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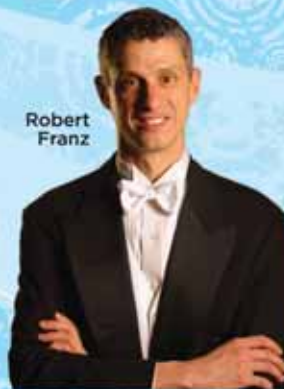
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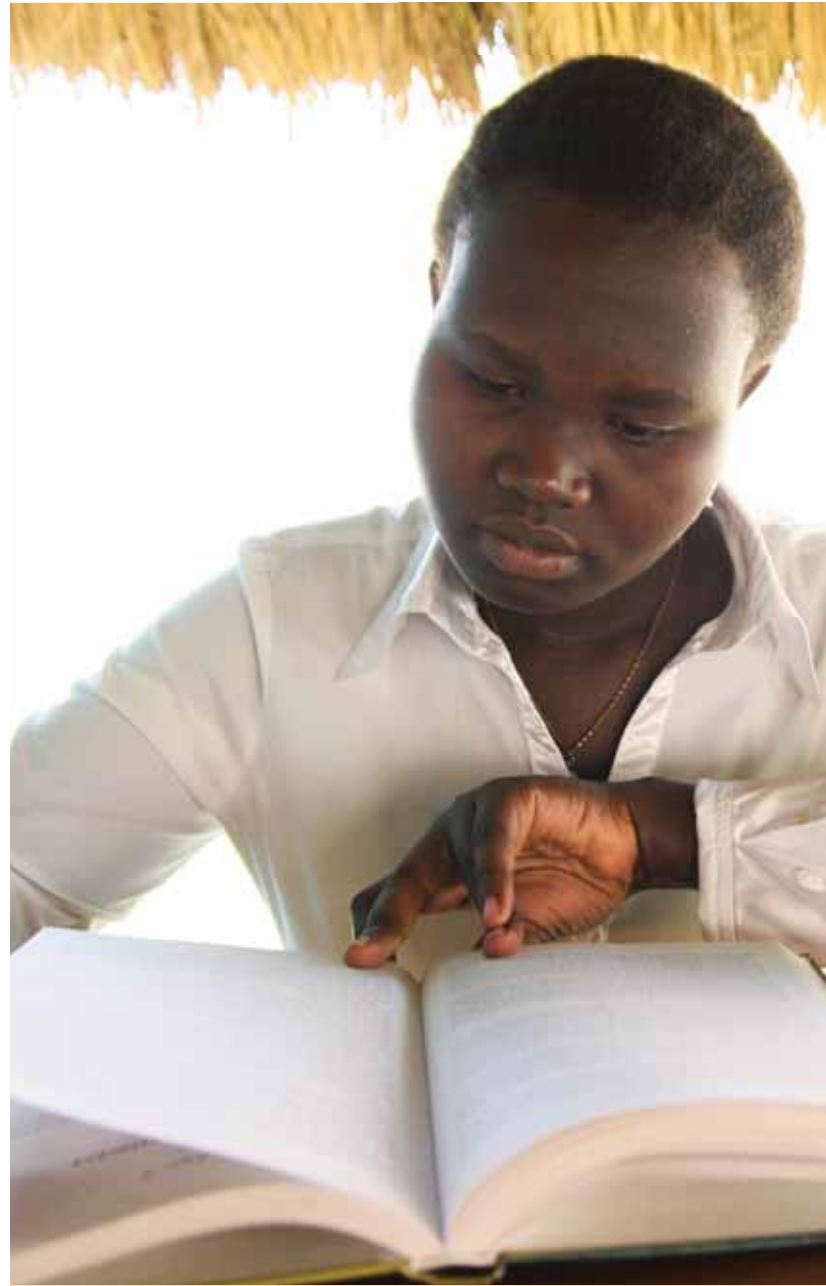
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DID YOU KNOW?

FACT

The Albertsons Library at Boise State is the new home for a collection of more than 3,400 volumes of Basque culture and history, thanks to a donation from the University of Idaho. The materials join the Pete Cenarrusa Basque Collection at Boise State.

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This year, as thousands of students pour onto the Boise State campus for the start of the fall semester, one student will quietly continue a journey that began 19 years ago on a different continent.

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FIRST WORD



Few things capture the imagination and the spirit of human endeavor as much as space travel and the brave souls who embark on it.

Just talking with Teacher in Space Barbara Morgan is a thrill. Imagining her experiences, hearing her wisdom and witnessing her commitment, principles and discipline are inspirational in the purest sense. She is a courageous trailblazer and a true Idaho hero – and now she’s a Bronco.



Barbara Morgan receives an honorary doctorate at spring Commencement.

Just weeks after acknowledging her distinguished career as an astronaut and educator with an honorary doctorate, we were thrilled this summer to craft a new position at Boise State to fit Barbara’s unique ability to provide vision, counsel, leadership and inspiration to students, parents, educators and policy makers across Idaho and beyond.

As the Distinguished Educator in Residence, she will use a variety of tools to improve students’ exposure to science, technology, engineering and math education. She’ll do it through one-on-one student mentoring, guest lectures, public appearances, meeting with university partners, building relationships in the corridors of power and everything in between. You can read more about it on page 20.

Barbara comes to us not a moment too soon. For public institutions like Boise State, the competition for every dollar – both public and private funding – invested in expensive research and technical programs is increasingly stiff. As an emerging metropolitan research university of distinction, these issues are at the heart of our future. But truly, they are much, much bigger than Boise State alone. Without increased commitment, we risk nothing less than the future of our children, our economy and our nation. There’s no question that Barbara’s voice, which carries the weight of extraordinary experience and the charm of a beloved elementary school teacher, is uniquely qualified to make that argument on behalf of us all.

So join me in welcoming the newest star in our wonderful galaxy of faculty and staff.

– Bob Kustra, President



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

PRESIDENT BOB KUSTRA – REMARKING ON THE MAY 25 DEATH OF J.R. SIMPLOT

“THE RECENT PASSING OF J.R. SIMPLOT IS A GREAT LOSS TO BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE STATE OF IDAHO. MR. SIMPLOT’S GENEROUS SUPPORT OF BOISE STATE CREATED A LEGACY THAT CONTINUES TO BENEFIT THE STUDENTS, THE UNIVERSITY AND THE ENTIRE TREASURE VALLEY.”

ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHITECT WILLIAM MCDONOUGH – DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES, APRIL 17, “THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION”

“BEING LESS BAD IS NOT BEING GOOD. SLOWING DOWN IS NOT GOING TO HELP US.”

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“RIGHT NOW THE U.S. ARMY IS EITHER IN IRAQ, GOING TO IRAQ, OR COMING BACK FROM IRAQ. IT’S A TOUGH FIGHT IN A CULTURE WE KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT. THERE’S A BIG CULTURAL GAP.”

CHRISTOPHER OHGE - STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, MAY 17

“WE SHOULD NOT LOSE HEART IN OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS.”

WHAT'S HAPPENING



CLOSE TO 1,800 STUDENTS EARNED DEGREES FROM BOISE STATE ON MAY 17 DURING SPRING COMMENCEMENT. About 1,000 students attended the ceremony and were inspired by Idaho educator and astronaut Barbara Morgan. The sixth person to receive an honorary doctorate from Boise State, Morgan, who flew aboard the space shuttle Endeavour last August as part of an educator-astronaut mission, has been appointed Distinguished Educator in Residence at Boise State. (See page 20)

BOISE STATE'S FUTURE HEATS UP

Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson, a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, last summer announced the inclusion of \$1.25 million for the city of Boise's geothermal system project for expansion to the Boise State campus.

"Introducing geothermal heating to campus is integral in making Boise State a showcase for sustainable development," says President Bob Kustra. "This locally available, renewable resource will not only provide heat one day for more than two million square feet of buildings, it could also open up new research opportunities for our students and faculty. We thank Rep. Simpson and the entire Idaho congressional delegation for their continued support in making this possibility a reality."

The Geothermal Expansion Project will extend the existing system to facilities at Boise State and encourage development of non-university areas along Capitol Boulevard. Boise State is already making improvements to existing buildings that will allow them, and future buildings, to utilize geothermal heat. Total project funding is estimated at \$4.3 million, with the city of Boise and the federal government sharing the costs.

NEW DEAN ON CAMPUS

PAT SHANNON, dean of the College of Business and Economics

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Shannon has served the internationally accredited College of Business and Economics for more than 30 years, including two years as interim associate dean and three years as chair for the Department of Information Technology and Supply Chain Management. Shannon also has consulted with many Idaho-based businesses and has been heavily involved in Boise State's Executive MBA program. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 1975 in quantitative methods.



“The growth of our campus in an urban setting provides us with a very unique opportunity to create a laboratory of sorts for best practices,” Gardner says. “What is the right kind of infrastructure for an urban core? What makes urban areas livable? Do we want Boise to be the next Portland or the next Phoenix? Those are the kinds of questions we can try to answer.”

By Mike Journee

The effort to make Boise State a model of sustainable development and a repository for environmental scholarship pretty much comes down to one thing: making people think.

And the best way to do that, according to John Gardner, Boise State’s associate vice president for energy research, policy and campus sustainability, is to literally and figuratively build sustainability into the everyday operations of the university.

“It must become a wholly integrated part of the university experience,” says Gardner, pictured above, an engineering professor who was appointed to his new position one year ago. “From the time people leave their home for class in the morning until they leave campus in the evening, we have to show them what it means to be sustainable.”

For the past year, Gardner has been taking inventory of what the university is doing to reach that goal and developing ideas for where its effort should be focused in the future.

“For several years, Boise State has done a great job on a lot of things,” Gardner says, offering two recent recognitions as proof:

- “Best Workplace for Commuters” by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation for efforts to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and provide environmentally friendly commuting options to employees and students.
- Named one of six Wind Application Centers in the nation through the U.S. Department of Energy’s Wind for Schools program. During the three-year program, Boise State undergraduates in engineering will manage the siting and construction of small 1.9-kilowatt wind turbines at up to 12 rural Idaho schools.



BLUE & ORANGE GOES GREEN



“These awards represent the hard work being done on campus and in the community, not all of which make headlines but are just as important.”

Transportation, academic coursework, building construction, public education, research, landscaping, civil engagement, energy usage, public spaces – all of it, things big and small, have a place, he says.

“My job is to bring those efforts together and set the overall direction,” Gardner says. “To be thinking about the next five, 10 and 50 years or more.”

Gardner is particularly complimentary of the university’s master plan for growth. Overseen by James Maguire, the associate vice president for finance and administration, campus planning & facilities, the plan calls for Boise State’s growth to be centered around durable, adaptable and energy-efficient buildings and a growing insistence on and encouragement of the use of alternative transportation, among many other things ranging from a pedestrian-friendly campus layout to recycling to water-efficient landscaping.

Gardner says he’s working closely with Sona Andrews, provost and vice president for academic affairs, to answer this question:

“How does all of this fit on the academic side?”

Central to this idea is the development of academic programs about sustainability that fit Boise State’s growing presence as an urban research university in the American West and are accessible to everyone. Ideas are to start branding sustainability-oriented classes and to offer a sustainability certificate in the near future.

“Regardless of what your major is, we want our students to be able to enhance their education with sustainability,” Gardner says.

ROY HAYNES ROUNDS OUT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Three days of concerts — “Jazz in June” — brought the reformatted Gene Harris Jazz Festival to a close.

A concert by legendary drummer Roy Haynes, pictured below, was the highlight of the festival, which switched to a year-round format in 2007. Previous events included Endowment Night in November and the Gene Harris April Jazz Bash in the spring. Jazz in June featured the crowd-pleaser Club Night in Downtown Boise as well as the Haynes concert and two days of performances at the Gene Harris Bandshell in Julia Davis Park.

Haynes, who is 83, has worked with many of the genre’s greatest musicians — Charlie Christian, Luis Russell, Lester Young, Bud Powell, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Sarah Vaughan, Thelonius Monk, Eric Dolphy and Stan Getz, among many, many others. Haynes was joined by the Birds of a Feather Project, featuring Kenny Garrett, Nicholas Payton, Christian McBride and Dave Kikoski.

This year’s jazz festival also featured a new addition, the Gene Harris Jazz Competition. Bands from around the country traveled to Boise to compete for a \$1,500 contract with Origin Records. The winning band was Diverse from Kansas City, featuring musicians who range in age from 19-22.



This was the 11th Gene Harris Jazz Festival, which was founded by pianist Gene Harris, his wife, Janie, and a group of community leaders to bring quality jazz music to Boise and provide for scholarships for the Gene Harris Endowment at Boise State. The endowment provides ongoing financial support to bring guest artists to Boise State and provide for music scholarships.



NEW ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

By Sherry Squires

Boise State has added a new degree and two new programs that enhance the university’s metropolitan mission.

The new **bachelor of general studies degree** will begin this fall. Designed for adults who have earned some college credit but never completed a college degree, credit can be awarded for knowledge acquired from external study or from life experiences equivalent to the learning outcomes of traditional courses. Sources may include testing, military or other training programs and the student’s prior learning portfolio.

The new bachelor of general studies degree is one of eight degrees that are offered through Boise State’s new **AfterWork** program, designed to allow adults to complete a degree through a combination of evening, weekend and online classes without exiting their career track. Degrees can also be earned in accountancy, communication, criminal justice, general business, health science studies, information technology management and applied science.

Boise State will also begin offering the **Finish in Four** graduation guarantee this fall to encourage new incoming students to graduate in four years. Finish in Four is a guarantee by Boise State that students will complete their degrees in four years by following a planned course of study and not be hindered by possible unavailable courses. Students may sign up as freshmen.

Boise State has also been approved to offer **new graduate degrees** in Community and Regional Planning and Public Administration. The university intends to have the master’s in community and regional planning up and running by fall 2009 and the Ph.D. in public policy and administration within the next year.

The Ph.D. in public policy builds on a nationally accredited master’s degree program and five regionally recognized program centers that conduct research and training services in public policy.



FINAL BELL FOR FACULTY RETIREES

Every year Boise State bids farewell to a group of faculty members whose collective service to students and the university has made an indelible impression on the campus and the community it serves. This year's faculty retirees, and the date they began working at Boise State, are:

Sally Behrman, assistant professor in the Department of Nursing, July 20, 2003

Dan Cadwell, senior instructor and manager in the College of Applied Technology, July 1, 1986

Stephen Christensen, associate professor and director of the Office of Teacher Education, March 3, 2003

Jane Crane, special lecturer in the Department of Mathematics, March 27, 2005

Stuart Evett, assistant professor in the Department of English, July 1, 1973

Lyman Gallup*, associate professor in the Department of Information Technology and Supply Chain Management, Aug. 2, 1977

Gary Green, professor in the Department of Information Technology and Supply Chain Management, Aug. 1, 1988

Alan Hausrath*, professor in the Department of Mathematics, July 1, 1976

Michael Heikkenen, professor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies, July 21, 2002

Carol Martin*, professor in the Department of English, Jan. 1, 1972

Emerson Maxson, associate professor in the Department of Information Technology and Supply Chain Management, Aug. 1, 1991

Janet Mills, professor in the Department of Public Policy and Administration, Jan. 1, 1989

Mary Olsen, special lecturer in the Department of Early Childhood Studies, July 18, 2004 (Olsen began work at the Boise State Children's Center in August 1994)

Rosemary Palmer, associate professor in the Department of Secondary Education-Literacy, July 16, 1998

Andrew Schoedinger, professor in the Department of Philosophy, Aug. 28, 1972

John Taye, professor in the Department of Art, July 1, 1975

Steven Wallace, assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology, July 1, 1972

William Whitaker, professor in the School of Social Work, July 21, 2002

Jayne Widmayer, professor in the Department of English, Sept. 2, 1980

* Denotes phased retirement



GRIBB, NOVAK AND OTTERNESS NAMED 2008 FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

An engineer, a biologist and a nurse walk into a classroom ... Fortunately, instead of a punch line, three faculty have earned the distinction of being named Foundation Scholars: Molly Gribb, Steve Novak and Nancy Otterness. This year marks the 17th anniversary of the faculty awards presented by the Boise State Foundation for ongoing commitment, expertise and accomplishment in teaching, research and creative activity and professionally related service.

Gribb, a professor of civil engineering who focuses her research on subsurface soil and groundwater contamination, was named for the Research Award; Novak, an associate professor of biology who has taught a diversity of courses ranging from general biology for non-majors to graduate level courses in advanced evolutionary biology, won the Teaching Award; and Otterness, an associate professor of nursing who over the course of 26 years at Boise State has developed a strong reputation for her public service locally and as far away as China, was named for the Service Award.



Otterness, Novak and Gribb accept their awards.

Nick Miller, professor of history, was a finalist for the Research/Creative Activity Award; Rickie Miller, an associate professor in curriculum, instructional and foundational studies, was a finalist for the Service Award; and Troy Rohn, an associate professor in biology, was a finalist for the Teaching Award.

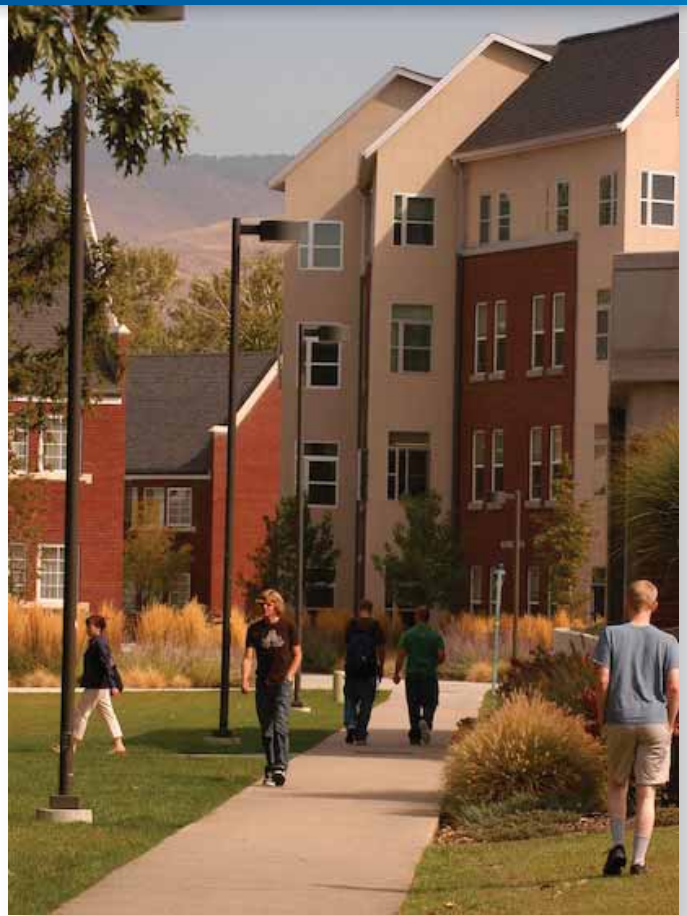
"In congratulating the recipients of these awards, we acknowledge their outstanding work and dedication," says Sona Andrews, Boise State's provost and vice president for academic affairs. "They and the former recipients of these awards have distinguished themselves in these areas. Their students and colleagues have recognized the special contributions they have made."

LIVING AND LEARNING

As Boise State continues to experience rapid growth, campus housing is straining at the seams with 2,300 students — and more applying each year. Luckily, an affordable solution could add up to 900 new beds by fall 2010.

American Campus Communities Inc., one of the nation's largest owners, managers and developers of high-quality student housing properties, has been selected to proceed with the planning stage of a new student housing development that could eventually grow to a 2,000-bed community. To be located across the street from the parking garage on Lincoln Avenue between University Drive and Beacon Street, the development is contingent upon approval of the State Board of Education.

Under the American Campus Equity transaction structure, American Campus invests its own equity to secure on-campus housing via a traditional long-term ground lease.



THE NEW "U" RISING

Banners along University Drive tout this fall's theme of "The New U Rising."

With record student enrollment, new academic buildings, additional degree programs and a growing research portfolio, Boise State University is "The New U Rising." Visit www.boisestate.edu to watch the

university's current 30-second television spot.



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FIRST YEAR READ

By Julie Hahn

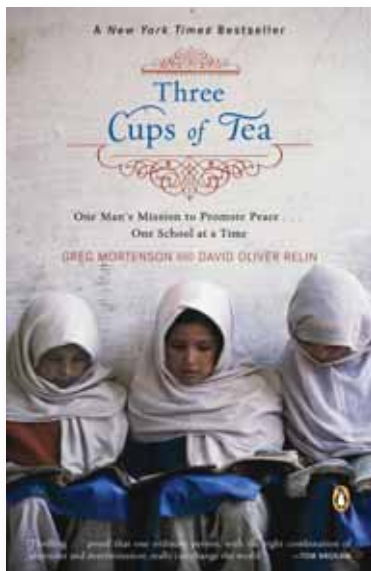
An unforgettable adventure and inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world, one school at a time, was selected as the book for Boise State's First Year Read program.

The university's new degree-seeking students were asked to read "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time" over the summer and be prepared to discuss the book at various on-campus settings when they began classes in the fall. Free copies of the book were distributed to new students at orientation.

"We hope that introducing a story of this magnitude to our students will inspire them to find within themselves the ability to recognize that they, too, have the power to impact our global society," says Michael Laliberte, Boise State vice president for student affairs.

In its third year at Boise State, the First Year Read program is designed to encourage students to read beyond textbooks; raise awareness and tolerance of intergenerational and cultural likenesses and differences; promote academic discourse and critical thinking; provide an introduction to the expectations of higher education; integrate an academic and social experience into the campus community; and create a sense of community by increasing student-to-student and student-to-faculty interaction.

"Three Cups of Tea" tells the story of Greg Mortenson, an American who sold everything and lived in his car to make good on his promise to an impoverished Pakistani village to build a school for its children. In the process he found himself playing a major role in one of the most historically and culturally pivotal areas in the world today.



In "Three Cups of Tea," Mortenson and journalist David Oliver Relin recount the unlikely journey that led Mortenson from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second-highest mountain, to successfully building schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third world to fight terrorism with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote villages in central Asia.

New students at Boise State will be engaged in discussions about "Three Cups of Tea" in several venues.

Boise State's inaugural 2006-07 First Year Read featured the book "Mountains Beyond Mountains," by Tracy Kidder, one of the most popular reads by first-year students on college campuses. It was followed in the 2007-08 academic year by "The Deep Dark," Gregg Olsen's account of the Kellogg, Idaho, Sunshine Mine disaster.

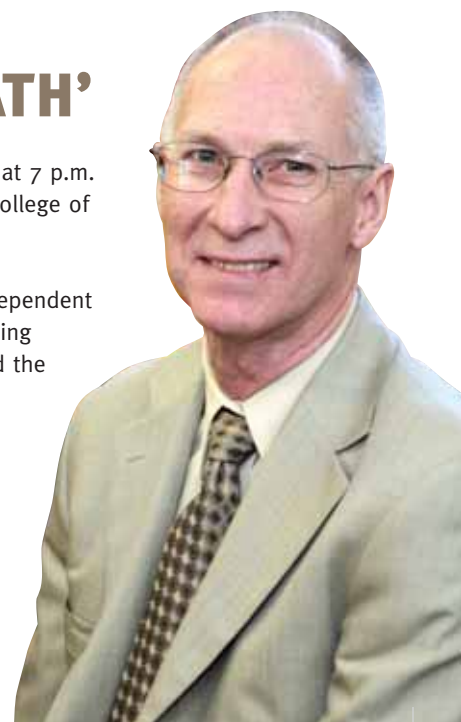
LECTURER EXAMINES 'PERILOUS PATH'

The annual Brandt Foundation Lecture will feature notable economist and author Robert Higgs at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. The free lecture is presented by Boise State's College of Business and Economics and the John and Orah Brandt Foundation.

Higgs is Senior Fellow in Political Economy for The Independent Institute and editor of The Independent Review. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Johns Hopkins University and has been a visiting scholar at Oxford University and Stanford University, and a fellow for the Hoover Institution and the National Science Foundation.

He also has written many books and his popular articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle and many other publications. In addition, he has appeared on scores of national and local radio and TV shows.

His lecture at Boise State is titled "The Perilous Path to Unlimited Government." For more information, call (208) 426-1335 or visit www.boisestate.edu/brandtfoundation.



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Meet new student from Uganda

By Julie Hahn

Ugandan student Acii Nancy's long journey to Boise State began with professor Phil Kelly's bout of insomnia.

Unable to sleep one night, the College of Education professor got out of bed and popped the documentary "Invisible Children" into the DVD player. "Invisible Children" follows young Ugandans who were forced to become refugees because of brutal attacks by a rebel group known as the Lord's Resistance Army. Kelly was transfixed by the images of the young people struggling just to stay alive.

A few short months later, during the summer of 2007, he was in Gulu, Uganda, teaching high school chemistry and physics to the "Invisible Children." His first lesson went over like a lead balloon, and Kelly was puzzled as to why.

A Ugandan teacher pulled him aside: Kelly was teaching as if the students had books, but in reality, their library had only a few World Book encyclopedias from the 1960s. Instead, Kelly would have to dictate the lesson — essentially, the textbook — so that the students could memorize it and then study. He would have to dictate every comma, every period.

Kelly was taken aback. He wasn't sure how he could help students who had so little. At the time he couldn't imagine that one of the students from Gulu — Acii Nancy — would make the long journey to Idaho, or that she would spend four years on scholarship at Boise State as part of a project that has the potential to change lives on two continents.

Nancy (according to Ugandan custom, her family name, Acii, pronounced ah-chee, comes before her given name) is soft-spoken. Her speech is formal and crisp compared to her American counterparts, and her enthusiasm for her friends bubbles out in conversation in the form of giggles.

ACII NANCY walks through a cornfield in her native Uganda — thousands of miles and a world away from Boise State, where she will study for the next four years.

Nancy is 19 years old. She has grown up around war in northern Uganda, and when asked about it — or about any hardships in her life — she downplays what she has seen.

Her mother died of AIDS in 1996, and her father died of the same disease in 2004. You can hear her love for her father in her voice when she talks about the importance he placed on education for Nancy and her six siblings.

He wanted his children to be in school no matter what, she says, and discouraged them from visiting him in the hospital. He told them to study instead.

Acii Nancy

“That was the real value of our lives; it didn’t matter that he was in pain,” she says. “He wanted assurance that we were actually studying.”

She followed her father’s instructions even when she contracted malaria during her final years of high school. In Uganda, the final high school exams are nationwide. Nancy sat for the exams despite her illness, not wanting to waste time.

“We could wait for the next year or just try to go through in our condition,” she says. “I looked at it as something I had worked for for a long time and I didn’t want to give up at the last moment even when I was ill — I guess I was just determined and I wanted to try.”

When she heard, through the Invisible Children organization, that a university called Boise State was offering a scholarship to study in America, she jumped at the chance.



Kelly knew that his family and work commitments would make it difficult to do another teaching stint in Uganda. He decided to try a different tack.

When he returned to Boise he wrote an e-mail to Boise State President Bob Kustra asking for permission to create a scholarship that would allow one of the Ugandan students to study at Boise State for four years. Kustra said yes.

Kelly joined forces with the Office of International Programs, which hammered out the labyrinthian visa process, and with the Department of Student Affairs. Invisible Children chose 13 finalists for the scholarship, and then Kelly, Sabine Klahr and Christina Babcock-Quintero from International Programs whittled the number down to a handful that Kelly would interview in Uganda. Kelly picked Nancy.



“She had strong academics, she is very serious, and — I don’t know how to say this — there’s something about her that makes you believe in her,” Kelly says.

For Kelly, bringing Nancy here is about more

than giving her an opportunity to finish her education. It’s about adding a new member to his family. Speaking on the phone with her about a month before her arrival, he said, “My daughters are very excited to have you as a sister.”

The Kelly family — including Kelly’s wife and his three teenage daughters — rearranged their living situation to give Nancy her own room. They asked her via e-mail about her favorite colors and spent a weekend painting her bedroom brown and cream and blue. They asked about her favorite foods. They talked about what it meant to add another person to their family.

“As far as my girls are concerned, that means shopping,” he says.



Nancy fainted when she heard that she had been selected for the Boise State scholarship. When she came to, she began to question whether she could undertake such a huge assignment. She didn’t know anything about Idaho. She would have to leave Uganda, whose borders she had never crossed, and travel to a university on another continent and live with people she had never met. She said she had to turn down the scholarship.

Her mentor, Okwir Joyce Patricia, stepped in.

“It was through my mentor’s encouragement, she actually believed so much in me,” Nancy says. “I actually thought I could not make it. I could not represent all of the student body. I thought, ‘Can I really be that example?’ I didn’t think I could, I didn’t have the focus. Through her encouragement and faith in me it made me realize I should take it.”

Patricia says that she knew in her heart that the scholarship was perfect for Nancy. “She’s very mature in her thinking and behavior — she is also very vulnerable because she doesn’t have a home where she belongs,” she says. Like so many of the Invisible Children, Patricia says, the ongoing violence left her without blood relatives on whom she could rely for support.

“This will give her a real home,” she says.

Nancy has become something of a hero in Gulu. A representative from Invisible Children told Kelly that Nancy spoke to several hundred of her fellow classmates. When prodded, Nancy said that she had, but downplayed the numbers.

“You speak to someone and the rest is in one’s heart,” she says. “I felt like I had to try to inspire them, but people react differently. Some of them were shocked, some were amazed ... it was a mixture of feelings.

“I spoke to them about my life, my background, my beliefs. I basically tried to encourage them and make them know that they have the ability to make it to their dreams and to do more than I do and to reach higher levels than I have.”





Patricia says that Nancy’s story has already been a boon to other students, especially other girls.

“It will give me a point of reference,” she says. “I can say, ‘Nancy has made it, so I know you can make it, too.’”



Nancy’s time in the United States may reach far beyond both Boise and Gulu. “My hopes are that she thrives and does well both culturally and academically, and that Boise State and other universities look at her success and devote further scholarships to that war-torn region of the world,” Kelly says.

In the past few months, Kelly has fielded phone calls from universities on the east coast that are interested in bringing Invisible Children to the United States to study.

“Hopefully we can have a snowball effect and help more kids,” he says.

Nancy’s plan is to study the health sciences, especially nursing, at Boise State. In her scholarship application, she says that her dream is to return to Gulu to start a health clinic in her village.

“I have always loved medicine and have always wanted to be a doctor — I love kids, children, and babies in particular,” she says. As she speaks about her future, her tone gets more serious.

“I want to work with a vulnerable group in our society,” she says. “I will be protecting them, housing them, healing them all of the time.”

**“THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT NANCY
THAT MAKES YOU BELIEVE IN HER.”**



TRAINING A NEW GENERATION

By Mike Journee

“It’s really quite simple for someone who’s grown up working with computers, but not so much for my grandma who can’t touch a computer without a Post-It note next to the on-button.”

Sophomore Trevor Engman is excited about the presidential election. Really excited.

As a recipient of Boise State’s Presidential Civic Leadership Scholarship, Engman has already earned his stripes as a civically engaged young man. Under normal circumstances, it’s likely that his first presidential election as an eligible voter would have been a landmark event for this 18-year-old physics major.

But like a lot of young people across the country who will vote for the first time this fall, Engman’s enthusiasm for this campaign season has been pushed off the charts by the candidacy of Barack Obama. So when he had a chance to become an integral part of the electoral process, he jumped at it.

It was through his weekly class with last year’s inaugural cohort of 28 Presidential Scholars that Engman first heard about the poll worker training program jointly created and coordinated by Boise State’s Social Sciences Research Center (SSRC) and Ada County’s elections division.

“This is my first opportunity to vote,” Engman says. “As a poll worker I get to be close to the process and watch everything as it happens. It’s really fun and exciting.”

Those words are music to Ashley Schulz-Talbot’s ears. Like many election officials around the country, Schultz-Talbot (BA, political science, ’02; MPA, ’05), an election specialist with Ada County, and her colleagues are struggling to get by with a dwindling pool of aging poll workers. With an ever-increasing average age of 74, they are generally less than enthusiastic about new advents in voting technology.

College students like Engman make good poll workers because they’re young, mobile, adaptable, able to withstand the long days at the polling station, tech-savvy and they work cheap, says Carole Nemnich, project manager for the SSRC and coordinator of its poll worker training program.

“What better place than a university campus to find a mass of people willing to work bizarre hours for low pay?” says Nemnich.

POLL



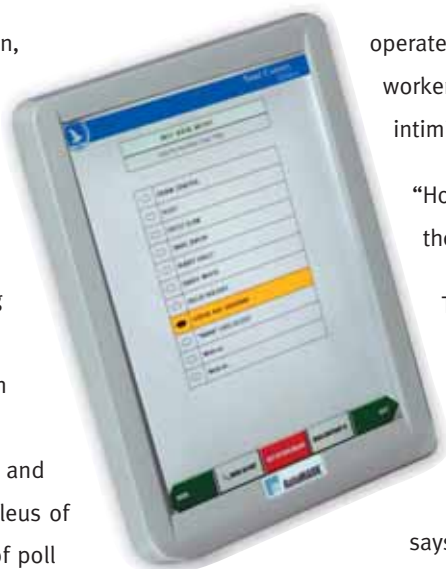
SCHULTZ-TALBOT,
ENGMAN AND NEMNICH
WITH ADA COUNTY'S
AUTOMARK ASSISTED
VOTING DEVICE.

WORKERS

While the program is stridently non-partisan, Nemnich and Schultz-Talbot say Obama's popularity among young people presents an unusual opportunity when twenty-something apathy toward politics has been the norm. They hope Obama's coattails are long enough to bring their students into election work long-term and help them view it as a patriotic duty in the name of American democracy, much as their grandparents did. They hope Engman and his fellow presidential scholars are the nucleus of an entirely new generation and new type of poll worker.

Last year, after undergoing training in voter registration, recruitment and project management, Engman and his fellow presidential scholars helped recruit and train 75 new Ada County poll workers from the Boise State student body for the primary election. Nemnich and Schultz-Talbot expect about 150 Boise State students to be working the polls in one capacity or another during the general election in November.

A key driving force behind the creation of this program, they said, was the Help America Vote Act. Approved by Congress in 2002, in large part as a response to the infamous glitches of the 2000 presidential election, this law mandates that each polling station in the country have some kind of assisted voting device for people with disabilities.



operate and troubleshoot. But to an 80-year-old poll worker used to the traditional paper ballot, it's an intimidating change.

"Honestly, these machines scare the socks off of the typical poll worker," Nemnich says.

To the Game Boy generation, however, they're a snap – a key reason to recruit college-aged poll workers.

"It's really quite simple for someone who's grown up working with computers," Engman says, "but not so much for my grandma who can't

touch a computer without a Post-It note next to the on-button."

The AutoMARK machines are a particular specialty of Engman's. In fact, Schultz-Talbot is so impressed with his talents, she's hired him as an intern at Ada County to help coordinate the county's entire fleet of the assisted voting devices during the general election.

While technical troubleshooters like Engman are a key to the success of fulfilling the provisions of the Help America Vote Act, the loss of election workers to advanced age and death is creating a demand for traditional poll workers as well. In fact, the polling station at the Boise Valley Christian Communion Church was entirely run by Boise State students during this year's primary election.

This fall, Schultz-Talbot and Nemnich are trying to recruit student organizations, such as student government, Greeks and other clubs, to work polls or even take over an entire polling station to raise money. Typical poll workers earn \$125 for a full day of work on election day.

"What a great civically focused fundraiser," Nemnich says. "So far, those who've done this have really enjoyed it. We hope that word spreads and we draw more and more students into the project."

And while Schultz-Talbot and Nemnich are focused on finding raw manpower to help fill the void left by aging poll workers, their comments always come back to citizenship. Often the exposure these young poll workers have to the electoral process is enough to get them engaged in the most



A good idea, right? Well, it depends.

Most assisted voting devices – Ada County uses a brand called AutoMARK – are single-purpose computers that by today's standards are relatively elementary to set up,

fundamental element of democracy: voting.

“I think it got some of them into the voting booth for the first time,” Nemnich says.

Ultimately, Nemnich says, it’s the lessons the students learn from people like Deborah Allen (BA, social science, ’06; MPA, ’08) that are most valuable. Because of the AutoMARK machines that many of the Boise State poll workers administer, she was able to cast her first truly independent ballot.

Allen (pictured right) has voted in every election since she was 18, which was long enough ago for her to be a grandmother now. But because she’s been blind since she was a little girl, she could never do so without the direct assistance of a poll worker, volunteers who brought absentee ballots to her house or an overbearing ex-husband who always marked her ballot for his favorite candidate, not hers.

“I never truly had any privacy when I voted,” Allen says. “That’s a treasured thing in our country.”



But in 2006, Allen successfully cast her first truly independent and secret ballot with the help of the AutoMARK’s audio function, which allows voters with impaired vision to listen to choices over headphones and walks them through the voting process.

“I’m really looking forward to the time when this is so mainstream that people don’t think twice about it,” Allen says.

Those days are coming, according to Schultz-Talbot and Nemnich. And it’s people like Engman and his peers who will lead the way.

“I think the really nice thing is seeing the light bulb come on in people’s head when they realize that they can make a difference, that they can do this, that their vote counts,” Nemnich says.



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Educator astronaut tackles a new frontier

LAUNCHING HER

By Mike Journee

A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, BARBARA MORGAN, NASA'S EDUCATOR ASTRONAUT, HAD A HAM RADIO QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION FROM SPACE WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MCCALL, IDAHO.

**THE FINAL EXCHANGE WENT LIKE THIS:
LINDSAY IN MCCALL: "IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE, WOULD YOU BE AN ASTRONAUT OR A TEACHER?"**

MORGAN: "DO I HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE, OR CAN I DO BOTH ... PLEASE?"

With one phrase, Morgan summarized an amazing career that has made history by bridging the gap between the classroom and space. And at its essence, her next challenge will be exactly the same – even if it lacks g-forces, weightlessness and views of the Earth from space. As Boise State's Distinguished Educator in Residence, Morgan's role will be to act as an ambassador for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education – and build on her success as an educator astronaut.

BARBARA MORGAN, educator astronaut, visits with students during a demonstration at NASA's Johnson Space Center Houston.

the experience and the charm to do a job like this. Barbara's definitely one of them. It is really a coup that we were able to bring someone of Barbara's caliber here to Boise State."

"It's an entirely new position created specifically for a uniquely qualified person," says Cheryl Schrader, dean of the College of Engineering. "There are few people with



NEXT ENDEAVOR



photo provided by NASA

With a dual appointment in the colleges of engineering and education, Morgan will help focus the university's development of STEM-related programs, help raise awareness of the need for scientific literacy in the community and push for the enhancement of STEM learning at all levels of education in Idaho. Also, she will direct Boise State's efforts to bring NASA education programs to area school districts and NASA-related research to Boise State. She'll also serve as a guest lecturer and student mentor in departments across campus.

Morgan's focus on STEM is essential because of a growing shortage of technical expertise in the U.S. workforce, according to Schrader.

"The economic prosperity and global competitiveness of our nation depends on the technical literacy of its citizens and the exceptional promise of its engineers and scientists," Schrader says. "The engineering workforce shortage is a well-documented national crisis that will personally affect every one of us. Boise State University, located in the seat of government in an up-and-coming high-tech city, has a unique opportunity to lead the state of Idaho and the nation in STEM research and education."

But building a technically literate society goes beyond offering more of those types of classes at the college level. It starts much earlier. It starts with those kids from McCall-Donnelly Elementary School on the ham radio with Morgan last August. That's why Schrader and Diane Boothe, dean of the College of Education, have teamed up

to tackle STEM-related issues, and why Morgan has a dual appointment.

"Barbara is a unique combination of scholarly educator and caring individual," says Boothe. "Her engaging and inspiring presence motivates both her students and her colleagues to participate and excel, and she provides outstanding models of excellence for the teaching profession. She's very approachable and her ability to translate her experiences at NASA into educational practices is remarkable."

For most people, Morgan's 24 years as an elementary school teacher are overshadowed by her place in history as an astronaut, culminating last summer in a 305-hour mission aboard the space shuttle Endeavour and the International Space Station.

But for Morgan, those few moments she spent on the ham radio stimulating the minds of the students at McCall-Donnelly Elementary School is where the action really is. Perhaps it is no accident that her NASA moniker is "educator astronaut" and not the other way around.

"Teaching is its own reward," Morgan said in a NASA interview just before her 14 days in space last August. "It's challenging. It's inspiring. It's invigorating. And it's rewarding to create an environment where you are trying to help every single individual... reach his or her best, greatest potential. It's an enormous responsibility, it's an enormous challenge and it's enormously rewarding."

Morgan's technical expertise and her ability to communicate its ins and



ASTRONAUT BARBARA MORGAN, STS-118 mission specialist, and students look at displays at the Johnson Space Center.

outs to audiences ranging from NASA engineers to grade-schoolers was a central reason behind Boise State's decision to award Morgan only the sixth honorary doctorate in university history this past spring. But the respect she commands because of her experience, as well as her high profile and popularity throughout the country, also means that when she speaks people – officials, politicians, teachers, parents and their children – will listen.

"We live in a time when our state needs a strong voice to advocate for the importance of science, technology, engineering and math education to benefit our children, our economy and our nation," says Boise State President Bob Kustra. "As a respected teacher, mission specialist and astronaut, Barbara is uniquely qualified to provide



DID YOU KNOW?

**In Greek, astro means star and naut means sailor.
An astronaut is someone who sails among the stars.**

this voice and this leadership.”

Mark Rudin, Boise State’s vice president for research, said that even though Morgan will not be doing research directly, her ability to draw attention to high quality research already happening on campus will help attract more funding for future research projects and infrastructure.

“It allows us to take another step down the road as a metropolitan research university,” Rudin says. “It doesn’t always have to be a bench researcher that helps us get there.”

Ultimately, it is the respect Morgan commands and her likeability that will prove most effective for her unique charge. That became clear to Schrader after two trips in recent months to the Johnson Space Center in Houston to meet with Morgan and some of her NASA colleagues.

“I was struck by the overwhelming respect and support shown for Barbara across that esteemed organization where phenomenal people and discoveries are commonplace,” Schrader says.

But it was during a downlink with children at the Discovery Center of Idaho during Morgan’s shuttle mission last summer that Schrader first got a taste of what it would be like to work with Morgan.

“It was one of the most inspirational moments of my life. I was overwhelmed with my place in history and renewed in my quest for discovery. From that moment I felt a deep connection with Barbara that I am grateful has blossomed into working together as colleagues and, I sincerely believe, as friends.”



AFTER RECEIVING AN HONORARY DOCTORATE, Barbara Morgan speaks to graduates at May commencement.



photo provided by NASA

FROM TEACHER IN SPACE TO EDUCATOR ASTRONAUT

As NASA’s first educator astronaut, Morgan logged more than 305 hours in space aboard shuttle Endeavour’s STS-118 assembly mission to the International Space Station in August 2007.

She operated the shuttle and station robotic arms to install hardware, inspect the orbiter and support spacewalks. Morgan also served as loadmaster for the transfer of supplies between the shuttle and station, taught lessons from space to schoolchildren on Earth and served on the flight deck during re-entry and landing.

“Barbara has served NASA and the Astronaut Office with distinction over the course of her career,” Astronaut Office chief Steve Lindsey says. “From the Teacher in Space Program to her current position as a fully qualified astronaut, she has set a superb example and been a consistent role model for both teachers and students.”

But it was a long road, almost blocked completely by tragedy.

Morgan previously served as the backup to payload specialist Christa McAuliffe in the Teacher in Space Program. McAuliffe and six fellow astronauts lost their lives in the Challenger accident on Jan. 28, 1986.

Morgan, who was an elementary school teacher in McCall before being selected as McAuliffe’s backup, returned to teaching after the accident while still speaking on NASA’s behalf across the country. In 1998, she was selected to train as a mission specialist and in 2002 was named to the STS-118 crew.

Ed Champion was a NASA public affairs officer working on the Teacher in Space program. Now news chief at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, he sent this e-mail to friends offering his personal thoughts the day before Morgan’s flight on Endeavour:

“She has endured more media attention and public scrutiny than most politicians or celebrities have to bear and through it all she has stayed true to her beliefs. She could have made herself out to be a victim or tried to make money in some tell-all book or just walked away and tried to resume a quiet normal life but she believed in what the teacher-in-space concept could do. She recognized the potential the program had for inspiring youth. She has carried that promise for the last 7,861 days.”

PARTNERING FOR K-12 EDUCATION

By Mike Journee



IT HAS EVERYTHING.

It's a university-community partnership, with well-established and well-respected partners. Its focus on science education makes it immediately relevant. It advances key graduate programs at Boise State. Its focus is local and could leave a long lasting legacy with thousands of kids. And, like a lot of things Boise State is doing these days, it sets a new record.

"You couldn't have designed an initiative to better reflect the principles that are paramount to our growing research programs all across campus," says Mark Rudin, Boise State's vice president for research.

Over the summer, Boise State researchers partnered with three Treasure Valley science education centers to create locally focused

lessons designed to stimulate an interest in science, potentially reaching up to 40,000 of the region's school children.

The new program is funded with a \$2.26 million grant, the largest National Science Foundation grant ever awarded to Boise State, through the NSF's Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education program.

Over the next five years, 32 Boise State graduate fellows in biology and the geosciences will work with educators at the Discovery Center of Idaho, and the City of Boise's two science education centers, the Foothills Learning Center and the Boise WaterShed Environmental Education Center. Their charge is to develop new science curriculum with local and regional themes for the K-12 classes that visit the centers

regularly. They will also develop programs and activities that will be used in traditional classroom settings through outreach.

"This research is timely and relevant to the community," Rudin says. "Its legacy will not only be new and engaging science curriculums for educators, but also a revitalized interest in science among our children. The community partnerships that will be fostered and the experience our graduate fellows will gain are invaluable."

Karen Viskupic, a Boise State geosciences professor, was awarded funding for the initiative by the NSF and will oversee the project along with Jim Belthoff, chairman of Boise State's Biology Department, and David Wilkins, a professor of geosciences at Boise State.



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COUNSELOR EDUCATION ACCREDITED

The Department of Counselor Education's school counseling program received accreditation this spring from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. The accreditation decision was based on the board's extensive review of self-study documents, a report from a visiting CACREP team, and the institution's response to the visiting team's report.

Carol Bobby of CACREP wrote in the acceptance letter, "Programs receiving accreditation for an eight-year period deserve to be commended for the work they completed throughout the accreditation process. This is indeed a worthy achievement. Congratulations!"

"On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to this program. Such support is considered vital to maintain quality educational offerings. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process."

Department chair Ken Coll accepted the certificate at the College of Education Advisory Board meeting in April.

SHAPING THE NEWS



Boise State professor Peter Müllner, director of the Center for Materials Characterization and an associate professor of materials science and engineering, made headlines earlier this year by developing a new "magnetic shape-memory foam" that could have applications in the space and automobile industries.

In his research, which was funded by the National Science Foundation, Müllner developed a new porous foam of an alloy that changes shape when exposed to a magnetic field and then "remembers" or returns to its original shape. This polycrystalline nickel-manganese-gallium alloy is potentially cheaper and lighter than other materials currently used in devices ranging from sonar to precision valves.

Müllner conducted the research in conjunction with David Dunand of Northwestern University.

The new "magnetic shape-memory foam" could also have applications in the space and automobile industries, according to NSF program director Harsh Deep Chopra.

"It's the first foam to exhibit magnetic shape memory – it has great potential for uses that require a large strain and light weight, such as space applications and automobiles," says Chopra. "These materials are able to do more with less, given their foamy structure, and provide a sustainable approach to materials development."

Müllner also co-authored a paper on the research with Dunand that was published in the highly respected physics journal "Physical Review Letters."

"I am excited about this project because it will benefit both the university and the community," Viskupic says. "The project will build on our partners' success by funding graduate students to develop locally relevant science education activities. These activities will help K-12 students and the community learn about biology and the geosciences and understand the importance of scientific research. At the same time, our graduate fellows will gain experience in communicating science to K-12 students, which will prepare them for interacting with non-technical audiences throughout their career – audiences that may include policy makers, politicians, school groups and the general public."



Geosciences professor Karen Viskupic announces the record-breaking NSF grant.

Boise State's partners are equally excited about the project's prospects.

Boise Mayor David Bieter says the project advances the city's emphasis on environmental education at the Foothills Learning Center and the new Boise WaterShed facility.

"We're thrilled to have these graduate fellows contributing to Boise's environmental education centers. The classes and programs they develop will provide an even richer educational experience for the teachers and students who visit," Bieter said. "This partnership developed by Boise State will touch the entire community and is another reason why Boise is the most livable city in the country."

By focusing on the creation of a lifelong interest in science, Woody Sobey, the education director at the Discovery Center of Idaho, says the project was a natural fit for the popular hands-on science learning center.

"We're very pleased to be part of this exciting project," Sobey says. "It will be a great addition to our offerings and our kids' engagement."

Top left: Boise State's NSF graduate teaching fellows pose this summer with program leaders, Boise State leaders and partners, including Boise Mayor Dave Bieter.

Left: Youngsters like this little girl visiting the Discovery Center of Idaho will soon be learning new lessons created by Boise State graduate researchers.

Photo credit: Discovery Center of Idaho

MORRISON CENTER

RAISES THE CURTAIN ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When the curtain went up on “My Fair Lady” at the Velma V. Morrison Center in 1984, it inaugurated one of Idaho’s most impressive fine arts halls. Now in its third decade, the Morrison Center is getting ready to raise the curtain on another big production — its 25th anniversary celebration.

An event on Sept. 19 will launch a series of special performances that will last through next spring. The September event will include the presentation of a lifetime achievement medallion to former Boise State President John Keiser, who was instrumental in getting the Morrison Center placed on campus.

In addition, the Center will unveil a new plaza facing the Boise River that will become the building’s front entrance. Morrison Center Executive Director Jan Zarr says the project has been more than two years in the making.

“It really will be an extension of our lobby and will open it up to the riverside,” Zarr says. Patrons will be able to have a seat before performances and during intermissions, and Zarr says that a coffee and dessert bar is part of the long-term plan. The new design even subtly incorporates the Morrison Center’s recognizable “M” logo in its railing.

Further events include performances by some of Idaho’s resident performing art companies, including the debut of one of Boise’s newest, the Trey McIntyre Project, which made its home in the Treasure Valley earlier this year. McIntyre is a celebrated choreographer who has created works for the American Ballet Theatre, the New York City Ballet, the Stuttgart Ballet and many others.

Zarr says that McIntyre’s move to Boise is part of a larger trend that has the potential to revitalize the arts in Boise. Ballet Idaho and the Boise Philharmonic, two Boise-based arts organizations that regularly perform at the Morrison Center, are under new leadership.

“It’s an interesting time,” Zarr says. “It’s a huge turnover in the arts in Boise. I’m honored that all those resident companies call us their performing arts home.”

On April 4, the Morrison Center will mark its official anniversary with a performance by jazz vocalist Sophie Milman — whom Zarr calls “the next Diana Krall” — and the Boise Philharmonic. It will be Milman’s U.S. debut with an orchestra. Other events include the Golden Dragon Acrobats on Nov. 14, “The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion” on April 17 and “Idols in Concert” on April 24.

Harry Morrison, one of the founders of the construction powerhouse Morrison-Knudsen, first thought of a world-class Boise performing arts center more than 50 years ago. After his death in 1971, his wife, Velma, called upon her friends, family and associates to realize his dream.

Boise State agreed to have the Morrison Center built on campus. The structure — which resembles the state of Idaho from the air — includes a 2,000-seat performance hall and smaller performing venues and classrooms used by Boise State, as well as various organizations from throughout the Treasure Valley.

“The community has been a huge supporter of the center for many years, and I hope it continues for many more years to come,” Zarr says.

To learn more about the Morrison Center’s 25th anniversary events, visit mc.boisestate.edu.



Dignitaries, including Velma Morrison, center, break ground for the new Morrison Center more than 25 years ago.



The center’s inaugural performance was “My Fair Lady” in April 1974.



Boise artist and alumnus Ward Hooper designed the 25th anniversary poster available for purchase through the Morrison Center.

JAZZED

ABOUT SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

Anyone who has a doubt about jazz's popularity need look only to the newest group bringing it to the Treasure Valley — the Boise Jazz Society. The society finished its inaugural season earlier this year and managed to attract hundreds of jazz lovers, including 160 season ticket subscribers, to the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy.

"We had a wonderful response," says Boise Jazz Society founder and Department of Music professor Mike Samball. "To put together that many people who are committed to a brand-new musical series is pretty phenomenal."

Samball and a group of musicians and jazz lovers banded together last year because they wanted to allow people to hear world-class jazz in an intimate setting. For each concert, the performance space was transformed with cocktail tables to mimic a small lounge — designed to help recreate what Samball calls jazz's "natural venue," the club. "We are committed to the notion that jazz demands full attention," Samball says. "We believe it should be presented with the same care that classical chamber music receives."

Samball and the society's organizing board built last year's schedule around the idea that people should be exposed to all sorts of jazz; one of its stated goals is to bring awareness about jazz's diversity. With that in mind, last year's performers included the Hoenig-Pilc Project, the Theo Saunders Quartet, and the Marc Levine Trio — three diverse groups that represent a variety of styles from around the world. "The notion of what jazz is in the 21st century is both wide and deep," Samball says.

The Boise Jazz Society receives support from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Boise City Arts Commission to extend the educational impact of the concert series. Before each concert, the space is opened up for a free, interactive "jazz symposium." About 50 to 60 people attended each presentation last year, which allowed audiences to ask questions of the performers and the performers to explain their creative processes. Attendees came "with their questions and curiosities regarding jazz in culture, history, and the musicians' influences," Samball says.

The free pre-concert gatherings will continue this year, in addition to the three scheduled concerts. Tickets are sold via subscription, but individual tickets are available on a limited basis for each concert as well. The Series opens Sept. 28 with the Harry Allen Quartet; the full 2008-2009 schedule is available at <http://boisestate.edu/music/BJs>.

Samball says that he hopes the society brings a deeper appreciation for jazz to Boise. "We want jazz to be seen and heard as an art form and not just entertainment," he says. "One of our goals is to bring these two experiences together."



Members of the Hoenig-Pilc Project made time in their busy schedule to give a workshop to Boise State students in addition to performing for Boise Jazz Society audiences.



Pianist Bill Anschell performed with local musician Brent Jensen as part of the concert series.

CAMPAIGN CLOSING IN ON \$100 MILLION

A year after launching “Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State University,” the drive to raise \$175 million has surpassed its halfway mark and is quickly closing in on \$100 million. Combined gifts as of the end of July totaled almost \$97 million.

In August 2007, Boise State announced its intention to raise \$175 million in private support focused on students, faculty and staff (people); new buildings, labs and facilities (places); and exceptional academics and an enhanced research agenda (programs).

The campaign supports the university’s efforts to serve the state through partnerships that contribute to regional growth and development; integrate research and teaching into high-quality programs; provide a center for cultural and intellectual exchange; and create a research culture defined by exceptional scholarship and quality graduate programs.

Additionally, a goal of \$10 million has been established for future bequests and expectancies. To date, more than \$7 million of that goal has been met.

For more information on the campaign, visit <http://foundation.boisestate.edu/campaign> or call (208) 426-3276 or toll free at 1-800-341-6150.



THE CAMPAIGN FOR
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

OSHER GRANT

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State was awarded its second \$100,000 grant from the national Bernard Osher Foundation earlier this spring to continue enhancing and expanding programming in Southwest Idaho.

The institute received its first grant from the foundation in 2006 and changed its name from the Renaissance Institute to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. With the change, Boise State joined ranks with Duke, Clemson, University of California-Berkeley, Rutgers, Carnegie Mellon, Washington and Utah, all school with OLLI programs.

If membership in 2009 reaches 500, Boise State’s program will be eligible to apply for a \$1 million endowment from the Osher Foundation. The institute is membership based and offers a series of lectures, noncredit courses and special events for intellectually curious adults. Membership fees are \$35 for the semester or \$55 for the year, and it is open to all.

The fall season begins in September. For more information, visit www.boisestate.edu/osher or call (208) 426-2047.

WHY I GIVE

Providing Hope for Mental Illness

As vice president of human resources for Ore-Ida Foods, an H. J. Heinz subsidiary, Don “Jack” Masterson (AA, arts and sciences, ’53) was encouraged to participate in building a charitable fund. If he would donate a portion of his compensation over the years, the company would invest those funds in a life insurance policy, with a beneficiary of Masterson’s choice.

Masterson and his wife, Diane, a former RN (right), chose Boise State as beneficiary, with the proceeds to benefit scholarships for students interested in psychiatric health care. After 31 years with the company, their investment grew to \$350,000, enough to establish a generous endowment.

The Mastersons’ gift is one of many that will benefit Boise State students in the years to come. As part of the university’s \$175 million Destination Distinction campaign, a separate goal of \$10 million has been set for gifts that are pledged now but will come to Boise State at a future date.

The couple’s interest in mental health issues started 20 years ago when a family member was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. When

Don and Diane got the news in 1988, neither of them knew much about the disorder, which affects millions in the United States each year. Their search for information led to the local office of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, for which the couple became strong advocates and volunteers.



For Don and Diane, planned giving is a way to maximize their charitable gifts. “There’s also the benefit of directing money where you’d like it to be used in the hope that it will give someone else a chance,” Don says.

Helping people with their education is important to Don and Diane, especially in an area for which they have such passion. Thanks to their pledge today, future Boise State students will benefit for generations to come.

EXECUTIVE MBA GRADUATES ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP

Twenty-six of the region’s business leaders became the inaugural group of graduates from Boise State University’s two-year Executive MBA program in May. They have left a lasting impact on the university and community.

The class established — and each member contributed to — the “Executive MBA Class of 2008 Scholarship.” Their \$5,000 contribution to the endowed scholarship was matched with an additional \$5,000 by Boise State’s College of Business and Economics. Beginning in fall 2010, proceeds from the invested money will be awarded annually to a business student.

“The participants are already leaders in their companies, but the scholarship was about a call to leadership in our community, and leaving a legacy of giving,” says Trisha Stevens Lamb, an Executive MBA graduate. “This was a big theme throughout the program.”

Most members of the Executive MBA class have already received promotions during their participation in the program. Diverse in their backgrounds and roles — from vice presidents of large organizations to small business owners to up-and-comers — the group really came together with a cohesive vision for how they could give back, Lamb says. The scholarship was structured to allow future contributions from this class and their companies, and to inspire a tradition of giving for future Executive MBA classes.

\$200,000 GRANT TO EXPAND CAREER FLEXIBILITY INITIATIVES

Boise State is one of six national recipients of the 2007-08 Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Faculty Career Flexibility, selected by the American Council on Education. The \$200,000 accelerator award will enable the university to expand and enhance flexible career paths for faculty. The Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Faculty Career Flexibility recognize colleges and universities for their leadership and accomplishments in implementing groundbreaking policies and practices supporting career flexibility for tenured and tenure-track faculty.

“This award is important to Boise State University for two main reasons,” says Sona Andrews, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “First, it provides recognition, through a national competition, for leading-edge programs. Second, it provides monetary support to accelerate our plans for improving career flexibility for our faculty.”

Other recipients this year included Canisius College, Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, Simmons College and the University of Baltimore. The awards program was open to 325 institutions.

Annual Fund raises more than \$400,000

Thanks to the generous support of more than 3,600 Boise State alumni, friends, faculty, staff and matching gift companies, the Annual Fund raised a record \$410,000 during the fall 2007 and spring 2008 semesters. The Annual Fund is an organized effort to obtain gifts on a yearly basis to support university operations.

The Boise State University Foundation would like to thank those who took the time to speak with a phonathon caller or respond to a mailing or e-mail. Your annual gifts provide much needed support for Boise State's colleges and departments, scholarships for deserving students and support for university operations.

This fall alumni can expect to receive a call on behalf of their college. If you receive a phone call, please consider making a pledge in support of your college or another area that is of interest to you. Your generosity will provide students with quality programs and other educational opportunities that would otherwise be difficult to offer.

CHAFFEE SOCIETY

Robert Borgna, Margaret "Marty" Downey (center) and Molly Downey take a moment to pose for the camera. The trio was enjoying the annual Chaffee Society Spring Luncheon that recognizes those who have provided the highest level of support to Boise State.



'Lifesaver' Keeps Broncos Talkin'

By Melissa Jensen

Talk isn't cheap. At least not for the Talkin' Broncos, Boise State's nationally ranked forensics team. With energy prices rising, travel is becoming much more expensive than in previous years.

"It is becoming more of a challenge to send students to regional and national competitions," says Marty Most, former coach of the speech and debate team. Most has participated in the program for more than 20 years.

Most appealed to the Jeker Trust to provide funds for sending students to competitions. The family foundation and trust generously provided a \$25,000 contribution to the team to offset traveling expenses and also provided much-needed scholarship money. The trust was established in Boise three years ago in honor of Julius C. Jeker.

"It is common sense to support academic achievement and excellence," says Don Copple Jr., executive director of the foundation. "If our community wants to see Boise State become a metropolitan university of distinction, it has to support these programs which bring quality students to Boise State."

Although the university's forensics program won a National Division I Championship in 2005, Most notes that the team's principal achievement is consistency. The Talkin' Broncos have finished in the top five at every national tournament since 1999. Most's concern was that, without travel funds available, the nationally renowned team would not be able to attend key competitions and would be forced into a lower division.

Speaking of the foundation's support, Most says, "It was a lifesaver ... an infusion of emergency assistance that helped keep our forensics program afloat."

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MORE THAN A PRETTY VIEW



The Stueckle Sky Club has provided Bronco Stadium with a new look and added to the viewing pleasure of many of the university's football fans. But there is more to the newly completed project that added a modern press box, luxury suites, loge boxes, club seats and a new concourse to the stadium's west side.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND STEINWAY FORM A DUET

The Boise State Foundation has laid the groundwork for the Department of Music to join the ranks of top music colleges such as Julliard and the Eastman School of Music by becoming an All-Steinway School.

Steinway has been making pianos since 1853 and is known as the premier manufacturer of the instrument. The Foundation is aiming to raise \$2.3 million, which will pay for 56 pianos at Boise State.

“We believe becoming an All-Steinway School is the most significant step Boise State University will make to elevate the Department of Music to national stature,” says Jim Ogle, special assistant to the president for the arts. “It will greatly enhance the educational experience we offer our students, create significant opportunities to further engage the community, generate increased interest and support for our programs and provide a powerful recruiting tool for attracting and retaining outstanding students and faculty.”

In addition, award-winning professor Del Parkinson (above) was named an official Steinway Artist. Parkinson, who has been a Boise State professor since 1985, will now perform exclusively on Steinway pianos. This distinctive honor puts him in the company of pianists such as Vladimir Horowitz, Van Cliburn and André Watts.

For more information, call Ogle at (208) 426-3230.



MUCH MORE.

As part of Boise State's plan to finance the \$35.9 million facility, parts of the six-story structure are available for lease to the general public when the Broncos are not competing on the blue turf, including:

- The 7,100-square-foot Double R Ranch Club
- The 5,100-square-foot Bronco Club Room
- A 5,000-square-foot reception area at the press box level
- A 2,500-square-foot loft area that overlooks the Double R Ranch Club
- A 700-square-foot conference room

All leased areas have access to the Stueckle Sky Club's on-site, full-service kitchen.

“We already have close to two dozen reservations,” says Valerie Tichenor, executive director of the Stueckle Sky Club. “The events range from wedding receptions or proms to fundraisers for nonprofit organizations and business meetings. The Stueckle Sky Club offers an excellent setting for any type of event.”

Boise State's new state-of-the-art facility, which officially opened on Aug. 30 with the football team's season opener, offers an excellent view of the downtown Boise skyline, the Boise Foothills and, of course, the famous blue turf.

For more information about the facility, contact Tichenor at (208) 426-CLUB (2582) or vtichen@boisestate.edu.

BRONCOS WIN LEAGUE TITLES IN WRESTLING, BASKETBALL, GYMNASTICS AND TRACK



In **WRESTLING**, head coach Greg Randall was named the Pacific-10 Coach of the Year and Kirk Smith was named Pac-10 Freshman/Newcomer of the Year. Smith became the Boise State wrestling program's first true freshman to earn All-America honors after he claimed eighth place at the 2008 NCAA wrestling championships. He took second place at 184 pounds at the Pac-10 championships and posted a 28-6 overall record. Under Randall the Broncos piled up 152.5 points at the conference meet for the third-highest point total in Pac-10 wrestling history. The team went 10-2 in dual matches, including a 7-1 record in Pac-10 matches.

Under WAC and District 13 Coach of the Year Greg Graham (below), the **MEN'S**



BASKETBALL team posted the most wins (25) and road victories (12) in a single season in the program's history, won the WAC tournament in dramatic fashion and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1994. After the

Broncos earned a share of the regular-season conference title, they went on a memorable run through the WAC tournament culminating in their 107-102 triple overtime thriller over host New Mexico State in the championship game in what is considered one of the best and most exciting men's basketball contests in school history. Boise State's season continued the following week with a trip to Birmingham, Ala., and an appearance in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Although BSU lost 79-61 to Louisville in the opening round, the 2007-08 season will go down as one of the best in Bronco basketball lore. Senior Reggie Larry was named first-team All-WAC, U.S. Basketball Writers Association All-District VII, and MVP of the WAC tournament.

The **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** team also enjoyed a banner season with its second straight WAC regular-season championship — going 14-2 in conference play — and an appearance in the Women's NIT, which marked back-to-back postseason appearances for coach Gordy Presnell's team. The Broncos' 24-8 overall record also tied the 2006-07 team for most wins in a single season. During the regular season, Boise State tied the women's basketball team record with 15 straight wins. The Broncos also went 14-0 in Taco Bell Arena.

In the first round of the Women's NIT, the Broncos defeated in-state rival Idaho State 77-54 for the program's first-ever postseason victory before losing to TCU 85-56 in the second round. Junior Tasha Harris was named All-WAC first team and to the league's All-Tournament team.



Under the guidance of first-year co-coaches Tina Bird and Neil Resnick, the **GYMNASTICS** team captured its first-ever WAC title. Hannah Redmon, who was named WAC Athlete of the Year and Freshman of the Year, led the Broncos to the league crown, capturing the all-around, vault and floor titles and placing second on bars at the conference championships. Lindsay Ward won the bars title to earn All-WAC first-team honors along with Redmon. The team took fourth in the NCAA regionals, finished No. 23 in the final national rankings, and climbed as high as No. 16 during the season. Bird and Resnick were

named the WAC and West Region Co-coaches of the Year.

In **TENNIS**, the men's doubles team of brothers Luke and Clancy Shields advanced to the second round of the NCAA national tournament before falling to the team from Southern Cal. The loss marked the end of Luke Shields' outstanding four-year run at Boise State, where his honors included being named the 2007 WAC Player of the Year and a three-time All-American. Under Coach Greg Patton, the Boise State men finished the 2008 season as the No. 35 ranked team in the country. The women's tennis team advanced to the NCAA regionals

for the second straight year before falling to Kentucky. The No. 44-ranked Broncos finished 20-7 for the season.

In **TRACK AND FIELD**, the Broncos' Ryan Grinnell earned All-America honors from the Track and Field Coaches' Association in both the long jump and triple jump after his performance at the NCAA outdoor championships, where he finished sixth in the triple jump with a personal best of 53 feet, 6.5 inches and 11th in the long jump with a personal record of 25-2. In addition, he was named the Men's Field Performer of the Year at the WAC outdoor meet, which the Broncos won, with first-place finishes in

triple jump (54-3.75) and high jump (7-2.5) and a second-place finish in the long jump (25-7.25).

In **GOLF**, the Broncos' Troy Merritt was named a second-team All-American by the College Golf Coaches' Association after he finished tied for 19th at NCAA regional championships in May. He was also one of 20 honorees to make the inaugural All-Nicklaus Team by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

The Broncos' **SWIMMING AND DIVING** team finished seventh in the 2008 WAC meet.



Behler Named New Voice of the Broncos

There's a new Voice of the Broncos on the airwaves this year. Bob Behler, former radio voice for University of Massachusetts athletics, announced the first football game of the year against Idaho State on Aug. 30 for Peak Broadcasting radio stations, including Boise's KIDO.

Behler took over for long-time play-by-play announcer Paul J. Schneider, who announced games for more than 30 years. Schneider was honored during halftime of the Idaho State game and a Boise State scholarship fund has been set up in his name with the school.

Before coming to U-Mass, Behler did play by play at Bucknell and Georgia. He's also done work for ESPN Radio, CBS Radio, Turner Broadcasting and others.

Lyle Smith Scholarship Campaign Well Under Way

The Lyle Smith Scholarship Endowment was created to continue Boise State's outstanding athletic tradition in the name of the man who began it all, and to make a profound difference in the lives of dedicated student-athletes.

The goal is to grow the Lyle Smith endowment to the fully endowed \$300,000 level. With your generous participation, the caliber of the Lyle Smith Scholarship Endowment can match the stature of the former BJC head football coach, pictured above with Coach Chris Petersen.

To make a donation to the Lyle Smith Scholarship Endowment, send checks to Lyle Smith Scholarship, Attention: Bronco Athletic Association, 1910 University Dr, Boise, ID 83725-1020, or call (208) 426-3556.



SPORTS

BLEYMAIER HONORED

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS GENE BLEYMAIER was named the 2007-08 AstroTurf Athletics Director of the Year "Football Bowl Subdivision West" Region winner at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) 43rd annual convention in June in Dallas.

Bleymaier joined Boise State's Athletic Department in 1981 and became the Broncos' director of athletics in February 1982, winning a total of 86 league championships over nearly three decades.

"In this day of athletic directors and coaches moving around to improve their own personal position and oftentimes leaving programs in the lurch, it is reassuring there are still a few athletic directors who have their priorities straight and dedicate their lives and careers to building an outstanding athletic program way beyond the norm of a mid-major team or conference," says Boise State President Bob Kustra.





HOMECOMING 2008 IS EXPECTED TO DRAW THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DURING THE WEEKLONG FESTIVITIES, COMMENCING WITH SERVICE SATURDAY AND EXPANDING TO MULTIPLE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, INCLUDING A CONCERT, THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE AND THE BIGGEST TAILGATE OF THE SEASON.

There's something for everyone at the annual celebration. Student events include the traditional flag football Toilet Bowl on Monday, Sept. 8, Fall Face-off, a local band competition on Tuesday, Sept. 9 and a Spirit Rally and Concert on the Quad on Friday, Sept. 12.

On Sept. 12 the Alumni Association will also honor five alumni, one donor and three faculty members who illustrate extraordinary alumni engagement, exemplary philanthropic vision and excellence in education at the first ever Presidential Alumni Recognition Gala in the

new Stueckle Sky Club.

Saturday activities include several reunions and the annual Homecoming parade along University Drive, leading to the Alumni Center's Bronco Bash with food and beverage vendors, face painting and fun activities for the entire family.

For additional details and a full schedule of events, log on to homecoming.boisestate.edu.

Calendar of Alumni Events for Fall 2008

SEPT. 8-13, Homecoming
Thursday, Sept. 11, Golden Graduate Dinner
Friday, Sept. 12, Presidential Alumni Recognition Gala
Saturday, Sept. 13, Bronco Bash before Bowling Green game, 2-4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20, Bronco Bash before Oregon game (in Eugene), 10 a.m.-noon (PST)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1, Bronco Bash before Louisiana Tech game, 4-6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 8, Bronco Night at NIKE in Portland
Friday, Oct. 17, Bronco Bash before Hawaii game, 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8, Bronco Bash before Utah State game, 10 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, Nov. 12, Quarterly Alumni Association board meeting, 4-5:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21, Bronco Bash before Nov. 22 Nevada game (in Reno), 6-7:30 p.m. (PST)
Friday, Nov. 28, Bronco Bash before Fresno State game, 2-4 p.m.

Alumni Leadership for 2008-2009

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NEW BRONCO CONTACTS

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NEW BOISE STATE ALUMNI LOGO UNVEILED

The Alumni Association has a new logo, “designed to reflect both the rich history and the promising future of the Alumni Association,” says Mark Arstein, Association executive director.

The culmination of a yearlong process, the logo celebrates the Alumni Association’s strong connection to the university, while reinforcing the Association’s unique and distinctive identity. With the assistance of the Alumni Association’s marketing committee and the Office of University Communications and Marketing, the new logo design was finalized in the summer of 2008. Local artist Ward Hooper was an active participant in the group overseeing the design.

“As an alum and board member I am very pleased with the outcome of our committee’s work,” he says.

“One of the greatest outcomes of the project is having a consistent, unifying image for all our programs, materials and merchandise,” says Sonja Carter, associate director of the Alumni Association.

INSPIRATION

Taking its inspiration from the Latin words Lux Universitas (the light of the University), the logo consists of a shield with a torch, a banner with the words Lux Universitas and the date when Boise State was founded, 1932.

The torch symbolizes passing the light on to future generations and the stylized depiction is thus the symbol of the Alumni Association’s extraordinary impact on the past, present and future of the university. The components of the logo reflect the Association’s three guiding principles: to strategically connect alumni back to the university, to support students and to advocate for the university.

When citizens throughout the world see the shield, the torch or the Latin words Lux Universitas, they’ll know immediately that the connection is Boise State Alumni, and they’ll be reminded of the university’s winning programs, commitment to academic excellence, philosophy of exceptional research and lifelong link to Boise State alumni.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING THAT INVOLVED STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY AND STAFF FORMALLY UNVEILED THE NEW ALUMNI LOGO THIS FALL.

THIS IS THE PLACE ... WHERE BOISE STATE’S ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WILL WANT TO BE.

Earlier this year, well over 100 people gathered to celebrate and support the recently launched \$10 million campaign to build a new Boise State Alumni Center. Boise State President Bob Kustra, immediate past Alumni Board president Tom Beitia, and BSU Foundation chair Bill Ilett presented a unified message describing the significance this building will have for the university. Guests had the opportunity to see early renderings of the building (below), which is designed to be a noteworthy symbol of Bronco pride and tradition and the foundation for the future.

The new Alumni Center will serve as the home for the Alumni Association, the Boise State Foundation, University Advancement and Communications and Marketing, allowing all units to work closely together in efforts to advance Boise State.

“Alumni pride and enthusiasm for the university are at all time highs as academic, athletic and arts programs enjoy unprecedented success, so now is the time to move forward on this important project – the creation of a new home for the Bronco family. By building the new Alumni Center, we pay homage to Boise State’s history, highlight its successes and its growth, and create a foundation for future excellence,” says Travis Jensen, Alumni

Association board president. “This is the place where we will celebrate our heritage as we build toward our future.”

For more information on this project, contact Mark Arstein at (208) 426-3277 or Karen Vauk at (208) 426-2299, or visit alumni.boisestate.edu/alumni-center/overview.asp.



RAINY CITY BRONCOS ALUMNI CHAPTER CREATED

It's official. The Rainy City Broncos Alumni Chapter (pictured below) was chartered in February and has already held one service project to collect items for those serving in our military. The chapter also hosted a barbecue after a fun run in Lincoln City, Ore., in June. Broncos from Clark and Skamania counties in Washington and Oregon residents who live anywhere from the coast to The Dalles, from Portland down to Roseburg and across to Bend are invited to participate with this chapter.



To get involved with the Rainy City Broncos, contact chapter president Brenda Thorpe, '01, at thorpe.brenda@gmail.com or visit alumni.boisestate.edu/groups/rainycity.asp.

FOCUSED ON FITNESS

By John Lewis



Some degrees keep you moving more than others. Nobody knows that better than alumna Robin Woodall, a 2000 graduate of Boise State and owner of Tone Athletic Club in Boise. Luckily, her degree also gave her the knowledge she needed to achieve her dream.

"The Kinesiology Department is one of the top in the nation and the professors are world class," she says. "BSU gave me the knowledge to understand my experience better and a base to build my business on."

After graduation, Woodall lived in California and Minneapolis, working and training at three different fitness facilities. "I was fortunate to have the opportunity to train at some of the most amazing gyms," she says.

Woodall's experience taught her how a gym should operate. She invested in research about the fitness industry and knew from experience how to help people adhere to an exercise program. Upon returning to Boise, she provided a solution to an ongoing problem within the industry.

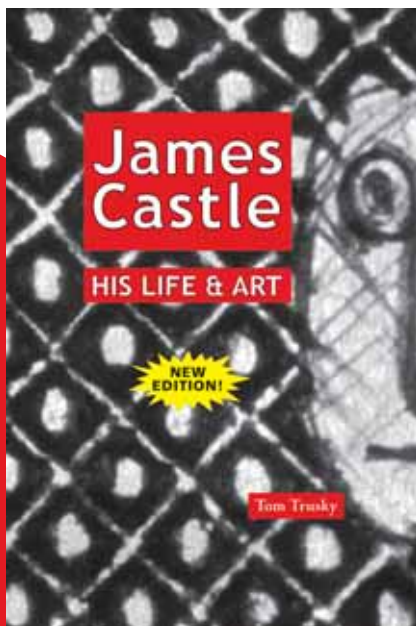
With a dream and passion, Woodall set out to open her own facility. After securing a \$500,000 loan, she purchased a space downtown and acquired state-of-the-art workout equipment. She also hired a staff that could put a strong focus on client education and adapt to individual needs.

Woodall set specific standards for the trainers she hired, requiring a degree in kinesiology or some other health-related field or a minimum of two years of experience. "I was not happy with the quality of training in Boise and knew that if I was to do my part, I would have to train trainers and create my own facility," she says. Since opening five years ago, Tone Athletic Club has grown from two clients to more than 150.

"The more I learn, the more I realize I have a lot more learning to do," Woodall says.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

JENSEN URGES INCOMING STUDENTS TO MAKE MEMORIES

When Boise State Alumni board president Travis Jensen (BBA, accountancy, '94) was asked what he would tell a prospective student about Boise State, his advice was three-fold but quite simple. "Work hard, enjoy your time on campus and create memories that you can look back on for the rest of your life." Jensen created fond memories of his time in school and has maintained his connection to his alma mater.



As the new Boise State Alumni Association board of directors president, Jensen will lead 25 volunteer Broncos for the next year as they guide the Alumni Association. He will represent the Alumni Association at presidential functions, home and away sporting events, student activities and advocacy events across the state.

Jensen has worked in public accounting for 14 years. He is an audit partner with KPMG LLP in Boise, and is a certified public accountant. He audits financial statements of large national and multi-national corporations.

He currently serves on the board of directors for the Learning Lab and previously was the board president for The Family Advocate Program and board treasurer for the United Way of Treasure Valley.

Favorite Memory of Campus: Watching offensive coordinator Al Borges and a mob of celebrating students try to tear down the north end-zone goal post after the Broncos beat the Vandals in 1994.

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"My mom graduated from Boise State in 1989. I hope to be able to follow her path and be as hardworking, determined, and kind as she is."
Courtney Brokaw, sophomore

"My dad is a 1983 Boise State graduate. He has shown me the way throughout life, including what a great university BSU is."
Tyson Berg, junior

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As a member, you will help us continue to reach these quality students who will bring Boise State to a level of distinction.



"I am proud to carry on the family legacy that includes my parents, grandmother and great grandmother... all graduates of Boise State."
Kara Lemons, freshman

"I am proud to be the daughter of a Boise State University graduate. I hope to someday continue the tradition through even more generations."
Nicole Ridgeway, sophomore

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James Mitchell, Tualatin, Ore., '70
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Peter Hall, Monroe, '71
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Mervyn Nelson, Payette, '72, '81
Rita Shown, Boise, '72
Terry Amos, Meridian, '73
Mary Ryan, Boise, '73, '96
Jon Gooding, Twin Falls, '74
Suzanne Revak, Fernley, Nev., '74
Stanley Andrew, Phoenix, Ariz., '75
Felicia Burkhalter, Boise, '75, '84
Leslie Douglas, Boise, '75, '84
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Wesley Scrivner, Boise, '75
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Kurt Anderson, Centerville, Utah, '83
Cynthia Harmon, Twin Falls, '83
Jeffrey Harmon, Twin Falls, '83
Tony Harrod, Boise, '83
Kevin Sweat, Boise, '83, '93
Theresa Adams, Nampa, '84
Alyson Anderson, Centerville, Wash., '84
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Kelly Turk, Boise, '84
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Arthur Lee, Boise, '86
James Martin, Boise, '87
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Carol Crothers, Carson City, Nev., '88
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IN TOUCH 1960s

JOHN PARRISH, diploma, arts and sciences, '62, senior vice president and regional manager for Wells Fargo Wealth Management Group in Idaho Region and the Inland Northwest, retired in January 2008 after 30 years with the company and 44 years in financial services. Parrish joined the company in 1978 as manager of Idaho's Personal Trust division.

BERNIE JESTRABEK-HART, AA, arts and sciences, '66; BA, education, '68, is a Caldwell metal sculptor whose 20-foot wingspan eagle sculptures will be placed atop the Golden Ears Bridge in Vancouver, B.C., in September. The \$808 million cable-stayed bridge that connects four communities on either side of the Fraser River will be topped with four of the sculptures.

MARY J. BOWEN, BA, elementary education, '67, turned 100 on Dec. 15, 2007. Bowen graduated with a Kansas State University teaching degree at 18, then began her teaching career in a one-room school in rural Kansas. Her family moved to Gem County in 1943 where Bowen taught at Butte View Elementary in Emmett. After the Idaho State Board of Education determined that teachers needed a four-year college degree, Bowen enrolled at what was then Boise College and was a member of the first graduating class.

DAVID W. LIGHT, BBA, accountancy, '69, is the new CEO of PakSense, a manufacturer of a "smart label" — a sugar packet-sized label that monitors the temperature of food during shipment.

1970s

JACK ARMSTRONG, BA, general business management, '71, retired after 35 years in the commercial insurance business, most recently with Employers Insurance Group. Armstrong was the loss prevention manager in the Boise office.

JIM YOST, BA, history, '71, was appointed one of two Idaho members of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. He previously worked for Union Pacific Railroad and the Idaho Farm Bureau, and served two terms in the Idaho Senate representing the Magic Valley's north side. Yost served as a natural resources adviser to governors Phil Batt, Dirk Kempthorne and Jim Risch, and has been project manager since Butch Otter took office in January.

JOHN EICHMANN, BA, theatre arts, '74, was appointed manager of the newly formed administrative services division of the city of Boise and is responsible for city council support, records management, municipal elections, city

code maintenance, licensing, code enforcement, parking services, graphic design, printing, mail and distribution. Eichmann has been employed by the city of Boise since 1982. He is also a retired command senior chief of the U.S. Naval Corps Reserve Center in Boise.

KELLY MURPHEY, BA, English teaching, '74, received the 2008 Castleford Outstanding Community Service award. Murphey retired this year as superintendent after a 27-year career in education. He has been published in the field of archaeology and served as an archaeology project director for various Idaho and federal agencies, universities and consulting firms. He is the current president of both the District IV Superintendents and District IV Activities associations and is a member of the ARTEC Charter School board.

STEPHANIE JOHNSON, BBA, finance, '74, was promoted to vice president, commercial loan officer at Bank of the Cascades in Garden City. Johnson is responsible for developing and retaining client relationships within the bank's commercial banking group. Johnson has been in the financial services industry for more than 25 years.

DANIEL L. TILLER, BBA, management behavior, '76, was honored with the Idaho Optometrist of the Year award. He is chairman of the State Board of Optometry and secretary/treasurer of the Snake River Stampede Rodeo in Nampa, as well as chairman of the Canyon County Waterways Commission.

WILLIAM "WILL" G. BERG, BBA, business education, '78, formerly city clerk for the city of Meridian, has been named to the position of community liaison. He will focus on building relationships between the city and various community groups, organizations and interests.

RALPH ENGEL, BBA, management behavior, '78, teaches special education at McCain Middle School for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade math. He previously worked in the Jerome and Meridian school districts.

THOMAS R. KELLY, BS, physical education, '78, has been named a Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer (CMKBD) by the National Kitchen and Bath Association. The CMKBD designation is awarded to designers who exhibit the highest level of professionalism and design expertise. Kelly is founder and former owner of NorthShore Kitchens Plus Inc. in Marblehead, Mass., and is principal of TRK Design Company, a national design firm.

1980s

JOSEPH "JOE" P. GOLDSTEIN, BA, economics, '80, has formed the law firm of Phillips Goldstein, P.C., in Prescott, Ariz. The law firm

focuses on civil matters including litigation, business, real estate, family law, social security and wills and trusts.

JULIE STOKES, AS, nursing, '80, has accepted a position as director of case management with Southwest Idaho Advanced Care Hospital, the first long-term acute care hospital in southern Idaho. She worked for Mercy Medical Center Home Health & Hospice for 20 years as clinical supervisor.

ROBERT YERZY, BA, elementary education, '80, created a nonprofit foundation called the Mary Ann Yerzy Pancreatic Cancer Foundation Inc. in memory of his

mother, who died of pancreatic cancer in July 2002.

BEE BIGGS-JARRELL, MPA, '82, published an anthology of stories called "Malawi Moonsmoke 2006," about the two years she and her husband served as senior citizen volunteers in Malawi, Africa.

ANN C. DAMIANO, BBA, marketing, '83; MBA, '85, was named to the Fiesta Bowl board of directors. She has been involved with the Fiesta Bowl for 20 years and has served on the committee for the last 10 years.

MICHAEL A. STAVES, BA, social science and communication, '83; MPA, public administration, '86, works for MPRI in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he is senior mentor to the Ministry of Interior's Chief

of Installations and Facilities.

BARBARA JO "BJ" STENSLAND, MBA, '83, was named 2008 Woman of the Year by the Ee Dah How Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in Pocatello. Stensland is the executive director for Aid for Friends. She also volunteers for "Feeding the 5000," participates in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and assists with the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project each year.

MARK T. HOUSTON, BBA, finance, '84, has joined Bank of the West in Boise as vice president and regional manager for the bank's new Regional Commercial Banking group. Previously, he was a senior relationship manager for Sterling Savings



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Bank and was the recipient of the Performance Council Award as Commercial Banker of the Year for the Eastern and Southern regions.

MARK A. SEELEY, BA, political science, '84, is publishing a book titled, "A Most Fortunate Man: A Vietnam KIA Pilot's Letters, a Son's Journey" about his father's experiences during the Vietnam War.

LUCY KOBUSINGYE, AS, nursing, '85, longtime surgeries prep and recovery nurse at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, is the first nurse ever to receive Saint Alphonsus' President's Commendation Award. She was honored for her dedication to the hospital's mission through her daily work and the contributions she makes to the global community. She is a native of Uganda and first came to Parma in 1972 as a 16-year-old foreign exchange student.

KARL WIRKUS, BS, geosciences/geology, '85, has been named deputy commissioner for operations at the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. Wirkus oversees operations in the Reclamation's five regions as well as research and development, dam safety and construction. He was deputy regional director of Reclamation's Pacific Northwest region in Boise.

DAVID BRUCE, BBA, marketing, '86; MBA, '95, oversees the Plaza 121 branch of Bank of the Cascades in Boise and serves as the Commercial Loan Center manager. He has more than 21 years in banking, relationship management and commercial lending experience.

ANN HESTER, BBA, accountancy, '86, is senior vice president, commercial real estate and builder finance team leader for Home Federal in Nampa. She most recently served as vice president and market manager for Magnet Bank in the Treasure Valley.

LYNN A. SANDER, BA, communication, '86, has been appointed vice president of community relations and development for Home Federal Bank in Nampa. She is responsible for strategic initiatives including the bank's Community Reinvestment Act Plan, expansion of the retail branch network, community involvement and public relations. She most recently served as executive vice president, Consumer Banking Division.

CHRISTINE "CHRISTI" A. GREEN, BM, music performance, '87; MM, music performance, '94, was the featured musician for the 2008 Nampa Musicale Founder's Day Luncheon. She owns Northwest Music School in Nampa, which offers music instruction and recording facilities.

CLIFF GREEN, BBA, management, '87; Ed.D., curriculum & instruction, '99, is the executive director of iSucceed Virtual High School, a statewide, full-time, diploma-granting online public high school. He also worked as the state technology program coordinator with the State Division of Professional-Technical Education and as a technology coordinator for Kuna School District.

ROBERT MANNSCHRECK, BBA, finance, '87, has been promoted

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to regional trade director, Asia-Pacific, for DHL Global Forwarding. He is based in Seattle and is responsible for strategic planning for Asia, Australia/New Zealand and the Indian sub-continent.

SHEILA LINCOLN, AS, nursing, '88; BS, nursing, '92, was chosen as this year's Nurse of the Year by the state's Association of School Nurses. Being a school nurse had been her lifelong dream. Her time has been divided between Shadow Hills Elementary and Cole Elementary. She is also active in the School Nurse Organization of Idaho.

1990s

MATT JEFFERIES, BBA, accountancy, '90, has co-founded a new competitive commercial finance company, EndeCore Capital, LLC in Eagle. The company arranges and provides competitive financing for commercial real estate projects and business acquisitions.

DOUG BRIGHAM, MBA, '91, has joined Title One Corp. in Boise as vice president for finance and strategic growth. Most recently he served as senior vice president for business development for the Infrastructure Business Unit at Washington Group International.

LAURIE DAHLBERG, BBA, management, human resources option, '91, was promoted to Firm-wide Recruiting Manager for Eide Bailly. She is based in the firm's Minneapolis office and is responsible for defining and executing the recruitment strategy for college graduates and experienced hires for the 1,000-person firm.

JOHN ELLIOT, BA, communication, '91, recently joined Countrywide Home Loans team in the Boise Overland office. Elliot specializes in all types of residential mortgage lending, including purchase, refinance, equity, construction, prime and sub-prime. Previously he worked as a loan consultant for Trinity Home Mortgage.

THELMA VAN EGMOND, BA, elementary education, '91, is head percussionist of the TVCC Intermediate Band and the Wind Symphony and plays in the orchestra.

SUSAN M. STACY, MA, history, '91, presented a lecture for the 2008 Boise River Community Lecture Series sponsored by Idaho Rivers United. Stacy is the author of "When the River Rises: Flood Control on the Boise River, 1943-1985."



ELAINE DAMSCHEN, BA, elementary education, '92, and **TODD DAMSCHEN**, (non-degree alum, above), own Mainstream Electric in Coeur d'Alene. The company was recognized as Business Professional Company of the Year for

2007 and was inducted into the Home Services Hall of Fame at the Electricians' Success International Expo in St. Louis, Mo.

JEANIE JORDAN, BA, English, writing emphasis, '94; BA, communication/English, '94, received a fellowship to the English Ph.D. program at the University of Oregon. She has been working as a full-time English instructor at Gainsville State College in Georgia and is currently writing a novel.

SHAUN McMIKLE, BBA, operations management, '94, lives in the Denver, Colo., area and works as an adjunct instructor for Boise State's College of Business and Economics teaching online statistics courses.

SHELBY RENO, BA, English, liberal arts emphasis, '94, senior vice president and marketing and communications director for Independent Bank in Michigan, has been appointed to serve on the board of the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan.

SHANNON STOEGER, BBA, finance, '94, has been promoted from within Bank of the Cascades to oversee management of the bank's Garden City, 12th Street, Vista and Eagle branches. She is a 2005 graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School.

MAJOR VAUGHN WARD, BS, political science, '94, was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V for Valor for his actions while serving as a Marine Rifle Company Commander in Fallujah, Iraq, from March to October 2006.



SCOTT MARTIN, BA, political science, '95; MPA, public administration, '00 (above right), works in Virginia's Roanoke Valley as Franklin County's director of commerce and leisure. He is in charge of economic development and runs the tourism department for the county.

MARC MUNCH, BA, anthropology, '95, has been named state highway archaeologist for the Idaho Transportation Department. Munch has been with ITD for the past four years and previously worked for nine years at the Boise National Forest as an archaeologist.

DAVID STUART, BS, pre-medical studies, '95, has joined the staff of Appalachian Regional Healthcare as a general surgeon in Beckley, W.Va.

MELISSA J. WRAY, BS, nursing, '95, has joined Bingham McHale LLP in Indianapolis, Ind., as an associate in the law firm's litigation department. Her practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense and long-term health-care litigation.

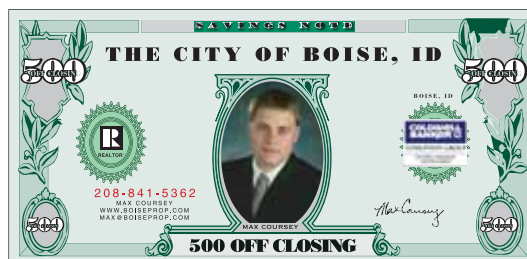
TODD CHRISTENSEN, BS, political science, '96 has been named vice



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president, marketing director with The Bank of the Pacific, which has branches in coastal communities from Lynden, Wash., to Gearhart, Ore. Previously, he worked as president and CEO of Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce.

HEIDI KELLY, BA, advertising, '96, has been hired by Oliver Russell in Boise as an interactive producer. She will provide online expertise and e-marketing solutions for the marketing agency. Most recently, she was creative integration manager for Critical Mass.

MARIA GONZALES MABUTT, BA, elementary education, bilingual, '96, was the keynote speaker at Moscow's Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Community Breakfast. Gonzales Mabbutt is involved with Idaho Latino Vote.

RYAN ROBINSON, BBA, finance, '96, has been named a business relationship manager for Sandpoint's Wells Fargo Bank. Robinson joined the company in 1997 as a manager for Wells Fargo Financial. He most recently served as manager for the Sandpoint branch. Robinson is a major in the Idaho Army National Guard and serves as the training and operations officer for the 145th support battalion.

WENDY M. POWELL, BBA, accountancy, '97, has opened a law office in Meridian. She specializes in family law, divorce, child support, child custody, guardianship, adoption/termination, wills and prenuptial agreements.

DEMETRIA RAMAKERS, BA,

communication, '97, has been appointed vice president, commercial lending relationship manager at Home Federal Bank's Commercial Lending Center in Boise. She most recently was vice president, relationship manager for Magnet Bank in the Treasure Valley.

TIFFANY M. BRYNER, BA, elementary education, '98, completed her MS in Library Science at Clarion University of Pennsylvania in May 2008.

PERRY STOKES, BA, history, '98, is the new library director for the Baker County Library District based in Baker City, Ore. After four years of teaching English in Japan, he served in leadership roles for King County Library System in Washington State while earning his master's of library & information science degree at the University of Washington. He will oversee library services in six library branches throughout Baker County.

HOLLY ANGELL, BS, electrical engineering, '99, was promoted to the director of criteria & engineering for SUPERVALU in Boise.

SEAN S. BURLILE, BS, criminal justice, '99, received a Ph.D. from the University of Idaho-Boise. His dissertation was titled "The Experience of Transitioning from the Armed Forces to the Civilian Workforce as a Result of Service-Connected Disabilities." Burlile was selected to participate in the VA's Executive Leadership Program.

BRANDON FONNESBECK, BBA, general business, '99, is vice president with Golis Construction in Boise.

DANAE KLIMES, BBA, general business management, '99, was hired as relationship manager at Zions Bank in the Twin Falls Canyon Park office. She began her banking career nine years ago and most recently held the position of senior business relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank in Twin Falls.

2000s

GREG BAISCH, BS, construction management, '00, has been hired by Engineered Structures Inc. in Boise.

ODESSA R. BECKER, BA, social work, '00, received her master of social work from Virginia Commonwealth University in Alexandria, Va. She is a foster parent recruiter for the city of Alexandria.

ANITA EDWARDS, BM, music education, '00, received a master's degree in educational leadership/administration from NNU. She teaches music education (general music, band and an Orff percussion ensemble) in the Kuna School District and is the district curriculum chair for the music/art department. Edwards also serves as director of the Western Idaho Elementary Music Festival and vice-president of the Idaho Orff chapter.

JUSTIN RADAR, BS, biology, '00, was a member of Army ROTC at

Boise State and served as the Goldbar recruiter. He was commissioned with a parachutist and air assault badge then served five years in the military and one 13-month deployment to Bagdad, Iraq, with the 1st Calvary Division. He is enrolled in the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

LUKE WILD, BS, psychology, '00, joined the Coeur d'Alene office of Century 21 Beutler & Associates as a real estate agent.

MARK BETSILL, BS, psychology, '01, joined the staff of Whole Health Chiropractic in Boise. Dr. Betsill graduated from Western States Chiropractic in December 2007 and is trained in the treatment of spinal injuries and corrections, sports injuries, children and pregnancy, among other health issues.

RHONDA STEINMANN, BS, kinesiology, '01, received his master's degree from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont., as a physician assistant. He works as a physician assistant for Saint Alphonsus in the Caldwell clinic.

MARCUS STIMPSON, BBA, general business management, '01, has been promoted to director of brokerage support for Thornton Oliver Keller in Boise. He will be responsible for directing an extensive marketing and research support team.

PAUL WROTEN, BBA, marketing, '02, has been hired by Cooper Norman in Boise.

JASON LOGAN, BS, civil engineer-

ing, '03, has received his Idaho State Professional Engineer license and is employed by CSHQA, a Boise-based architecture/engineering firm.

KEVIN O'BRIEN, BA, history, '03, a mass communication specialist second class, is an official photographer assigned to U.S. Navy Secretary Donald Winter, the civilian head of the Department of the Navy. He has photographed President Bush, former First Lady Nancy Reagan, completed a tour of the South Pacific and the Persian Gulf, and was briefly assigned to photograph the Blue Angels.

LISA SHINE, BA, social work, '03, works at the Adams County Behavioral Health Clinic. Shine provides psychosocial rehabilitation services, case management and counseling services.

MARTY WILLIAMS, AS, nursing, '03; BS, health sciences nursing, '04, works as a primary care pediatric nurse practitioner in Chico, Calif. He co-authored a paper that was recently published in the journal "Pediatric Nursing" (Sept/Oct. 07).

MAYRA CALDERON, BA, Spanish, '04; BBA, international business, '04, is the new service manager for the Wells Fargo Idaho Center store in Nampa. Her previous Wells Fargo positions have included lead teller, personal banker and service manager for the Nampa main store.

PATRICK CHETWOOD, MPA, '04, is the finance & insurance manager

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for Meridian Ford, and recently graduated from the General Dealership Management program of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

ERICA BROWN, BBA, international business, '04, has joined The Mortgage Place as a loan officer. She specializes in first-time homebuyers and credit repair, as well as FHA, IHA and VA loans.

NATHANIEL HARO, BSM, mechanical engineering, '04, MS; mechanical engineering, '07, returned to Boise to work for Image National.

JOSH THORNDYKE, BS, criminal justice, '04, works as a patrol officer for the McCall Police Department.

DAVID WILDMAN, MBA, business administration, '04, is a business analyst at Esterline Corp.-Korry Electronics, a worldwide leader in avionics manufacturing. He works on commercial and military proposals, pricing and market analysis in Seattle.

CHRIS CARR, BS, political science, '05, cornerback and kick returner for the Tennessee Titans, was a guest speaker at Challis Elementary in January.

SHELBY DAY, BA, anthropology, '05; BA, visual art, '05, is the state co-chair for the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). She is responsible for identifying and nominating individuals, projects or entities for national Leadership in History awards for the recognition of excellence in the fields of collection, interpretation and preservation.

RHETT SCARBROUGH, BS, construction management, '05, is currently serving with the Peace Corp as a construction education volunteer in Cape Verde, located in the mid-Atlantic Ocean about 300 miles off the west coast of Africa. He worked with the BSU Construction Management alumni and student associations to collect concrete tools to send abroad to foster the educational process.

COLLIN B. SOWER, BS, mechanical engineering, '05, is a mentor for the Mountain View High School First Robotics team. The team performed very well in regional competition in Portland.

CHRIS WEBB, MS, education, '05, is employed by Minot Public Schools as a secondary schools technology facilitator. He was named Technology Leader of the Year by the North Dakota Association of Technology Leaders.

STEVE ZEBEL, BBA, finance, '05, is a commercial loan officer at Idaho First Bank in Boise's downtown lending office. He specializes in commercial lending, providing loans and other bank services for small businesses and their owners throughout the Treasure Valley.

CHRISTINA SORRELS, BSC, civil engineering, '06, is co-founder of Matrix Engineering, Inc., in Boise.

LARRY JAMES STEWART, BS, mechanical engineering, '06, is a project engineer for Medalist Engineering in Boise, which

specializes in food processing and packaging systems integration, general engineering and project management.

ASHLEY ARMBUSTER, BFA, illustration, '07, was featured in a show at the MadDog Gallery in Challis that highlighted regional young artists. Her paintings, which depict surrealistic apple-cheeked children, were included in a February show titled "Lost and Found" at the Genuine Imitations Gallery in Portland, Ore.

BENJAMIN DAVENPORT, BA, history, '07; BS, political science, '07, has joined the Boise firm of Evans Keane LLP as a governmental affairs liaison.

TERI de BIASE, BS, sociology, '07, works as the Ada county field supervisor for Assisting Angels Home Care, a provider of non-medical home-care services. She assesses clients, provides office support and fills in with clients when the caregivers aren't available.

JASON SALI, BS, accountancy, '07, has been hired by Cooper Norman in Boise.

DEATHS FALL 2008

MARGARET L. ADAMS, AS, marketing, '83, Boise.

ROBERT "Bob" E. ANDERSON, cert., respiratory therapy technician, '91, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ANGELA "Angie" R. ASHLEY, BA, sociology, '92, Fruitland.

DOYLE H. BAIRD, diploma, arts and sciences, undeclared, '40, Denver, Colo.

WILMA "Fern" BALLARD, BA, communication/English, '82, Heyburn.

DR. ALBERT A. BARINAGA, AA, arts and sciences, '56, Boise.

INGRID C. BERGLUND, AS, nursing, '90, Butte, Mont.

ZAN L. CAIRNS, BBA, business management, '98, Boise.



ROBERT "Robb" G. CAUFIELD, BBA, accountancy, '77, Meridian.

ANKUR CHARAN, BA, philosophy, '96, Boise.


RUBY L. CHERRY, MA, elementary education, '74, Boise.

ROSCOE "Rocky" J. COLTON, ATC, machine tool tech, '04, Boise.

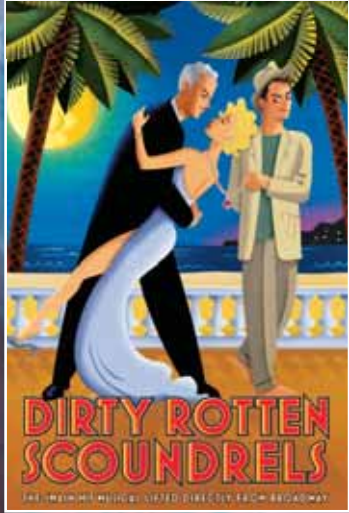
ERNEST "Ernie" E. DAY, diploma, arts and sciences, '39, died February 12, 2008 in Boise. Known as "Ernie," by most and as "The Big Erk" by his family, Day was an avid environmentalist. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a private after college and eventually was admitted into the officers corp where he served 18 months in Italy as a security officer in the cryptographic code room, communicating with bomber squadrons across Europe. He enjoyed working in the family business, Day Realty, originally founded by his father and uncles in 1908. The company started as a real estate brokerage, insurance and finance company, but by the


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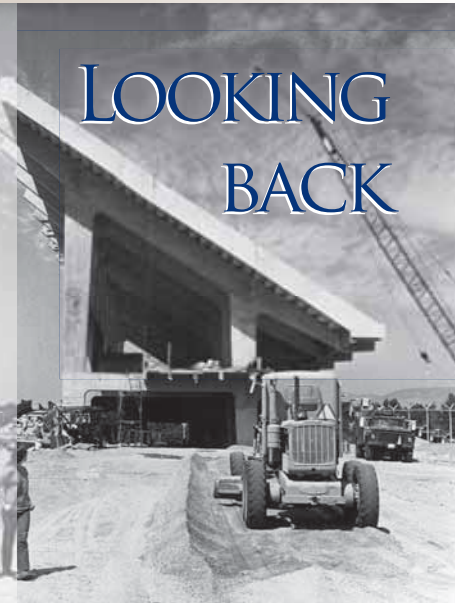
Thinking back on that great victory, I have to wonder if I would have gotten that caught up in it if I wasn't already so connected to Boise State. And how did I get so connected? My first on-campus job was in Student Activities. The people in the Student Union, both staff and students, became my second family. I made so many good friends that I still connect with today. The job gave me professional experience, but I also learned so much about myself. After graduation, I begged them to let me stay but they wouldn't and off I went. I told them I would be back some day and went out into the "real world." Twelve years later I did return. While my corporate years were great, I can't think of any place that I would rather be but here — back in the middle of all of the action and activity, pride and loyalty at this great university — Boise State!

Debbie Kaylor, '93, director, Boise State Career Center



LOOKING BACK

The current Bronco Stadium rises on the site of the former Boise Municipal Airport. Completed in 1970 with a capacity of 14,000, the stadium has since undergone three expansions, including the addition of the east side second tier, the southwest and southeast corners and the Stueckle Sky Club. Current capacity is more than 30,000.



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- Sept. 29 — Brandt Lecture, Robert Higgs
- Oct. 2 and Nov. 5 — Fettuccine Forum
- Oct. 6 — Vox Discipuli Lecture: Jonah Goldberg & Peter Beinart
- Nov. 18 — Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea"

1940s it evolved into Boise's first shopping center, Vista Village. Day was affiliated with Boise State forensics from 1937-1938.

KEITH M. EDLEFSEN, AA, arts and sciences, '47, Boise.

JOHN G. ESCURE, BBA, accountancy, '80, Quincy, Wash.

DWIGHT P. FARNWORTH, MA, elementary education, '73, Boise.

DAVID L. FRITTS, diploma, horticulture technology, '70, Ilwaco, Wash.

ROBERT "Bob" G. FRITTS, AS, respiratory care, '74, Boise.

EILLEEN FULTON, AA, arts and sciences, '41, Sequim, Wash.

MICHAEL K. GANTZ, BS, health & science; '77; BA, elementary education, '78, McCall.

EUGENE "Gene" A. GARDNER, non-degreed, '91, Boise.

TIMOTHY R. GERANY, BA, political science & public affairs, '89, Boise.

LARRY R. GORRINGE, AA, arts and sciences, '62, Boise.

EDWARD "Ed" L. GREGG, diploma, arts and sciences, '64, Jerome.

MARK A. HAMMER, AAS, computer service technology, '82, Roy, Wash.

TERRI M. HATANELAS, AS, nursing, '99, Fresno, Calif.

FLORENCE HAWKES, BA, elementary education and instruction, '75; MA, education curriculum, '80, Kuna.

EDWARD "Ed" E. HEDGES, diploma, arts and sciences, '52, Boise, died Nov. 2, 2007, in Boise. As a child, he earned money by hunting golf balls and caddying at the Plantation Golf Course. By the age of 16, Hedges shot a hole-in-one, and two years later he was city junior golf champ at Hillcrest Country Club. From 1954-1956 Hedges served in the Army Security Agency in Alaska, then worked for Bell Telephone for four years. In 1961, Hedges became a licensed real estate agent and in 1966 was named Realtor of the Year. He retired as a broker in 2006. Hedges received many honors as a longtime member of Toastmasters International; he led the commencement address at Boise State University in 1977 and taught Leadership Boise for the Boise Chamber of Commerce in 1999 and 2000. Hedges was also affiliated with Phi Sigma Sigma in 1952. In 2006, Hedges was awarded the Boise State Alumni Association Service Award.

RONALD "Ron" E. HERR, AA, arts and sciences, '56, Layton, Utah.

LT. COL. TIM "Whodo" W. HOLT, DIP, arts and sciences, '66, Lady's Island, S.C.

MIRIAM HORRIGAN, AA, arts and sciences, '40, Seattle, Wash.

MICHAEL J. INGHAM, BS, environmental health, '90, Boise.

CHARLES L. JENSEN, diploma, arts and sciences, '42, Albany, Ore.

DAISY D. JENSON, BA, elementary education, '67, Medford, Ore.

TAMARA JOHNSTON-LEE, BA, economics & social science, '92, Boise.

DEAN W. LAMOTT, diploma, arts and sciences, '63, Boise.

KIRK P. LARSEN, BS, construction management, '93, West Linn, Ore.

DOLLCEA "Dolly" M. LITTLE, cert. practical nursing, '72; AS, nursing, '75, Star.

DR. FRANK E. MATHER, AA, arts and science, '43, Boise.

LUCAS "Luc" J. MCGREGOR, BA, French, '06, Kuna.

JOY MEMMELAAR, BS, physical education, '85, Boise.

DON W. MURRAY, AA, arts and sciences, '57, Boise.

RICHARD K. NIXON, BBA, marketing & finance, '80, Boise.

ROBERT "Rob" N. OVIATT, AA, arts and sciences, '49, Boise.

JOHN L. PULLIAM, non-degreed, '91, Council.

ROBERT R. REYNER, BA, criminal justice administration, '75, Hamilton, Mont.

LUCILE "Nell" E. ROBERTSON, AA, arts and sciences, '34, Puyallup, Wash.

FLORENCE E. ROHRS, AA, elementary education, '41, Medford, Ore.

LOUISE D. SANFORD, BA, elementary education/bilingual ESL, '89, Filer.

RONALD W. SCHMALJOHN, diploma, arts and sciences, '60, Nampa.

DENA L. SIMONS, BS, psychology, '97, Garden City.

JOHN T. SQUIRES, AA, arts and sciences, '58, Marsing.

JACK L. STAHANCYK, AS, arts and sciences, '66; BA, general business management, '67, Palmer, Alaska.

KAREN A. STANEK-KIRCHHOFFER, cert., nursing, '87, Mountain Home.

MICHAEL L. STEELE, BS, mathematics, '88, Boise.

JEANNE K. TRUXAL, BS, health science, '77, BS, medical technology, '78, Salt Lake City, Utah.

BETHEL L. WING, BA, elementary education, '74, Caldwell.

WILLIAM "Bill" YEHLER, BA, anthropology; '84, MA, history, '84, La Luz, N.M.

MICHAEL F. YOST, TC, heating and air, '03, Star.



Lisa Parker, senior associate athletic director, died June 20 following a long battle with cancer. Parker joined the staff at Boise State in 2003 after serving as the director of athletics and head women's basketball coach at Colorado Christian University. She oversaw all areas of student welfare, including academic services, support services, sports programs, eligibility and compliance coordination.

Hilary Gail Straub died April 16 at the age of 61 in Boise, following an eight-year struggle with lymphoma. Straub taught nursing for 22 years at Boise State, where a memorial scholarship has been created in her name through the Boise State University Foundation.

Kathleen Warner died May 26 at the age of 66. Warner taught folklore at Boise State University for more than 30 years. A student of Richard M. Dorson at Indiana University (where she earned her Ph.D.), she joined the English faculty at Boise State University in 1966.

FACULTY

John H. (Jack) Best, longtime musician and Boise State professor, died April 20 at the age of 91. Best played a major role in the development of the music department from Boise Junior College to BSU, teaching from 1947 to 1983 and was awarded the Silver Medallion for service to the university in 1983.



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