Craven

FINDING SPACE A KEY TO UNIVERSITY'S GROWTH

By Sherry Squires

Given its prominent location at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and University Drive, a new College of Business and Economics building will become both a landmark in the Boise city landscape and an icon for the university.

But far more important for Idaho is the energy that will be created inside. It will be a place where Boise State faculty can share knowledge and help students build the skills they need to enter or progress in the business world. A place where researchers can work alongside business

people to address corporate and community development. And a place where the state's economic engine can be refueled with new ideas.

Final programming and detailed design for the building will begin in earnest upon State Board of Education approval. It is expected that in addition to modern instructional facilities the building will include a high-tech financial trading center where students are exposed to the latest practices in money management, a center for student services, a center for economic development, and a center for innovation, along with

Opened at the start of the current semester, the Interactive Learning Center and the parking structure near the Student Union are the two latest construction projects to be completed.



“We were able to accommodate our recent record enrollment only because of the brand new Interactive Learning Center.”

prominent public spaces where students, faculty, business leaders and government leaders can work together.

Student enrollment in business programs has grown from 1,000 business majors in 1970, when the current business building opened, to nearly 3,000 students. Some existing classrooms have been retrofitted with the latest technology, but continuing to educate a growing number of students will require more space.

TOP PRIORITY

“A new building to house the College of Business and Economics is a top priority for the university,” says Boise State President Bob Kustra. “A state-of-the-art facility is essential in order for us to continue to meet the needs of today’s business environment.”

Boise State’s Campus Master Plan is a road map to the future, and the newly announced comprehensive campaign — “Destination Distinction” — is a catalyst for progress, says Stacy Pearson, vice president for finance and administration.

Boise State’s overall enrollment has increased by 18 percent, or 3,000 students, since 2000. But the state of Idaho has not funded an academic facility on the main campus since the Multipurpose Classroom Building in 1995. (The state provided funding for the West campus academic building

in 2003.)

Based on national standards and surveys conducted by the Society of College and University Planners (SCUP), Boise State is well below the average of net assignable square footage for academic space based on the number of full-time students for institutions of similar size. The 2005 survey reported a mean of 112 assignable square feet per student, while Boise State reported 85.

“Our growth of student enrollment has outpaced the addition of new academic space,” Pearson says.

HIGH-TECH LEARNING

The Interactive Learning Center was the first building outlined in the Campus Master Plan to be completed. When it opened in

August, it added 54,000 square feet of classroom space and was designed to enhance today’s high-tech learning environment.

“We were able to accommodate our recent record enrollment only because of the brand new Interactive Learning Center,” says Kustra. “The building component of this comprehensive campaign will allow us to continue to serve the students who come to us from all across Idaho and the country.”

Funding the new facilities will involve cobbling together a number of potential sources, including state and federal funds, student fees and saved university funds — as was the case with the ILC — and money raised privately through the comprehensive campaign.

There’s no doubt the investment will pay dividends.

Biology faculty members alone bring in more than \$1 million in research dollars each year. As chair of the Biology Department for eight years, Jim Munger spent much of his time negotiating for a spot to set up a new piece of equipment, creating a lab for a

new faculty member, or finding a bigger lab for a faculty member who landed a sizeable grant.

The Science Nursing Building is home to the Biology Department, along with chemistry and nursing — some of the most lab-intensive majors on campus. But it was built in 1977, long before faculty members were pursuing research agendas. Today, the Biology Department has 50 percent more faculty, four times as many majors, a thriving graduate program with 45 students enrolled and two new graduate programs on the way.

To enable them to conduct their research, classrooms have been

remodeled into lab space, classes have been scheduled back-to-back to make use of every available hour, and labs are run as many as 18 hours a day to ensure students have time to work on projects. It isn’t ideal, but it’s working. In his new role as associate vice president for academic planning for the past 15 months, Munger’s eyes have been opened to similar needs across campus.

LIKE A FRONTIER TOWN

“Boise State is like a frontier town in one sense,” Munger says. “We need to be crafty and resourceful. We need to make the absolute best use of our space. But

we’ve reached the limit of what we can do with what we have. We can only live in the barn for so long.”

Along with the new College of Business and Economics building, Bronco Stadium expansion, health care education labs, and a new alumni center (below) are specifically outlined in the campaign as immediate building projects.

These initial facilities address many of the identified campus needs, Pearson says, and recognize the key contributions of two of the major fundraising organizations for the university, the Bronco Athletic Association and the Alumni Association.



The new alumni center is scheduled to be built on the same site as the existing center.

NEW ALUMNI CENTER IS PART OF THE PLAN

More and more Boise State alums are coming home. And a new alumni center will make that experience all the more sweet.

“We want to extend a welcome and continue to engage alums and friends of the university,” says Mark Arstein, executive di-

rector of the Alumni Association. “We are creating a space where we can truly bring people back to campus, and where we can recognize our history and the accomplishments of our alums.”

The number of alums who are connecting with the university is rapidly increasing. The Alumni Association had a record 8 percent increase in membership this past

year, bringing the total number of paid members to 3,050.

“The Alumni Association is set up to provide a system of keeping friends and classmates in touch with a variety of ways that they can help with the advancement of the university,” says Allen Dykman, Boise State alumnus and donor. “We know that in this day and age public universities need private funds to be successful. This new center will be the bridge for future donations to BSU.”

While plans and a timeline are still being finalized, the new alumni center will be at least 35,000 square feet and be located on the same site as the existing center. About a third of the space will be devoted to public gathering areas.

The building also will house University Advancement staff, those dedicated to outreach to alums, donors, friends of the university and the general public, and serve as a gateway to the east end of campus.

— Sherry Squires



Boise State’s growth in enrollment has outpaced the addition of new academic space.



President Bob Kustra (left) accepts a check for \$2 million from Jim Kissler, CEO of Norco Inc. and president of the Kissler Family Foundation, during an on-campus ceremony.

Norco makes lead contribution to new Nursing/Wellness Building

Norco Inc., a Boise-based company that provides welding, safety and homecare medical supplies, provided a major boost to Boise State's effort to expand its nursing education facilities and student wellness services with a major financial contribution earlier this year.

At a ceremony held in late July, Jim Kissler, CEO of Norco Inc., presented university officials with a \$2 million pledge on behalf of the Kissler Family Foundation. The \$2 million will be used for construction of a new building that will house the Department of Nursing and the Student Health Wellness and Counseling Center. The four-story, \$25 million building is expected to be completed in time for the fall 2009 semester.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Health Systems were also partners in the project with major contributions. In addition, generous support was given by Allen and Billie Noble, Ed and Shirley Bews and the estate of Jody DeMeyer.

The Kissler Family Foundation's support will help provide additional classrooms and laboratories for Boise State's nursing program.

Three new employees join campaign team

With Boise State's comprehensive campaign officially under way, three new employees have joined the university to help lead its "Destination Distinction" initiative.

Alicia Ritter is the director of grant and fundraising initiatives, Kelly Palmer is the director of development for the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, and Rosemary Reinhardt has been named liaison between the President's Office and the campaign staff.

Ritter comes to Boise State with extensive public relations and marketing experience at Ritter Consulting Inc., Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide and Deen+Black Public Relations. She worked in the areas of fund development and public communications at the University of California, Davis and has consulted with nonprofit, government and corporate clients.

In her new position, Palmer will work to raise funds for the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs through private, corporate and foundation donations. Palmer comes to Boise State after working as major gifts officer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Reinhardt, formerly with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and the Saint Alphonsus Foundation, has joined Boise State on a part-time basis as a special assistant to the president for the campaign.



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Yankes' gift to aid research, academics, scholarships

A \$5 million commitment from longtime Boise State supporters Linda Yanke and her family will allow the university to expand, enhance and perpetuate the hallmark of excellence in education and leadership among its students and faculty. The gift is among several leadership gifts for the recently announced \$175 million Destination Distinction campaign.

Paid out over five years, the funds will support three areas of critical need:

- Biomolecular Science Endowment, \$3 million. This endowment will support, in perpetuity, graduate students studying biomolecular science. Initially, their research focus could include arthritis, cleft palate and cartilage degeneration. The endowment will build a foundation for advanced biomedical research at Boise State to address critical issues.

- Equipment for the Nursing and Student Wellness Building, \$1 million. Scheduled for completion in 2009, this state-of-the-art building will be a showcase in the Treasure Valley for outstanding educational and research activities (page 30). Equipment needs include video cameras and microphones for simulation and skills labs; specialty beds for simulation rooms; machines that dispense unit doses of drugs while providing high levels of product security; and ICU equipment such as monitors and ventilators.



Linda Yanke and her family have been major financial contributors to BSU. From left, son Dan Yanke, Linda, daughter Susan Norby, daughter Jill Stevens, son-in-law Bryan Norby and son-in-law Jeff Stevens.

- Support for the Boise State Capital Scholars Program, \$1 million. Many of Idaho's top students list Boise State among their preferred higher education choices, but go elsewhere due to Boise State's inability to provide merit scholarship awards. The Boise State Capital Scholars program recognizes Idaho's outstanding high school juniors by offering five-year, \$1,000 scholarships during an on-campus program that celebrates their achievements.

"The Yanke family has been a longtime supporter of Boise State University," says Howard Smith, vice president for university advancement. "We truly appreciate this latest gift, which will allow our already impressive research programs to

grow while also attracting more of Idaho's finest students."

Linda Yanke currently serves on the BSU Foundation board of directors executive committee and was on the campaign planning task force.

The Yankes have been major financial contributors to several projects at Boise State, including the Simplot/Micron Center, the Centennial Amphitheatre and the expansion of Bronco Stadium.

They also helped secure the land on which the Boise State-West campus stands. Ron Yanke was a local businessman, philanthropist and longtime supporter of Boise State who passed away in 2005.

MAESTRO NAMED TO FUNDRAISING POSITION

Jim Ogle, former artistic director/conductor and director of planned giving and major gifts for the Boise Philharmonic Association, has joined the Boise State Foundation as special assistant to the president.

He is working with President Bob Kustra and other university officials to cultivate donor relationships supporting music and arts programs at Boise State. Kustra asked Ogle to join the university's fundraising team to underscore the significance of the arts and humanities in Boise State's comprehensive campaign.

Ogle served as the Boise Philharmonic's artistic director/conductor since 1987. He was also a conductor with the North Carolina Symphony. He has received numerous arts awards, including the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 2005 and the Medal of Honor from the Morrison Center in 2004.



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Top and above right: An estimated 2,500 alumni and friends gathered on the University of Washington campus before the Bronco-Husky game Sept. 8. Above left: Students took part in Homecoming festivities Sept. 15.

8,000 in 8 days: Bronco fans, supporters gather far and wide

Bronco Nation gathered en masse in September when an estimated 8,000 alumni and friends attended six Alumni Association-sponsored events during an eight-day period. It began Sept. 7 with the Alumni Association's "Celebration in Seattle" at the Space Needle and culminated on Homecoming Saturday Sept. 15.

Nearly 400 alumni and friends from Seattle and Boise attended a reception at the Space Needle Sept. 7, and the next day an estimated 2,500 assembled on the University of Washington campus for the BroncoBash tailgate party prior to the Boise State-UW football game.

The momentum continued though a slate of events during Homecoming week. The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet was held for the first time during Homecoming and drew 140 attendees on Sept. 12 (page 33), and 35 people attended the

Golden Graduates dinner honoring the Class of 1957 later that week.

A new tradition was started Sept. 14 with the Bronco Nation Invasion, where an estimated 5,000 Boise State supporters gathered downtown in the BoDo shopping district for a pep rally and street festival.

Then on Sept. 15 more than 300 football fans attended the Alumni Association's BroncoBash tailgate before the kickoff of the Wyoming-BSU Homecoming football game.

The Alumni Association hosts social events before all Bronco home football games and some away games. The home BroncoBash events are held in the parking lot of the Alumni Center, located on the corner of Grant Avenue and University Drive across the street from Bronco Stadium. The events include games for kids, performances by the Bronco cheer squad, music and food and beverages.



The 20th group of Distinguished Alumni Award winners were honored during a Sept. 12 banquet in the Student Union. From left: Christine Echeverria Bender, Boise State President Bob Kustra, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Lori Easley Otter, Doug Hackler and Bill Ilett.

Governor, first lady, novelist, business leader, CEO named Distinguished Alumni

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and his wife, first lady Lori Easley Otter, were among the honorees who received Boise State's 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award this fall. The other honorees were novelist Christine Echeverria Bender, businessman Bill Ilett, and Doug Hackler, president and chief executive officer of American Semiconductor.

The five were honored during a banquet hosted by the Alumni Association during Homecoming week. The event marked the 20th year that Boise State has recognized some of its most illustrious graduates with the award.

GOV. BUTCH OTTER attended Boise Junior College during the 1962-63 and 1963-64 academic years before transferring to the College of Idaho in 1964. Before he was elected governor in 2006 he served three terms as U.S. representative for Idaho's 1st District (2000-2006), four terms as the state's lieutenant governor (1986-2000), and two terms in Idaho's House of Representatives (1973-1976). In the private sector, Gov. Otter served on the J.R. Simplot Co. board of directors for 27 years and in several executive positions with the company. Throughout his career as both an elected official and a business leader, Gov. Otter has been a major supporter of Boise State. He was involved in the efforts to raise funds

for Taco Bell Arena, the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts and the Nicholson-Yanke Athletic Center.

A former Meridian School District teacher and administrator, **LORI EASLEY OTTER** graduated from Boise State with a teaching degree in 1992 and later earned a master's degree from Northwest Nazarene University. A former Miss Idaho USA, Idaho's first lady taught K-12 physical education and health and coached girls basketball and volleyball at the junior high and high school level in Meridian for 13 years. She continues to be an education advocate and serves on the board of directors for the Family Advocate Program and the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Foundation.

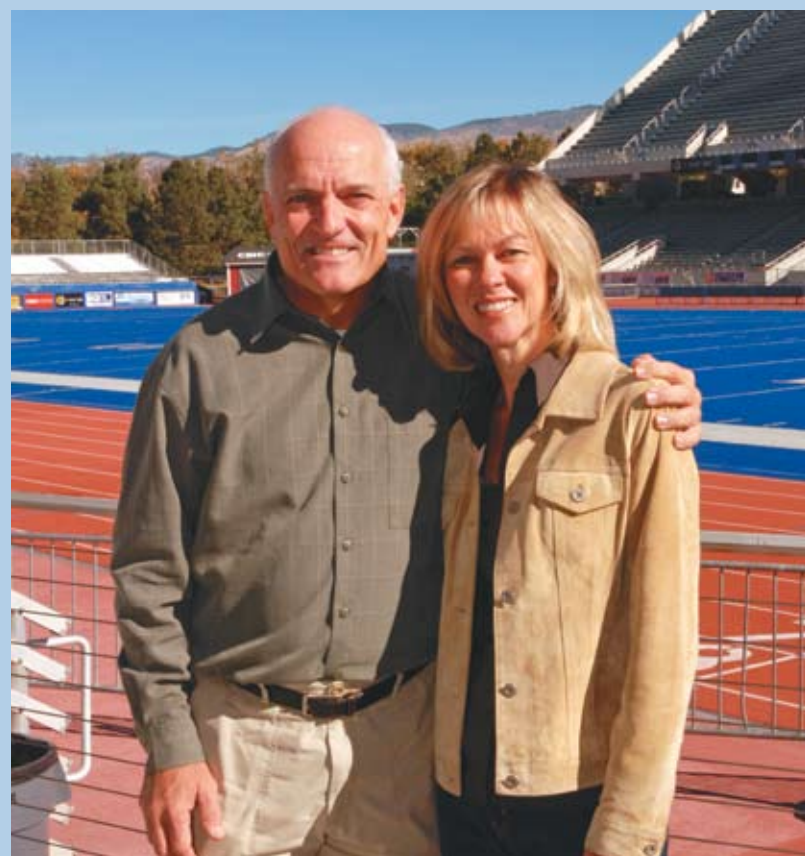
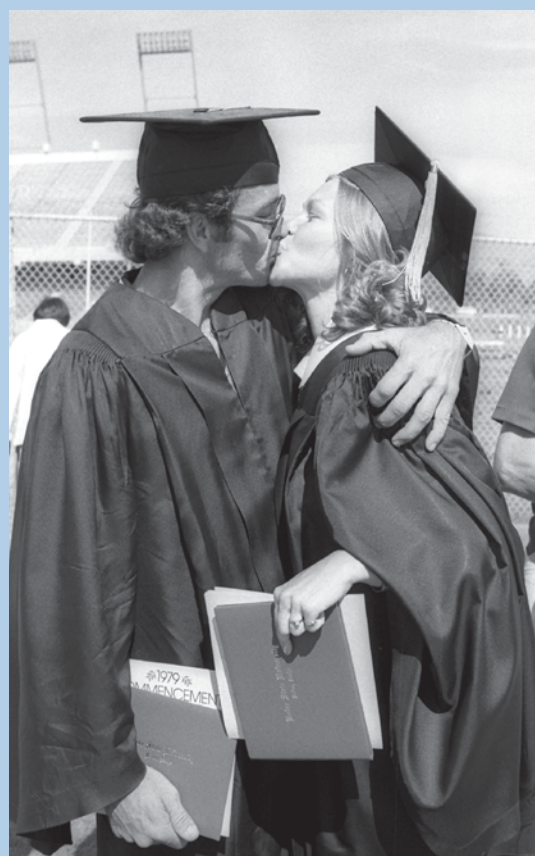
A 1977 Boise State graduate with a bachelor's degree in accountancy, **CHRISTINE ECHEVERRIA BENDER** pursued a career in that field until 2000. At that time, she decided to try her hand at writing. Her first book, *Challenge the Wind*, was published in 2001. The historical fiction is about a young Basque cabin boy who accompanied Christopher Columbus on his voyage to the new world. Her second book, *Sails of Fortune*, was published in 2005. It, too, is a historical fiction with a Basque main character; this time a captain who served with Ferdinand Magellan on his voyage around the world. In 2006 she received

a grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts to research Basque whalers in North America in the 16th century. The result of her research is the Basque whaling exhibit in Boise's Basque Museum and Cultural Center.

Boise entrepreneur **BILL ILETT** is the president of TransCorp — a truck-leasing company — and managing investor of the Idaho Stampede of the NBA Development League. He graduated from Boise State with an associate of science degree in 1965 and a bachelor's degree in accountancy in 1967. In 1966 he was elected student body president of the first class to graduate from Boise College, which had just become a four-year school. He currently serves as the chair of the Boise State Foundation. He also has served as president of the BSU 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. He and his wife, Christina, have donated five semi trucks to the Idaho Center for Professional Truck Driving in the College of Applied Technology.

DOUG HACKLER earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Boise State in 1998 and went on to distinguish himself in the semiconductor industry. In 2001 he founded American Semiconductor Inc. after he worked his way through the microelectronics device world with stints at Intel, Northern Telecom, General Instrument, Honeywell, Zilog and M/A-Com Inc. He is the holder of five patents for advanced microelectronics devices and circuits with another four patents pending. In addition to his executive duties, Hackler is the principal investigator for multiple research contracts with the Department of Defense, the U.S. Air Force Research Lab and the U.S. Missile Defense Agency. He is the co-author of seven recent publications based on American Semiconductor Inc. research. He also holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in electrical engineering.

Terry and Susan Hutt: Still a team after 28 years



Terry and Susan Hutt at their graduation from BSU in 1979 (left) and today at Bronco Stadium, where Terry starred as an All-American wide receiver.

They may not have made a big splash with the national media like Ian and Chrissy, but back in 1979 Boise State All-American wide receiver Terry Hutt and nursing student Susan Hollingsworth caught the eye of a FOCUS photographer as they celebrated their graduation at Bronco Stadium. One month later they were married.

Susan (AS, nursing, '79) and Terry (BBA, industrial business, '79) were both Borah High graduates, but didn't meet until they were fellow students at Boise State, where Terry was named a first team All-American in 1977. The Broncos won the Big Sky Conference championship that year.

Terry has spent most of his career in software sales and Susan has worked mainly in women's health care. They have three adult children: Tara, 26, who lives in California and works as an accountant; Nicholas, 23, who graduated this spring from Idaho State with a degree in anthropology; and Matthew, 21, a graduate student in accounting at the University of Oregon.

The kids didn't follow in their dad's footsteps on the gridiron, but they played soccer and basketball with Terry coaching some of their teams. While the kids were growing up, the family spent

summer weekends on the water at Lucky Peak and Payette Lake, waterskiing and wake boarding.

"I've always said yes when the kids wanted to do something," Terry says. "I never said I didn't have the time. It brought us all together. It still brings us together."

They were all together at the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day when the Broncos scored their historic win over Oklahoma. "I had butterflies watching that game," Susan says.

The Fiesta Bowl win was a landmark accomplishment for Boise State, and in more ways than just athletics, Terry says. "Boise State was a great experience for me back in the '70s, both academically and on the football team, and we're thrilled to see the way the school is going."

Susan and Terry are old hands at marriage after nearly 30 years, and say the key to their success is that they have always shown love and respect to each other and to their kids, and they work well as a team.

"I've always told the kids the greatest gift I ever gave them was their father," says Susan with a smile.

— Anna Fritz

Background in philosophy helps alum find his muse

Justin Allen graduated from Boise State with a philosophy degree in 1997 and packed up for New York, envisioning a Jack Kerouac-like stint at Columbia University.

Allen earned an MFA, but he also has found success dreaming up stories that not even Kerouac imagined. His first novel, *Slaves of the Shinar*, was published in July by Overlook. *Slaves of the Shinar* is set in ancient Mesopotamia — Shinar — and tells the story of a wandering thief, Uruk, and a slave, Ander, who while struggling toward freedom become embroiled in a war they neither wanted nor dreamed possible. *Publisher's Weekly* calls the book a "promising debut," and *Booklist* reviewed it as a "high-quality" first novel.

That's wonderful praise for a book that Allen didn't set out to write. He says he wrote the story to support a friend who was intimidated by a class assignment. "I wasn't interested in writing it initially, but then I wrote more than 20 pages in one sitting," he says.

Allen's background in the publishing industry — he spent six years working for a literary agency — gave him the tools to get the book published. This summer, Allen spent a few months on a

book tour and made his way back to Boise, where he gave a reading at The Cabin and signed books at the Boise State Bookstore. He visited one of professor Andrew Schoedinger's philosophy classes to talk about how his degree gave him the foundation he needed.

Allen wanted to impress upon students the idea that a philosophy degree opens them up to the world, he says. Writing the book gave him a chance to delve into philosophical schools of thought that he studied at Boise State.

Allen just finished a new book, *The American*, and is a dancer and administrator in a New York-based dance company. He also was a member of Idaho Dance Theatre.

"In the arts, the more you do, the more complete you are in your thinking," he says.

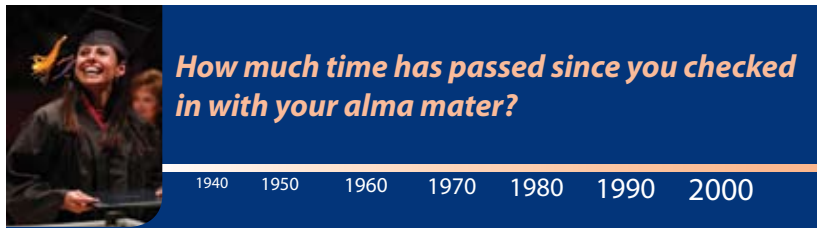
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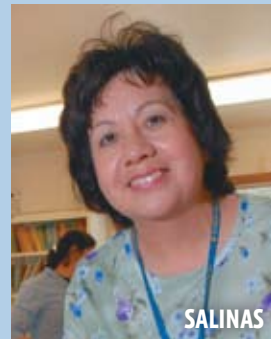
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Salinas finds her niche right at home

A lot of students can't wait to leave home. Boise State alumna Maria Salinas couldn't wait to get back.

Salinas lived as a child in Farmway Village, a large migrant farmworker settlement just west of Caldwell. Today she is the director of La Escuelita, an after-school program that sits on the same location as her home once did.



CARIE QUINNEY
SALINAS

She spends her days teaching and advocating for sons and daughters of farmworkers who are at-risk of not succeeding in the school system.

"I would say it was destiny," she says.

Salinas was working as a teacher's aide when she was encouraged to become a teacher and applied to Boise State.

"My mind was set on being an executive secretary," she says. "I had worked 12 years for Canyon County and really didn't think that I could go to college. But it was in me all the time."

In 2005 she completed a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in bilingual/ESL studies. She credits Jay Fuhrman, a since-retired education professor, with helping her see her potential and succeed.

As an employee of the Caldwell School District, Salinas strives to do the same thing for her students. She acts as a liaison at five schools between her students and the school system, helping keep their needs in front of those who make decisions about education. She also spends individual time tutoring students and has seen many of them break through the barriers they face and find success.

"Seeing my students go on to graduate brings tears to my eyes," Salinas says. "It's so rewarding. I feel that I never left Farmway Village. I always was meant to be a part of this big dream."

— Sherry Squires



NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

The following members of the Boise State Alumni Association completed lifetime membership commitments between May 1 and July 31. 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.

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- Alan Minskoff, Boise
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- Troy Peltzer, Nampa

Wheeler named associate director

Jennifer Wheeler has joined Boise State as the new senior associate director of alumni relations for the Alumni Association. Wheeler was most recently a programs officer for the Idaho Community Foundation and has experience as associate director of alumni relations for both Idaho State University and Portland State University.



WHEELER

Wheeler is responsible for directing chapter and network programming as well as the association's online community. In addition, she will assist the director with broad strategic initiatives aimed at advancing the Alumni Association.

Wheeler earned both a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in communication with an advertising/public relations emphasis from Idaho State.



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1970s

JIM BIANCHI, BS, physical education, '71, is the new manager of individual business for Primary Health Inc. in Boise. He has more than 25 years of experience in health insurance, marketing, sales and management.

KENNETH PERRY, BA, sociology, '71, has joined Boise's Children's Home Society of Idaho and Warm Springs Counseling Center as a psychotherapist. Perry's work history includes 11 years with the Department of Health and Welfare and 22 years with Casey Family Programs. He has also taught courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels for the School of Social Work at BSU.

ARLO DECKER, BS, physical education, '72, is retiring as New Plymouth High School's principal. Decker began his tenure with the school in 1972 by teaching health, science and physical education. He also coached 20 years of track, 15 years of football, and two years of basketball. He earned his administrative degree and began his principal position in 1992.

RON "PETE" PETERSON, BA, psychology, '73, performed comedy in the United Kingdom for seven months in 2006, winning two comedy contests — The January King Gong Show at the London Comedy Store and the Flip 15 Cabaret Contest at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh.

DICK DAVIS, BA, history, '74, is retiring from his position as principal of Melba High

School after 33 years in education. Davis began his teaching career in Gooding in 1974. He also taught at Kuna High School and was assistant principal at Meridian High School before moving to Melba in 1984. His 23 years of service in Melba included time as a history teacher, head football coach and as principal of Melba Middle School. In 1996, he was selected as principal of Melba High School and was nominated as Principal of the Year for the state of Idaho in 2004.

MARY BENTON, BFA, art education, '75; MA, education, '94, was awarded the PTA 2007 Outstanding Educator Award in Boise. Benton is a fourth-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary and has taught in the Boise School District for 23 years. She has been a contract art teacher with Boise Art Museum for 20 years and has worked with Job Service Summer Youth Employment Program. Boise Mayor Dave Bieter declared May 4, 2007, as Mary Benton Day.

DAVID CADWALLADER, BS, biology, '76, is the new regional supervisor for the Department of Fish and Game's Clearwater Region in Lewiston. Cadwallader has worked with Fish and Game since 1982 when he was hired as a conservation officer.

GARY DUNCAN, BBA, business and economics, '78, has joined First Federal as a commercial loan officer at the Shoshone Street location in Twin Falls.

CRAIG HURST, BM, music education, '78, was promoted to full professor at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha. In addition to teaching music and courses on the history of rock n' roll and jazz in literature, he leads the instrumental music program as director of bands at UW-Waukesha. He performs on the trumpet for the Waukesha Area Symphonic Band, the Concord Chamber Orchestra, the Wisconsin Wind Orchestra, and the Milwaukee Police Band, among others.

RICK VERNON, BBA, business management, '78, has been named the new executive officer of the Coeur d'Alene Association of Realtors. Vernon has extensive real estate background, 41 years of service in the

Army National Guard, and a government affairs background. He spent two years as a real estate agent then formed his own real estate company in Boise. He later worked in agencies in Spokane and north Idaho.

RICK WEISS, MBA, '78, has been hired as manager of Swoboda Hospitality Specialists, a real estate brokerage office in Boise. Weiss has more than 30 years of commercial real estate experience. The Phoenix-based company is a member of Hotel Brokers International.

CHARLES BUFE, BM, general music, '79, founded See Sharp Press in 1984 and has published more than 30 books, some of which he has authored/co-authored/compiled-edited or translated. His current band, Built for Comfort, will create its first CD this year. He is also writing a science fiction novel and a non-fiction book on the role of fear in daily life.

JANIS REID, BBA, marketing, '79, has joined Idaho Trust National Bank as a bank services associate in Boise. Reid has 25 years of experience in training, lending, budgeting and project management. She held the position of customer service manager at Proteam Inc. in Boise and was a vice president and project manager for U.S. Bank.

1980s

MARK CHRISTENSEN, MBA, '82, has joined St. Benedicts Jerome as the chief financial officer. Christensen has 25 years of experience in health-care finance at hospitals in Sun Valley, Boise, and Oregon. He is a certified public accountant and a fellow with the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

LUCI ASUMENDI-MERENESS, BS, physical education, '84, has been named principal of Homedale Middle School. She has 20 years of experience in the education field. Since 1996 Asumendi-Mereness has been teaching English at Homedale Middle School and has served as the school's athletic director for the last three years.

JEFF TUNISON, BBA, business management, '84, has joined Intermountain Community Bank in Boise as senior vice president and manager of

business and professional banking. Tunison is a board member for Capital Matrix, the Building Owners and Managers Association, the Ada County Boys and Girls Club, the University of Phoenix and the Boise State Canyon County Center.

TIMOTHY WILSON, BA, communication, '86, has joined Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colo., as director of community education/continuing education/camps and conferences. He also serves as the head women's basketball coach.

DENISE FULLER, BBA, accountancy, '87, has joined Neeland and Associates in Twin Falls as an associate. Fuller has experience in agriculture, retail and public accounting.

PERRY WADDELL, BA, political science, '88, has joined the New York City Administration for Children's Services as an attorney for Family Court Legal Services in Brooklyn. Waddell handles abuse and neglect cases.

STEVEN WOODWORTH, MPA, '88, is the president and CEO of the Idaho Youth Ranch headquartered in Boise. Woodworth has worked for the Idaho Youth Ranch for 12 years, most recently as the chief operating officer.

SUZANNE CRAIG, BA, political science, '89, is the chief criminal deputy for the Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office and was presented with the 2006 Prosecutor of the Year award at the annual Idaho Prosecuting Attorney Association's winter meeting. Craig became a prosecuting attorney in Twin Falls County in 1997, was promoted to senior deputy prosecuting attorney in 2000, and to chief criminal deputy in 2002.

1990s

SHANE HAHN, BBA, marketing and finance, '91, has been promoted to senior vice president, district business banking leader for KeyBank in Boise. Hahn will oversee business banking efforts in Idaho and work directly with business clients. With nearly 17 years' banking experience in Idaho, Hahn joined KeyBank in 2003 as a vice president and small-business team leader.

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TAMARA SANDMEYER, BA, social science, '92, has been appointed executive director of the McCall Area Chamber of Commerce by the chamber's board of directors. Sandmeyer is a longtime resident of McCall, having previously worked for Valley County for 10 years. She is a former Boise State student body president.

S. ANDY SWENSON, BS, social science, '92, is the general manager for Allstar Mortgage. He owns and operates Swenson Baseball Co. and is an associate scout for the Houston Astros. He also has scouting experience with the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cincinnati Reds. Swenson was a member of the Boise State men's golf team from 1987 to 1992 and became a pro golfer in 1997.

KATHLEEN KEMPTON, BBA, accountancy, '93; MBA, business administration, '93, has joined the Boise State Foundation as director of finance. Kempton served for more than 10 years as chief financial officer at Healthwise and was the first vice president and chief financial officer for the Idaho Youth Ranch.

CHRISTOPHER VELOZ, BBA, economics, '93, was recently re-elected chairman of the Nampa Planning and Zoning Commission. Veloz is one of only a few Hispanic officials in the Treasure Valley local government. Veloz also works for his family business, RV Furniture and Northwest Sales. He organizes Nampa Mayor Tom Dale's quarterly Hispanic Professional and Business Owners forums.

GREG KIESTER, BA, history, '95; MA, education, '03, has been promoted to principal of Stuart Elementary for the Shelley School District. Kiester has been with the district for the past two years as half-time assistant principal and half-time teacher at Hobbs Middle School. Prior to moving to Shelley, he taught at Mountain Home Junior High for five years and Nampa High School for three years.

TYLER HAYNES, BA, history, '97, is in his fourth year as a teacher at Sandpoint High School. His teaching experience totals 10 years and includes time at Sandpoint Middle School and Meridian High. Haynes is also the head boys basketball coach for Sandpoint High.

JEREMY MAXAND, AS, criminal justice, '97; BS, sociology, '97; MA, history, '97, was the executive director of Snake River Alliance but left recently to travel in Mexico and write a guide for disabled travelers. Maxand was active in the BSU student senate, Student Programs Board, and Affirmative Action during his time as a student.

DANIEL "DANO" MADDEN, BA, theater arts, '97, has received the National Student Playwriting Award for his play *In the Sawtooths*, which was performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., earlier this year. The play, also performed by the BSU Theatre Arts Department, was one of four college productions selected to be part of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

SPENCER WILLIS, BBA, management, '99, and his wife, **MICHELLE WILLIS**, BM, music education, '99, premiered their original full-length musical in Utah in May. Spencer currently works for Stampin' Up! in the marketing department where he serves as editor, webmaster and manager. Michelle has written more than 50 choral and instrumental works. Her first published work, "Three Songs," was written for the Pickwick Pipers of Boise State under the direction of music professor Jerry Schroeder in 1998.

2000s

LYNN ROBERT BERG, BA, theatre arts, '00, is an Idaho Shakespeare Festival actor and recently performed in the play *The Tempest* in Boise.

JULIA HOFFMAN GANSKE, MM, music performance, '00, is completing a doctor of arts degree in piano performance with a secondary emphasis in theory from the University of Northern Colorado. Hoffman Ganske is an adjunct piano instructor at Northwest Nazarene University and has a private piano studio in Nampa.

KRISTIN SLOTTEN, BBA, accountancy, '00, has been promoted to payroll and tax manager at Glanbia's corporate office in Twin Falls. She is responsible

for managing the payroll department, which includes reconciling payroll accounts, reviewing payroll tax reports, and providing managers with payroll information related to their individual locations.

MACKAY "MAC" WRIGLEY, BBA, economics, '00; MBA, '02, is the new assistant vice president and construction loan officer for the builder services group at Syringa Bank. Wrigley works with residential builders to finance construction projects throughout the Treasure Valley.

BECKY DUGGAN, BM, music education, '01, is an elementary music teacher at McKinley Elementary in Boise. Duggan was a part of Boise Music Week, which shares free music performances with thousands of children, community members, church choirs, musicians and community theater performers. Duggan is active in vocal performance with Opera Idaho Chorus and the chamber vocal group Belle Canto.

CRAIG GUMMOW, BS, finance, '01, has been named vice president/chief lending officer at Beehive Federal Credit Union. Gummow supervises the lending, collection, collateral insurance and title functions in the Idaho Falls office.

J. ANDREW JOLLEY, AA, sociology, '01, received his law degree from the University of Idaho in May. Jolley plans to relocate to Prescott, Ariz., with his wife.

SARAH MAWHIRTER, BS, sociology, '01; MA, history, '02, has been hired as the women's studies director at Monterey Community College in Monterey, Calif. Mawhirter was selected as a Boise State Top Ten Scholar in 2001.

BEN MERRILL, BA, history, '01, is the new principal for Salmon River High and Junior High schools for the Salmon River Joint School District in Riggins. Merrill's educational experience includes work at Baker High School, Mt. Village (Alaska) School, Declo High School, Melba High School, and Vallivue High School. He has served as a teacher, coach, principal and driver's education instructor.

RYAN NITZ, BM, music performance, '01; MM, arts and sciences, '03, has



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been named the executive director of the Washington-Idaho Symphony Orchestra in Pullman, Wash.

JIMMI NICOLE SOMMER, MPA, '01, has received the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award from George Fox University for her volunteer work, academic and professional achievements. Sommer is the regional director for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) but has accepted an offer from the Junior Foreign Service Office with the U.S. Department of State. After training, Sommer will work in embassies overseas.

MIKE BRYANT, BA, art education, '02, owns The Deluxe, a sneaker boutique in downtown Boise. The shoe boutique stocks the latest in "urban sport couture" for men, women and children.

TIM MURPHY, BS, electrical engineering, '02, is a patent agent with Marger Johnson & McCollom, a Portland, Ore.-based law firm specializing in patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and technology licensing. Previously he worked as a product engineer,

a semiconductor manufacturing engineer, an electrical engineering research assistant and a power plant mechanic. He is scheduled to earn a law degree from University of Michigan in 2008.

MELISSA STARRY, BS, criminal justice, '03, received her law degree from American University's Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., and will join Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in its northern Virginia office. She will specialize in health law.

SAJONARA TIPURIC, AAS, drafting, '03; BSC, civil engineering, '07, has been hired as an engineering technician at Doherty & Associates in Boise. Tipuric will assist the firm with general roadway, utility and traffic control designs.

KYLE BERGEMANN, BS, health promotion, '04, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

STEFANNIE ELLIS, BA, political science, '04, graduated from Gonzaga University's School of Law

in May. Ellis plans to work in a prosecuting attorney's office when she passes the bar exam.

MICHAEL HAWKINS, MA, history, '04, has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship to the Philippines to study modern history. Hawkins, who is working on his Ph.D. in history from Northern Illinois University, is one of more than 1,300 American citizens who will travel abroad during the current academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

ALI ISHAQ, BA, political science, '04, recently returned to Boise after he received a Fulbright Fellowship to Jordan during 2006-07. One of his Fulbright projects was titled "U.S. Democracy Strategy: An American/Jordanian Dialogue," which was presented at a conference in Jordan. Guests attending the conference included former United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Christopher Henzel, the political attaché of the U.S. embassy in Amman. Ishaq served as president of the

Associated Students of Boise State in 2003-04.

JARED M. SHELTON, BS, health science, '04, graduated from Western States Chiropractic College in Portland with a doctor of chiropractic degree. Shelton graduated magna cum laude and participated in the sports medicine club. He opened Shelton Chiropractic and Athletic Clinic in Meridian.

BRIAN WEISSINGER, MS, management information, '04, has been promoted to vice president/IT infrastructure group manager in Banner Bank's information technology department in Boise. Weissinger was an assistant vice president.

CHRIS HOBBS, BA, economics and social science, '05, has joined the Boise firm W&H Pacific as a land-use planner. Hobbs will guide land development projects including residential, commercial and multi-family projects.

MATTHEW HOWARTH, BBA, finance, '05, has been promoted to commercial loan officer for D.L. Evans

Bank at the Boise Vista Branch. Howarth completed the management trainee program.

KRISTEN SALO, BBA, general business management/human resources management, '05, graduated from the University of South Carolina in May with a master's degree in higher education administration. Salo has been hired as an activities adviser in the University Center at the University of Houston.

SHARON TSE, BBA, accountancy, '05, is the new corporate comptroller and secretary-treasurer for Agri-Service Inc. headquartered in Twin Falls. Tse previously worked for two CPA firms.

AMY ULAPPA, BS, biology, '05, is a new volunteer with AmeriCorps and is working in Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge near Nampa. Ulappa's assignment is to promote the environment and wildlife.

DAMON DOUGLAS, BA, communication, '06, has joined Group One Real Estate as an agent. Douglas

has been working in the real estate industry since 1998.

MARY GRANT, BA, English, '06, was named administrative director of the Idaho Human Rights Center this fall. Her duties will include event planning, volunteer coordination and financial management.

KOREY HALL, BCM, construction management, '06, is the starting fullback as a rookie for the Green Bay Packers of the NFL. Hall was the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year his last two seasons at Boise State.

MATTHEW G. LEEDS, BBA, computer information, '06, was hired as a programmer/analyst at Resource Data Inc., a custom software development firm in Boise.

BRIAN TURNER, BBA, computer information, '06, was hired as a programmer/analyst at Resource Data Inc., a custom software development firm in Boise.

KEVIN WILSON, BBA, marketing, '06, has joined the Boise-based marketing communications company FusionSet as a marketing assistant. Wilson previously worked as the operations manager for a multi-location optometric practice in Boise.

ROBERT GREEN, BA, political science/philosophy, '06, has been accepted as a Thomas More Scholar at Gonzaga University's School of Law.

DEREK ROY, BBA, marketing, '07, was an intern for The Network Group in Boise for sales and marketing. Roy is an active member of the Idaho Air National Guard and also spent time as an intern with Protean Technologies.

Weddings

CHARLENE DYSON and Cory Robertson (Boise), 2006

ALAINA ADELIN ROBINSON and Nathaniel James Alters (St. Maries), May 2006

JEREMY ZIMMERMAN and Minerva Pargas (San Elizario, Texas), November 2006

CHRIS WATSON and Amy Atkinson (Middleton), March 2007

RODDY LOCKETT and Robyn Davis (Stanley), May 2007

SHEENA LABRUM and Casey Coles (Bountiful, Utah), June 2007

Deaths

NATHANIEL "NAT" ADAMS, diploma, '42, passed away Aug. 21 at the age of 86 in Boise. A fighter pilot during World War II, Adams received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and served in the same squadron as George Herbert Walker Bush, who later became United States president. An architect, Adams worked in Boise for nearly half a century, designing such landmarks as All Saints Church, Bronco Stadium, the J.R. Simplot house, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, First National Bank at Orchard and Overland and a number of hospitals, banks and homes throughout the region. Adams was listed as one of Boise State's 70 most illustrious alums in the Spring 2002 issue of *FOCUS*.

CLYDEENE BABCOCK, BA, elementary education, '84, died Aug. 6 at the age of 64. Babcock spent 18 years teaching kindergarten and first grade for the Boise School District.

"LOLLIE" BARRETT, a longtime Boise State employee, passed away Aug. 11 at the age of 88. She retired from BSU in 1983.

ROLINDA BOLL, AS, nursing, '83, died July 7 at the age of 65. Boll worked in hospital settings as well as with the Red Cross and home health care.

DANIEL BURGNER, BA, communication, '75, died July 13 at the age of 55. Burgener worked for Hewlett-Packard for 20 years, was currently employed by Fred Meyer, and was a member of Boise Chordsmen Barbershop Choir. He also published a book of poetry titled *Something Stirring*.

GERALD DRAAYER, a former Boise State economics professor, passed away on Aug. 25 at the age of 72. He was the founding director of the BSU-based Idaho Council on Economic Education, leading the ICEE from 1976-1993 and establishing it as one of the most successful organizations of its kind in the nation. A native of Michigan, he retired from Boise State in 2000.

THOMAS EMEL, AS, criminal justice, '93, died June 25 at the age of 39. Emel was a sheriff's deputy for Ada County.

GLORIA FASTABEND, BA, history, '73, died July 25 at the age of 56 at home. Fastabend retired from the Nampa School District after 32 years as a teacher, coach, mentor for Natural Helpers, and a school counselor. She co-owned Harbor Lights Counseling, was active with the American Red Cross, received the Champion of the Human Spirit award given by U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, and was honored by Boise State as Counseling Intern Supervisor of the Year.

CHRISTENE FERM, BS, chemistry, '75, died July 11 at her home in Los Alamos, N.M.

RICK HANNA, BA, social work, '73, died July 16 at his home in Escondido, Calif.

JESSE HAROLDSEN, AA, arts and sciences, '48, died April 15 at his home in Sandy, Utah.

JACK CROSBY HAYMOND, AA, arts and sciences, '41, died June 24.

MARY ELLEN HOIDAL, BA, elementary education, '70, died May 31.

JOAN JENCKS-ROWE, BA, criminal justice, '76, died July 29 at the age of 68. Jencks-Rowe spent her life working with victims of abuse, and in 1989 she co-founded Beauty for Ashes, a family-crisis outreach and education program.

VICTOR JONES, BBA, general business, '72, died July 19.

JAY KING, emeritus professor of English, died in Santa Fe, N.M., on July 7 at the age of 69. He taught developmental writing and was the author of the book *Demystifying Writing: Taking the Mystery Out Of the Writing Process*.

RICHARD NEWMAN, diploma, arts and sciences, '68, died July 18 at the age of 61. Newman worked for the Department of Corrections for more than 30 years. He was a guard at the old penitentiary in Boise then transferred to Pocatello where he worked in pre-sentencing and probations. He retired in January 2001 as a district manager.

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CARROLL MEYER, emeritus professor of music, died July 4 in Boise. Meyer was a pianist and professor of music at Boise State for 37 years. He began teaching at Boise Junior College in 1948 and retired in 1985. Contributions in Meyer's memory can be made to the Carroll Meyer Memorial Piano Scholarship Fund, in care of the Boise State Foundation.

NIKOLE MISSELDINE (SMITH), BA, English, '03, died on July 25 at the age of 29. Misseldine taught seventh- and eighth-grade honors English classes at Eagle Middle School, was the lacrosse mom for her husband's Capital High School lacrosse team, and was a practiced musician.

KENT MOEHLMANN, AA, arts and sciences, '64, died Aug. 7 at the age of 65. Moehlmann owned Gem Insurance Agency until his retirement in 1984. He won awards from the Boise Roadster Show for his restored Corvettes, was a member of the Train Collectors Association, and was a former member of Elks Lodge No. 310.

NICHOLAI RAGANTIT, BBA, business management, '96, died June 16.

CHRISTY ROALSTAD, BS, chemistry, '98, died July 26 at the age of 32. Roalstad received her doctorate of medicine in May from the University of Utah.

CARYL SEARLE, BS, biology/secondary education, '97, passed away on Aug. 8 at the age of 68. She worked in Boise State's Payment and Disbursement Office and also served as a volunteer at events at the Morrison Center and Bronco Stadium.

BETH ANN TRAVIS, BA, elementary education, '90, died June 21.

JOHN TROYER, BS, operations management, '97, died July 14 at the age of 34. Troyer served as the commander for HHC-1-189 AVN, Army Guard.

DONALD WELCH, BA, history, '71, died July 27 at the age of 58. Welch worked for Northwest Airlines for 37 years. He also was the general chairman for Air Transport, District 143, International Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union, for five years.

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