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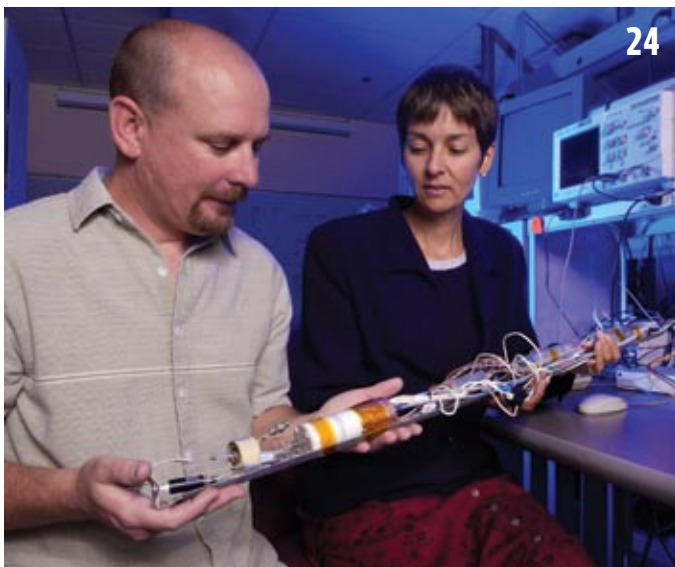
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Creative collaboration between departments, outside agencies and even sister universities is transforming how Boise State operates and what it can accomplish. This issue of *FOCUS* provides a closer look at how the university is encouraging and benefiting from an array of partnerships in research, community service and creative activity. Cover by Drew Roberts.



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# Collaboration is the key to our success

**B**oise State University is in the midst of an exciting period of renewal and transformation — from an institution that focused primarily on undergraduate teaching to that of a metropolitan research university of distinction with an expanding role in the Pacific Northwest's higher education hierarchy.

One of Boise State's major characteristics has been — and will continue to be — its ability to adapt readily to the needs of the area it serves. There is an old adage in higher education — hardly considered a compliment — that we teach and conduct research in silos, with academic departments too often disconnected from each other in teaching and scholarship. What I have learned in my three years at Boise State is that our faculty has no trouble reaching beyond those silos, building collaborative relationships to enhance teaching and learning.

The theme section in this issue of *FOCUS* highlights key collaborative and interdisciplinary efforts thriving on our campus today. These programs capture the essence of our ability to remain flexible and respond to rapid changes in our metropolitan environment with multidimensional learning opportunities, research partnerships, and community projects — initiatives that serve not only the Treasure Valley, but also the world at large.

In fact, our interdisciplinary efforts range far beyond our campus to our sister institutions in Idaho, where our faculty and students partner with their counterparts to conduct important research and provide crucial advice to policymakers and serve the interests of our students and the citizens of Idaho. Some of these include the IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, the Energy Policy Institute, and the historical journal *Idaho Yesterdays*.

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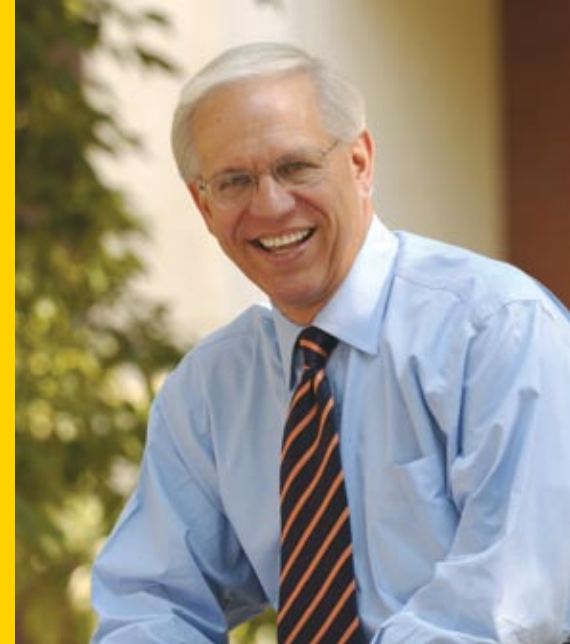
Boise State's interdisciplinary studies program (IDS) offers bachelor's and master's programs that enable our students and their professors to develop innovative programs focusing on emerging fields of study. For example, the

College of Engineering's biomedical and materials science curricula, both of which originated as interdisciplinary studies programs, are now premier academic programs attracting the highest quality students. What is distinctive about our faculty's efforts in these areas is the ability to connect to the laboratories of Boise's high-tech economy and provide unique collaborative relationships for our faculty and students.

And the number of these unique courses of study is likely to grow. The more academic programs Boise State offers, the more possibility for interdisciplinary overlap, the greater the inventory of courses from which to choose and the more comprehensive the inventory of faculty expertise. As the university develops an expanded inventory of doctoral programs, there may be an opportunity to design an interdisciplinary studies degree at the doctoral level as well. The structure of the IDS program is well suited for doctoral students, given the close interaction between the student and his or her faculty guidance committee.

Our Service-Learning and Volunteer Services Board programs achieve similar results in fostering a sense of citizenship and community with their emphasis on integrating the work of faculty and students across disciplines.

Interdisciplinarity may be a long and seldom-used word in the lexicon of the man or woman on the street. But to our faculty who devote their careers to the fulfillment of our mission as a metropolitan research university, it identifies their commitment to producing graduates capable of tackling problems in our society that cross knowledge boundaries and offer the greatest opportunity for collaboration and teamwork in our increasingly complex society.



— Bob Kustra, President

## \$5 million Micron gift to support new engineering Ph.D. program

The Micron Technology Foundation will award \$5 million to Boise State to support its new Ph.D. program in electrical and computer engineering.

The \$5 million donation from the Micron Technology Foundation, a private, non-profit charitable organization formed in 1999 by Micron Technology Inc., will fund new faculty and staff positions in the College of Engineering, stipends for ECE doctoral students, lab renovations, new instrumentation and other program costs.

“With the increasing demand for qualified, skilled and talented engineers in our state and country, Micron is pleased to support Boise State’s thriving College of Engineering and its new doctoral program,” says Steve Appleton, Micron’s chairman, CEO and president (BBA, management, ’82). “To be competitive on a global basis, it is vital for business and community leaders to support educational systems that continue to raise the bar in education and promote curriculum rich in math, science, technology and engineering.”

The gift, announced during a May 4 press conference, includes \$3 million to be awarded over the next four years. The remaining \$2 million is a challenge grant that will be matched



From left, President Bob Kustra, Engineering Dean Cheryl Schrader, Micron CEO Steve Appleton and Mark Durcan, Micron’s vice president for research, during the May 4 check presentation.

dollar for dollar with donations made to Boise State for the ECE doctoral program.

“This is tremendous news for Boise State, and we are very grateful to the Micron Technology Foundation for its vision and generosity,” says Boise State President Bob Kustra. “This gift will enhance our efforts to build a very strong program that will help meet the growing needs of high-tech industries in the state and the region, and provide new opportunities for research and collaboration.”

## Legislators continue to mull decision on community college

Despite Boise State’s efforts to help establish a community college in the Treasure Valley, plans for a stand-alone two-year school in southwest Idaho remain in limbo (“Momentum builds at Boise State,” *FOCUS*, Spring 2006).

In spite of the endorsement of former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to establish a statewide community college system, proposals from Boise State to transfer millions of dollars in land and resources to its campus in Nampa, and the potential offer of \$15 million in seed money from the Boise-based J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation to help set up a two-year school in the valley, the Idaho Legislature failed to act on several measures that would have created such a system.

Instead, lawmakers created the joint Legislative Interim Committee on Community Colleges to study the issue in a series of hearings this summer. When Kustra appeared before the committee in June, he used a hypothetical funding model and said Boise State could open a community college for 2,500 students and pay for more than three-fourths of it with tuition,

federal funds and existing state funds.

The committee is expected to present a proposal to the Legislature when it convenes in January.

Boise State’s Seland College of Applied Technology provides services generally offered by a community college, but proponents of a stand-alone two-year school, led by Kempthorne and Kustra, point out that the Boise metropolitan area is one of the largest in the country without a community college.

“An independent community college makes strategic sense for Boise State,” Kustra wrote in an opinion piece in *The Idaho Statesman* in June. “By separating community college offerings and services from the university, we can concentrate on our goal of becoming a metropolitan research university of distinction, serving the undergraduate, graduate and research needs of this growing region. Regardless of the funding model chosen, an investment in community college education for Idaho citizens is crucial.”



## Boise State purchases landmark hotel

The intersection of Capitol Boulevard and University Drive, which serves as the main entryway for vehicles entering the west side of Boise State's campus, will someday have a much different look.

That's because in June the university purchased University Inn, the well-known hotel located on the northeast side of that busy corner that borders Boise State's campus. The property is earmarked as the future site of a new College of Business



Above: University Inn. Below: Work continues on the Interactive Learning Center.

MELISSA HARRIS

and Economics building, which will be part of a pedestrian-friendly passageway into the heart of the main campus ("2005 master plan calls for future campus expansion," *FOCUS*, Fall 2005).

"This important acquisition will allow Boise State to continue its long-range Campus Master Plan to make the intersection of University Drive and Capitol Boulevard a scenic gateway onto our campus, highlighted by a state-of-the-art College of Business and Economics building," says President Bob Kustra.

As part of the \$3.2 million purchase of the 1.8-acre site, University Inn will remain in business through Oct. 31. During the interim period, seller Phil

Murelaga will continue to operate the hotel through a lease with Boise State. Funds are currently being raised for the five-story Business and Economics building that will span more than 100,000 square feet. Until construction

on the new building begins — which will probably take two to three years — the short-term plan is to remodel parts of University Inn and use it for offices and possibly student housing.

The College of Business and Economics building plans include an atrium and commons lounge; a food court; a financial trading room; a 200-person auditorium; a student services center; space to house the wide variety of professional services and programs that Boise State offers the business community; numerous specialized, high-tech classrooms; a graduate student research facility; a business start-up incubator center and more.

University Inn was built in 1957 as the Thunderbird Lodge, with major additions in 1962. It became a Ramada Inn in the late 1960s and then University Inn in 1982. Many remodels and updates were made during Murelaga's 30-year ownership. A plaque will be installed in the new business building to commemorate the historical location of University Inn.

Meanwhile, Boise State's current major construction project, the \$14 million Interactive Learning Center, continues on schedule and is due for completion in June 2007. In addition, the university is in the planning phase on the expansion and renovation of the Student Union and the building of a new student health, wellness and counseling center and a second parking structure, both of which will be located near the Student Union and Student Recreation Center.



CARRIE QUINNEY

Oldenborger is hooded during May Commencement.

## First Ph.D. awarded at spring commencement

Boise State reached another milestone when it awarded its first Ph.D., a doctorate in geophysics, at the university's spring 2006 Commencement.

Greg Oldenborger of Vancouver, B.C., received his Ph.D. in geophysics, one of four doctoral programs now offered by the university, during the May 13 ceremonies in Taco Bell Arena. He will continue his research in the area of electrical and electromagnetic geophysics at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Approximately 1,100 graduates attended the ceremony. In all, 1,653 students qualified to earn 1,722 degrees since the December Commencement, including three doctoral degrees and 236 master's degrees. A total of 397 students graduated with honors.

Ralph R. Peterson, a 1965 Boise Junior College alumnus, was presented with Boise State's fourth honorary doctorate. Peterson is chairman, president and CEO of CH2M Hill, a global project delivery company based in Denver.

Peterson has earned praise for his company's role in promoting the environment through its cleanup work and other environment-related projects.

Twin graduates Josie and Texie Evans were this year's student speakers. The sisters have traveled to France, Costa Rica and Chile. Josie added a study program in Spain this summer. Their speech focused on diversity and unity on campus.



JOHN KELLY

**ENSEMBLE TAKES SECOND PLACE IN NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION**

The Morrison Center Chamber Players, an ensemble of Boise State music students, finished in second place in the Music Teacher's National Association's annual competition in Austin, Texas, earlier this year.

The group includes Christina Wilson, flute; Jeff Gander, oboe; Katie Matsuura, clarinet; Laura Davis, bassoon; Josh Vargas, horn; and Maria Klyutkina, piano. They played a full program of works by Mozart, Debussy, Ligeti, Hindemith and Poulenc during the competition, which included music by seven groups.

Each group had won collegiate state and divisional rounds to qualify for the finals, and competing schools included Brigham Young University, the Blair School at Vanderbilt University and Indiana University. First place went to the Eastman School at the University of Rochester.

**BOOTHE WINS SERVICE AWARD**

Diane Boothe, dean of Boise State's College of Education, recently received the Professional Service Award from Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

The national award is given annually to an individual who has performed outstanding service to the profession. A former public school teacher and principal who speaks both English and Spanish, Boothe has taught English as a second language, foreign language methods and middle grades courses. She is the former chair of the Higher Education Interest Section for TESOL International.

**CARMAN RECEIVES HONOR**

An illustration by Bill Carman, a Boise State associate professor of art, was recently accepted for inclusion in the book *Spectrum 13: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art*. Carman's work, "Carnivore Pond," was given a Silver Award in the Unpublished category. The selection jury looked at more than 4,000 works before picking the 14 winners and awarding a lifetime achievement prize.

*Spectrum 13* will be published in November by Underwood Books.

**VP Laliberte heads list of new hires, promotions**

Three newcomers were named to executive positions and a pair of familiar faces were promoted to associate vice presidencies at Boise State this summer.

**Michael Laliberte** is the new vice president for student affairs, overseeing all student programs and activities. Laliberte joins Boise State from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he was associate vice chancellor for student



Laliberte

affairs. His responsibilities include leadership for 20 units and direct supervision of eight departments including the Career Center, Bookstore, Student Housing, Student Union and Activities, Campus Recreation, Enrollment Services and Health, Wellness and Counseling Services.

**James Maguire** is the new associate vice president for campus planning and facilities. Maguire comes to Boise State from the University of California Office of the President in Oakland, where he was director of state capital program development. At Boise State, he will be responsible for facilities operations and maintenance, public safety, risk management and transportation, facilities planning and design, architectural and engineering services and space planning. He will also chair the Facilities Planning Council.

**Jeff Hale**, a veteran of more than 25

years in student affairs at the university level, is the new director of student housing. For the last 10 years, Hale has served as director of residential education and auxiliary services at Oxford College of Emory University in Oxford, Ga. He has also worked with residential life and judicial programs at West Virginia University and the University of Oklahoma.

**Mark Wheeler**, dean of enrollment services since 1997 and interim vice president of student affairs for the past year,



Wheeler

has been promoted to associate vice president for student affairs/dean of enrollment services. Wheeler joined Boise State in 1990 as an admission

counselor and has served in various positions in student affairs.

**Jim Munger** has been named associate vice president for academic planning. The chair of the Biology Department since 1998, Munger has been a member of the faculty since 1988. His primary responsibilities in the Provost's Office will be working with departments and colleges in academic programming, program assessment, program and institutional accreditation, strategic planning implementation, budget development and planning of academic space and facilities.

**'FOCUS' returns to quarterly production**

After four years of publishing three times a year, *FOCUS* magazine will once again become a quarterly publication.

In 2002 statewide budget reductions forced Boise State to cut one edition of *FOCUS* per year. But as the university embarked on its various initiatives to transform its image and enhance its reputation during the last year or two, the division of University Advancement — recognizing the magazine's key role in publicizing and promoting Boise State's many accomplishments — reviewed and redefined its priorities. One result was *FOCUS'* return to its original quarterly production schedule, beginning with this issue.

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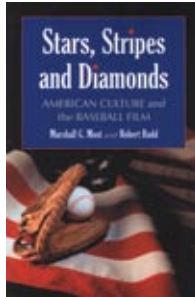
# First Editions

Following are selected new books and book chapters written by members of the Boise State community:

## **STARS, STRIPES AND DIAMONDS: AMERICAN CULTURE AND THE BASEBALL FILM**

By Marshall G. Most and Robert Rudd

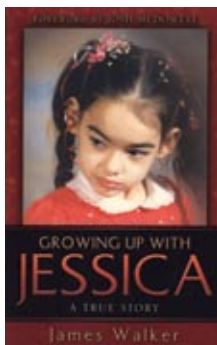
Communication professors Most and Rudd explore the functions of baseball ideology as it is represented on the big screen. Published by McFarland and Company, *Stars, Stripes and Diamonds* focuses on how Hollywood's depiction of baseball bridges cultural conflicts — urban versus rural, immigrant versus native, individual versus community, and more. Commentary on 85 films deals with the issues of race, community, gambling, players, women and owners.



## **GROWING UP WITH JESSICA**

By James Walker

This touching story by alumnus Walker (BA, advertising design, '68) chronicles his family's experience raising his disabled daughter. Born healthy, Jessica suffered brain damage after receiving a routine immunization when she was two months old. Walker guides the reader through the initial realization that something was "terribly wrong" with their baby to the family's eventual acceptance of Jessica's altered future.

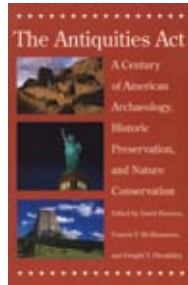


## **THE ANTIQUITIES ACT: A CENTURY OF AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND NATURE CONSERVATION**

Chapter by John Freemuth

Political science professor Freemuth and his co-author, former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus, address "President Carter's Coup: An Insider's View of the 1978

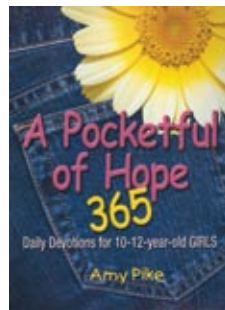
Alaska Monument" in this book dedicated to the far-reaching influence of the Antiquities Act on our natural heritage. The book looks at the historic accomplishments and continuing importance of the 1906 act. The book is written by professionals who are closely involved with safeguarding the nation's archaeological, historic and natural heritage.



## **A POCKETFUL OF HOPE**

By Amy Pike

This book by alumna Pike (BS, psychology, '97) is filled with 365 helpful tips for 10- to 12-year-old girls. Topics include how to deal with jealous friends, pushy parents and major disappointments. Published by Essence Publishing, it also includes tips on being a good example to others.



## **THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR: CAREER OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS (THIRD EDITION)**

By Eric Landrum

Co-written by psychology professor Landrum, this text presents an overview of the rationale for attending college and majoring in psychology. Published by Prentice-Hall, it also offers a comprehensive review of career opportunities with a bachelor's degree and graduate degrees in psychology, student involvement outside the classroom, improving research skills and writing abilities, and a review of ethical issues relevant to psychology.

## **CONNECTING WITH ARTS AUDIENCES**

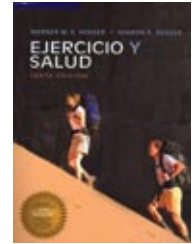
Chapter by Ed McLuskie

Communication professor McLuskie's essay, "Resituating the Audience Concept of Communication: Lessons from the Audience-Commodity Critique," is one chapter of this book published by Hampton Press.

## **EJERCICIO Y SALUD (PRINTED IN SPANISH)**

By Werner Hoeger

Thomson Publishing recently released kinesiology professor Hoeger's textbook, which translated into English is titled *Exercise and Health*. The textbook, written with his wife, Sharon, will be used primarily in Latin America. In addition, three of Hoeger's written or co-written books were reprinted in 2006. The other releases are the ninth edition of *Lifetime Fitness and Wellness*, the seventh edition of *Fitness and Wellness*, and the fourth edition of *Wellness: Guidelines for a Healthy Lifestyle*.



## **MODERN SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE: THE LAW AND SCIENCE OF EXPERT TESTIMONY**

Chapter by Charles Honts

Psychology professor Honts co-authored the chapter "Scientific Status: The Case for Polygraph Tests" in this four-volume set intended to introduce judges and lawyers to the rigors and details underlying scientific expert testimony.



## **TURUKHANSKAIA EKSPEDITSIA PRIPOLIARNOI PEREPI-SI: ETNOGRAFIIA I DEMOGRAFIIA MALOCHISLENNYKH NARODOV SEVERE (PRINTED IN RUSSIAN)**

Chapter by John Ziker

The chapter "The Central Taimyr Lowlands in 1926-27: Identity and Settlement Pattern of the Native Peoples" by anthropology professor Ziker is based on a review and preliminary analysis of data from the 1926-27 polar census. This wide geographic region can be conditionally considered the Central Taimyr Lowlands. Ziker reviews how it is possible to reinterpret data from the polar census to elucidate longstanding and stable forms of human adaptation to the environment of the North.



**DEBATERS GO UNBEATEN,  
CLAIM 3RD REGIONAL CROWN**

The Boise State debate and speech team won a third consecutive regional championship and concluded the first undefeated season in school history with a dominating performance at the Pi Kappa Delta Great West Regional Tournament this spring.

The Talkin' Broncos' perfect season included seven team titles. They won championships at the College of Southern Idaho Invitational, Mahaffey Memorial at Linfield (Ore.) College, Bi-Province Tournament at Cameron (Okla.) University, Clackamas (Ore.) College Invitational, Arizona State-Glendale Community College Swing Tournament, as well as the Northwest Novice Championship and Great West Regional crown.

Boise State has won four of the past five Great West Regional tournaments. Boise State's team currently holds the national championship ("Broncos talk their way to national title," *FOCUS*, Summer 2005).

**SIXTY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

Sixty Idaho high school juniors have received \$1,000 scholarships based on academic achievements for matriculation to Boise State. They were eligible for scholarships through their participation in the Capital Scholars program in April.

Selection was based on college entrance examination scores and class rankings. All Idaho high school juniors who scored in the top 10 percent of the ACT, SAT or PSAT and ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class were recognized as Boise State Capital Scholars, but they had to attend the campus event to receive their one-time scholarship certificate.

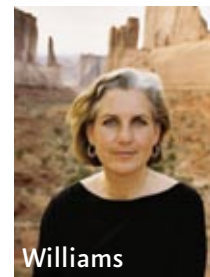
**Boise State to host regional conferences**

The public is invited to three conferences hosted by Boise State this fall. More information can be found at the Web sites listed.

- The Queer ID Academic and Art Conference will be held Oct. 18-22. Leslie Feinberg, political organizer, editor, journalist and author of *Stone Butch Blues*, will deliver the keynote address on Oct. 18. The conference, sponsored in part by BSU's Cultural and Ethnic Diversity Board, includes workshops, exhibits, presentations and The Queer as Film Festival. <http://www.queeridconference.com>.

- From Oct. 23-28 the Western Literature Association's 41st annual meeting includes many events open to the public. The conference will include a lecture by Utah naturalist and nonfiction writer Terry Tempest Williams on Oct. 26 at the Egyptian Theatre. Other public events include a panel of readings from Western women's memoirs of domestic violence, co-sponsored by the BSU Women's Center; native stories and legends from the Idaho area by Wilson Wewa; and fiction readings by Idaho authors, including Mitch Wieland and Anthony Doerr. <http://www.usu.edu/westlit.conference2006.htm>.

- The 23rd annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs, scheduled for Oct. 26, will focus on the issues surrounding global warming. The day includes speakers, panels and a keynote address. <http://boisestate.edu/fci>.



Williams

**Kozol, Niskanen to speak at Boise State in October**

An award-winning educator/author and one of the nation's most highly regarded microeconomists who worked for the Reagan White House will deliver guest lectures at Boise State in October.

Jonathan Kozol, a public education advocate and winner of the National Book Award for *Death at an Early Age*, will speak Oct. 10 as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series ("DLS features economist, educator," *FOCUS*, Spring 2006).

The following Monday, Oct. 16, William A. Niskanen, a former economist for President Ronald Reagan, will discuss "Constitutional Anarchy in America" as the 2006-07 Brandt Foundation lecturer.

Both speeches will be at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Jordan Ballroom. The lectures are free and open to the public.

The student-funded Distinguished Lecture Series brings to Boise State speakers who have had a major impact in politics, the arts, science, business or in another realm of contemporary significance. More information on the series is at <http://news.boisestate.edu/dls>.

Niskanen has been chairman of the Cato Institute since 1985, following service as a member and as acting chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers.

Niskanen previously served as director of economics at the Ford Motor Company, professor of economics at the University of California at Berkeley and Los Angeles, assistant director of the federal Office of Management and Budget, a defense analyst at the Rand Corporation, the director of special studies in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the director of the Program Analysis division at the Institute of Defense Analysis. He was one of the founders of the National Tax Limitation Committee and has written on many public policy issues.

Niskanen's 1971 book *Bureaucracy and Representative Government* is now considered a classic. Business Week named his 1988 book *Reaganomics: An Insider's Account of the Policies and the People* one of the year's 10 best books. His most recent books include *After Enron: the Lessons for Public Policy* and *Autocratic, Democratic and Optimal Government: Fiscal Choices and Economic Outcomes*.

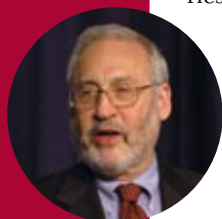
For more information on the Brandt Foundation lecture call (208) 426-3351.

**On Campus...**

**Joseph Stiglitz**  
Nobel Prize-winning economist

"The Economics of Information," Distinguished Lecture Series, April 12, 2006

"When the rights of any citizens are abrogated, the rights of all the citizens are put at risk."





JOHN KELLY AND CARRIE QUINNEY

**REMEMBERING GENE:** Grammy-winning percussionist Pancho Sanchez and vocalist Niki Harris provided plenty of memorable music as the featured performers at the ninth annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival in April. The event is named in honor of Harris' father, the late jazz piano great Gene Harris. A month after the festival, it was announced at BookExpo America in Washington, D.C., that *Elegant Soul: The Life and Music of Gene Harris*, co-written by Boise State Radio jazz host Janie Harris and *FOCUS* editor Bob Evancho, was the winner of a Silver Award in the Music category of *ForeWord* magazine's 2005 Book of the Year Award.

## Boise State honors human rights leader Chavez



CARRIE QUINNEY

From left, sociology professor Dick Baker, student Dang Du and Idaho Court of Appeals Judge and alumnus Sergio Gutierrez (BA, elementary education, '80) unveil the sign for the renamed Cesar Chavez Lane earlier this year.

Affairs and Provost Sona Andrews, Judge Sergio Gutierrez and student leader Fernando Mejia. The ceremony also recognized sociology professor Dick Baker and AS-BSU Sen. Dang Du, who helped get the measure passed.

Chavez, a former migrant farmworker, rose to prominence in the 1960s and '70s as he lobbied for better labor conditions and pay for farmwork-

Campus Lane has a new name, in honor of a famous farmworker rights leader.

In March, Boise State hosted a renaming and dedication ceremony for Cesar Chavez Lane. The ceremony was the culmination of an effort by the Associated Students of Boise State University and the Faculty Senate to honor the civil rights and labor leader. The road is the longest on campus and borders Boise State on its northern side, following the path of the Greenbelt and the river.

The dedication ceremony featured Boise State Vice President for Academic

ers. He eventually established the United Farm Workers of America. As president of the largest farmworkers' union in U.S. history, he worked to promote fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits and adequate living conditions for workers. He died in 1993. He was presented posthumously with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

## STUDENT NEWSPAPER 'ARBITER' RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*The Arbiter*, Boise State's student-run newspaper, received recognition at two national conventions earlier this year.

At the College Newspaper Business and Advertising Coordinators convention in Philadelphia, *The Arbiter* was named best in the nation among newspapers with less than 40,000 circulation for spot color display ads and second for classified group promotions.

In addition, *The Arbiter* received honorable mention from the Associated Collegiate Press in the large-paper category at the organization's convention in Los Angeles.

## HEATHCOCK WINS AWARD

Boise State adjunct English professor Alan Heathcock (MFA, '04) won a National Magazine Award for his story "Peacekeeper" that appeared in the *Virginia Quarterly Review*.

Heathcock's fiction was honored along with stories by Joyce Carol Oates and R.T. Smith, which appeared in the same *VQR* issue. "Peacekeeper" also recently was included in the "Best American Mystery Stories 2006" anthology.

## STUDENTS TAKE 4TH PLACE

Boise State students Isaac Barrett and Aaron Day placed fourth in the Systems Analysis and Design division at the annual collegiate conference and competition of the Association of Information Technology Professionals earlier this year in Dallas.

They were part of a four-person contingent representing BSU's AITP chapter. Barrett and Day are the current and past presidents, respectively, of the BSU AITP Club. About 820 students attended the conference.

### On Campus...



## Jorge Mariscal

Professor of Spanish and Chicano literature, University of California, San Diego

"The Future of Latinos in the Age of Terror," "Nuestra Historia, Nuestro Futuro," sixth Mexican American Studies Conference keynote speech, March 7, 2006

"Only when Latino and other working-class youth are afforded the same life chances as privileged youth will social justice be served."

## STUDENT CAPTURES FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL BPA COMPETITION

Applied technology student Lindsey Solterbeck took first place in Integrated Office Applications and second in Fundamental Word Processing to lead a group of Boise State students in competition at the 40th annual Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla., earlier this year.

Solterbeck, of Boise, also finished fifth in Administrative Support Concepts and ninth in Database Applications. Idaho BPA chapter members joined more than 6,000 other conference delegates from across the nation to participate in national-level business skills competitions.

Other Boise State finishers include Sara Strawn, Pocatello, fourth in Legal Office Procedures; and Cassandra Myers, Boise, sixth in Fundamental Word Processing.

## MATH PROFESSOR MOORE WINS \$25,000 IN INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Boise State mathematics professor Justin Moore recently won the \$25,000 first-prize award in an international mathematics competition in Vienna, Austria. He was among 10 finalists from around the world who competed in a Young Scholar's Competition as part of a symposium to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the famed Austrian mathematician Kurt Goedel.

The competition consisted of each contestant giving a 10-minute presentation to a panel of international judges on a research proposal that related to Goedel's landmark contributions.

## CENTER FOR BOOK RECOGNIZED

The Idaho Center for the Book, housed at Boise State and directed by English professor Tom Trusky, recently won a Boorstin Award in recognition of its innovative reading promotion projects.

The ICB, one of five state centers to be recognized, received a \$1,000 cash stipend, which was donated by Ruth F. Boorstin, wife of former librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, who established the national Center for the Book in 1977. The ICB was honored for its "exceptionally creative" book arts program.



- **JIM WEATHERBY**, public policy and administration, was quoted in two stories on CQPolitics.com. One story dealt with the Idaho Legislature's vote on the gay marriage ban. The other was about the six-way primary race for the GOP candidate for Congress. He was also quoted in articles in the *New York Times* and the Salem, Ore., *Capital Press* on former Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's appointment as interior secretary.

- **JOHN FREEMUTH**, political science, was also quoted in the same *Capital Press* article on Kempthorne. In addition, Freemuth was quoted in a *Philadelphia Inquirer* story on drilling for natural gas in the area affected by Hurricane Katrina. Freemuth is the past chairman of the Bureau of Land Management Science Advisory Board.

- While on sabbatical to film a documentary in New Hampshire, communication professor **PETER LUTZE** was quoted in a *Union Leader* (Manchester, N.H.) story on the film crew being denied access to a town meeting. The documentary focuses on local democracy in New Hampshire.

- **CHRISTY SMITH**, a registered and licensed dietitian and adjunct faculty member in Boise State's culinary arts program, was quoted in a Knight Ridder story about how grocery stores are arranged. The story ran in several papers throughout the country, including the *News Sentinel* in Fort Wayne, Ind., and the *Press-Enterprise* in Riverside, Calif.

- **GARY MONCRIEF**, political science, was quoted in an Associated Press story debating the merits of term limits. The story ran in the *Centre Daily Times* (Pa.) and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. In addition, a study co-authored by Moncrief was cited in a story that ran in the *Washington Post*.

- **JOHN BIETER**, Basque studies, was quoted in an Associated Press story that ran in the *Las Vegas Sun*. The story was about the permanent cease-fire announced by the Basque militant group ETA.

- **DAVID O'NEILL**, director of the Office of Information Technology, was quoted in an article in *Computer World* on the university's use of InSight, an automated application-mapping tool to produce an up-to-date inventory and diagram of all the software systems in use. O'Neill was also quoted in a June article in the British publication *TechWorld* on his use of the nLayers service discovery tool.

- **CHRIS BLANCHARD**, an Idaho Center for History and Politics fellow, was interviewed on the national NPR program *Weekend Edition*. Blanchard discussed the historic murals in the old Ada County Courthouse.

- **RICHARD KLAUTSCH** and **GORDON REINHART**, theatre arts, were quoted in a March 2006 article in *Stage Directions* magazine that featured Boise State's Theatre Arts Department. The article focused on the department's professionalism and the opportunities it provides its students.

- **CHARLES HONTS**, psychology, was a guest on the national radio show *Culture Shocks* with Barry Lynn in May. The subject of the show was the effectiveness of polygraph tests. Honts was also quoted in a *Yes! Weekly* (Greensboro, N.C.) story on a polygraph test taken by city council members accused of leaking information about police practices to the media.

## BOISE STATE TO PLAY ROLE IN 2009 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Boise State will be a key player when Idaho hosts the Winter Special Olympics in February 2009. In May, the international Special Olympics Committee announced it had chosen Idaho to host the 2009 Winter World Games.

Idaho beat out bids from Reno/Tahoe, Nev.; Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany; and Schladming-Graz, Austria. As many as 3,000 Special Olympians from nearly 100 nations will compete in downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, speed skating, figure skating and floor hockey.

Boise will be the hub for the Games, with the Boise Centre on The Grove serving as the Olympic Village. The opening and closing ceremonies will be in either Bronco Stadium or Taco Bell Arena, and floor hockey, the Games' most popular sport, will be in Taco Bell Arena.

## BOISE STATE TO KICK OFF 1st-YEAR READING PROGRAM

This fall Boise State will debut its First-Year Student Reading Program. About 2,000 of the university's new, degree-seeking academic students are being asked to read *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder, one of the most popular reads by first-year students on college campuses.

Coordinated by the Orientation Office, the First-Year Student Reading Program is designed to reinforce academic values, engage students in discussions on pertinent issues, and build campus community.

First-year students are expected to read the book this summer and be prepared to discuss it when they arrive on campus. Free copies of the books are currently being distributed to new students at orientation programs and via the mail.

First-year students will be engaged in discussions about *Mountains Beyond Mountains* in several venues.

University 101 courses will include discussions of the book, and Student Housing is developing programs around book discussions. Other activities are scheduled throughout the fall semester.

# Thanks for the memories...

This year's class of retiring faculty includes 25 veterans representing combined service to Boise State of more than 600 years. Ranging in fields from engineering to philosophy, chemistry to economics, social work to art, these professors leave with many honors and our profound gratitude. Here is a brief look at those who retired in 2005-06:

**STEPHEN AFFLECK**, engineering professor and chair of the Civil Engineering Department from 1997-2005, has taught at Boise State since 1981. He also served as interim director of engineering programs and chair of Construction Management and Engineering. He was chair of the Idaho Council of Engineering Educators, an honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi, and a member of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers, Order of the Engineer, and the American Society for Engineering Education.

**GARY ARAMBARRI**, senior instructor and Center of Transportation manager in the College of Applied Technology, has taught at Boise State for 32 years. He authored a book, *Blueprint Reading and Layout Handbook for Welders*. Prior to his career at Boise State, Arambarri worked for a steel fabrication firm for 15 years, starting out as an apprentice and leaving as plant manager. He earned a diploma in welding from Boise State, and a bachelor's in vocational education and master's in adult education from the University of Idaho.

Sociology professor **RICHARD BAKER** came to Boise State in 1973. He was chair of the Sociology Department and served in the Faculty Senate. Baker has published two books, *Los Dos Mundos* and *Mexican*

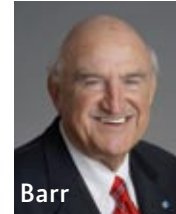


Baker

*American Students*, and has received awards from the Hispanic Issues and Training Conference and the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs. He received the Larry Selland Humanitarian Award, the BSU Distinguished Service Award, and the award for outstanding contributions to the cause of Latino students at BSU from the Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos.

He established six scholarships for sociology students and a minor in Mexican American studies in the Sociology Department.

**BOB BARR**, senior analyst with the Boise State Center for School Improvement, is a nationally recognized consultant and scholar on at-risk youth, school improve-



Barr

ment and alternative education. Barr has co-authored four books, including *The Kids Left Behind: Teaching the Underachieving Children of Poverty* and *Saving Our Students, Saving Our Schools: 50 Proven Strategies for Revitalizing At-Risk Students and Low-Performing Schools*. He was dean of the College of Education from 1991-98, served two years as a board member of the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, and was an Idaho delegate to the Education Commissions of the States.

**JAMES BLANKENSHIP** has taught painting, drawing and design at Boise State since 1977. He also taught many popular community watercolor workshops, including an annual workshop in McCall. Blankenship exhibited his work in shows across the country and around the world, including Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Honolulu,



Blankenship

Korea and Norway. He is a life member of the Art Students League of New York and the Los Angeles Printmaking Society, and frequently presented painting demonstrations and slide lectures to Idaho high school students.

**PHIL EASTMAN** arrived at Boise State in 1977 as a math professor and left 28 years later as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, a position he had held since 1994. Eastman also served as interim dean, associate dean, director of interdisciplinary studies and chair of the Faculty Senate.



Eastman

As dean he oversaw the growth of research grants and contracts to more than \$5.2 million. He initiated several new graduate and undergraduate pro-

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grams, including art history, environmental studies and creative writing, and worked to establish BSU's first Ph.D. program in geophysics.

**GARY ERICKSON** has taught electrical engineering courses at Boise State for more than 10 years and served as chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department since it began in 1996. He initiated and is the director of the Edward T. Jaynes International Center for Bayesian Methods and Maximum Entropy at Boise State, promoting statistical methods in science and engineering. Before coming to BSU, Erickson taught at Seattle University and was a senior engineer with Boeing in Seattle and an instrumentation engineer for Oregon State University's School of Oceanography.

**JUDY FRENCH** has taught early childhood education at Boise State since 1976, and served as chair of the department from 2002-05. She revised the ECE program and developed an endorsement on the standard elementary education certificate. She also developed the bachelor's degree in ECE and successfully lobbied to get state certification for the early childhood/special education programs. She was twice awarded the BSU Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award and was recognized as a most influential professor from Phi Kappa Phi. She was on the board of the BSU Children's Center and the YMCA and was a consultant for Head Start and Boise Public Schools.

**MARVIN GABERT** started teaching the first courses in construction management in 1979 and helped build the program into an accredited department by 1983. As program director and later as department chair, he led its growth from eight students to more than 700 in what is now the Department of Construction Management in the College of Engineering. He was faculty adviser to the Associated General Contractors Student Chapter, which won several awards and was chosen ASBSU Outstanding Professional Organization of the Year in 2000. Gabert was chosen Outstanding Construction Management Faculty for 2002-03 and was twice chosen Boise State adviser of the year.

**WARREN HARBISON** has logged 29 years in the Philosophy Department. He



has taught just about every course in the department curriculum plus interdisciplinary humanities courses, which he team-taught with faculty from the English, History and Political Science departments. He has published at international, national and local levels in Kant-studies, medieval philosophy and oriental philosophy. Harbison earned the Distinguished Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences and was a Top Ten Scholar's most honored professor. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

**JUANITA HEPLER** has taught at Boise State since 1991, and served as coordinator of the master of social work program since 1992. She served on the university curriculum committee and



chaired the MSW accreditation and admissions committees, and served on the boards of Booth Family Services and Port of Hope. She has published several articles in refereed journals on such topics as the social development of children and mainstreaming children with learning disabilities. She also wrote one book and co-authored another on social skill training in children.

**DAN HUFF** has taught at Boise State since 1970. He helped develop the curriculum for the MSW program and supervised social work students assigned to the Counseling Center. He created and administered the fieldwork program, and has published several articles in refereed journals, including "Single Parent Students" and "The Challenge of Poverty." He served on the advisory board of the Student volunteer Board, and was adviser to the organization of Student Social Workers and HOPE, a student organization for single parents. He was a consultant to Community House, Hays House and Family Court Services.

**RICHARD JOHNSON** has taught educational technology courses for the last six years. Prior to that, he worked for eight years in Academic Technologies and was on board when the Simplot/Micron Instructional Technology building opened. Johnson's research focused on techniques

for online instruction. Outside of his career at Boise State, Johnson served as a visiting professor at the University of Manitoba, a researcher at the U.S. Army Research Institute, and vice president and partner of a software development company.

**JERRY LACAVA**, professor of operations management in the College of Business and Economics, has been at Boise State since 1982. He served as associate dean of the



college from 1986-89 and chair of the department of Computer Information Systems and Production Management. LaCava has had numerous articles published in journals such as the *Quarterly Journal of Business and Economics*, the *Journal of Environmental Health and Wildlife Society Bulletin*. He co-authored a textbook, *Business Statistics: Why and When* and is a member of Decision Sciences Institute and Alpha Kappa Psi.

**PETER LICHTENSTEIN**, professor and former chair of the department of economics, came to Boise State in 1975. He worked in China and Vietnam as a guest professor, visiting lecturer, project specialist and Fulbright Scholar. He has published two books, *China at the Brink: The Political Economy of Reform and Retrenchment*



*in the Post-Mao Era and An Introduction to Post-Keynesian and Marxian Theories of Value and Price*. Lichtenstein was chosen Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the College of Business and Economics and honored faculty by the BSU Alumni Association. He was coach and adviser to the BSU ski racing team and faculty adviser to the Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society.

**JIM MAGUIRE** took his first job out of graduate school at Boise State and never left. A professor in the English department



since 1970, Maguire helped found the Western Writers Series and served as its co-editor. He wrote three pamphlets in the series and edited or co-edited four



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literary anthologies, including *The Literature of Idaho*. He was a section editor and contributor on *A Literary History of the American West* and *Updating the Literary West* and wrote "Fiction of the West" for the *Columbia History of the American Novel*. He received the BSU English Majors Association Outstanding Faculty Award in 1993.

Chemistry professor **ED MAJETKA** was the independent research mentor for numerous chemistry majors throughout his 30 years at Boise State. He received the Foundation Scholar Award for Teaching in 1996 and College of Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1991. He was honored by two Top Ten Scholars and four Phi Kappa Phi nominees as most influential professor. He was president of Sigma Xi and the Idaho Academy of Science. He is a member of the Northwest Regional American Chemical Society, a mead maker and a nationally certified beer judge.

Art professor **MERLIN MILLER** has taught at Boise State since 1982. He wrote two editions of a student study guide for Introduction to Art and created online classes in art and design. Miller was a member of the university's Faculty Honors and Awards Committee and Curriculum Committee, and was director of the art gallery. He has shown his work in several regional exhibits, presented art slide lectures in the Boise area and volunteered his art and design skills to area schools and parks.

**JOHN OWENS** served as Boise State's vice president for research from 2001-05 and the College of Engineering's associate dean for research for the past year. As VP,



Owens directed the Office of Research Administration and oversaw more than \$22 million in research funding. He also helped create programs to foster undergraduate and cross-disciplinary research. Owens organized and directed the National Science Foundation's Industry-University Cooperative Research Center in Washington, D.C., from 1989-91, and holds six U.S. and foreign patents. He was a fellow with the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and a member of the American Society for Engineering Education, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu and Sigma Xi.

**DON PARKS**, professor of mechanical engineering, has taught at Boise State since 1973. He served on the Core Curriculum and Affirmative Action committees and was faculty adviser for the student section of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers). Parks worked to add courses in principles of HVAC and advanced thermodynamics to the mechanical engineering curriculum and pursued research in modern technology for photographing and displaying stereoscopic images. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers and the American Society of Engineering Education.

Literacy professor **NORMA SADLER** guided many future teachers during her 33 years at Boise State. Along the way she published a book, *Multicultural Connections: Creative Writing, Literature and Assessment in the Elementary School*, and wrote a play, *Orpheus*, that was produced in 1995. Sadler received an Honors College award for recognition of honors teaching and an Alumni Association award for fostering academic excellence. She was also selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She won national and international recognition for her poetry, and her poem, "Montage," was placed in the archives of Kent State's May 4th Collection.

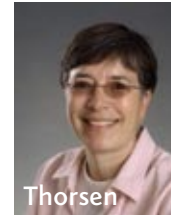


Art professor **BRENT SMITH** started his teaching career at Boise State 28 years ago. He has taught courses in photography and color printing, and has conducted research in digital and non-silver processes. Smith has been a practicing and exhibiting artist while at BSU and several of his photographs have been published in books and periodicals. His prints have been included in more than 80 exhibitions in 25 states and have received juror's awards in 10 regional and national exhibitions. His work is in the permanent collections of museums, universities, corporations and the Library of Congress.



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**CAROLYN THORSEN**, professor and chair of the Department of Educational Technology, helped found the department and was responsible for moving its master's program entirely online. Thorsen,



who has taught at Boise State for 19 years, was a key player on the Legislative Technology Initiative in Idaho schools. She has published one book, *TechTactics*, and co-authored another, *Virtual Decisions*. She was awarded the Silver Medallion Award from Boise State.

**JAMES WEATHERBY** is director of Boise State's Public Policy Center, acting director of the Social Science Research Center, and



associate professor of public administration and political science. He served as chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration and co-authored two books, *The Urban West: Managing Growth and Decline* and *Governing Idaho: Politics, People, and Power*. Weatherby, who has taught at Boise State since 1983, was executive director of the Association of Idaho Cities and a member of the board of directors of the National League of Cities. He has served as commentator and consultant on government, politics and elections for radio, television and print.

**MARCIA WICKLOW-HOWARD** has taught at Boise State since 1975 and served as chair of the Biology Department from 1986-91. She taught courses in botany, mycology and plant morphology, and pursued research in mycology with an emphasis on fungal ecology, post-fire recovery of microbial soil crusts, and the ecology of micro-



organisms in semi-arid rangeland soils. Wicklow-Howard served as faculty athletic representative for BSU and was chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, where she was responsible for student-athlete eligibility certification and represented BSU in its association with the NCAA and Western Athletic Conference.

— Anna Fritz

## Bronco wrestler Cherrington wins national crown



Bronco wrestler Ben Cherrington (left) won the NCAA national championship at 157 pounds and finished the season 20-0. Cherrington, a senior from Granby, Colo., defeated Brian Stith of Arizona State, 7-3, in the title match at the national tournament in Oklahoma City. With his title, Cherrington is Boise State's ninth student-athlete to win an individual intercollegiate athletics championship. Kirk White, a current

assistant coach on the Bronco wrestling team, won the 1999 NCAA championship at 165 pounds.

Other national champs were skier Bill Shaw, who captured the 1974 slalom title; Boise Junior College wrestlers Bud Johnson and Bill Pederson, who won championships in 1963 at 190 and 177 pounds, respectively; and track athletes Curt Flisher (1960) national junior college 220-yard low hurdles, Eugene Green (1991) indoor triple jump, Jake Jacoby (1984) outdoor high jump, and Gabriel Wallin (2004 and 2005) in the javelin.

### SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Bronco student-athletes capture WAC Commissioner's Cup

Boise State captured the 2005-06 Western Athletic Conference Commissioners' Cup — the all-sports award given to the top institution based on overall athletic performance each year. Boise State tallied 96.5 points in the Commissioner's Cup race to second-place Nevada's 93.75 points. Fresno State was third with 89.50.

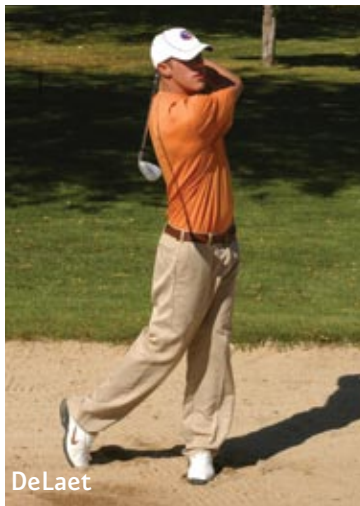
The Broncos had four first-place team finishes in 2005-06 — football (tied for first with Nevada), indoor and outdoor men's track and field and men's tennis. The Broncos also had second-place finishes in women's tennis and gymnastics.

Led by hammer runner-up Mattias Jons and Keron Francis' third-place finish in the javelin, the Boise State men's team finished tied for 16th place in the 2006 NCAA National Outdoor **TRACK AND FIELD** Championships. Despite setting a school record, Jons came up a few feet short in his quest for a national championship.

A senior from Sweden, Jons finished second in the hammer for the second straight year with a throw of 233-11. He broke his

previous school record of 230-8. Jons' second-place finish also earned him his third NCAA All-America award. His others came at last year's outdoor championships and this past March when he placed sixth in the 35-pound weight throw at the NCAA National Indoor Championships. A senior from Grenada, Francis finished third in the men's javelin with a throw of 237 feet, 6 inches to earn All-America honors in the event for the second time. The team finish by the Bronco men marked the third straight year they have placed in the top 20.

In **GOLF** Graham DeLaet finished his career as arguably the top player in Boise State history, winning the WAC Player of the Year award and qualifying for the NCAA West Regional Men's Championships, where he set a school record for lowest 54-hole total at the regionals. With a scoring average of 71.4 in 12 events his senior year, DeLaet broke his own school record for single-season scoring



DeLaet

average. He now holds the three lowest single-season averages in school history (71.5 and 72.6). In his four seasons at

Boise State, DeLaet won 10 tournaments, six more than any other Bronco in school history. DeLaet also concludes his career as Boise State's record holder for career top 10 finishes (26), career top 25 finishes (37), top 10 finishes in a season (eight), top 25 finishes in a season (11), lowest three-round score (203), and lowest two-round score (136).

The Bronco men's **TENNIS** team finished the 2005-06 season ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The Bronco men won the 2006 Western Athletic Conference title, advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament and finished with a final record of 21-7. Sophomore Luke Shields finished the season ranked 53rd nationally in singles. In doubles Shields and partner Thomas Schoeck were ranked 20th nationally. The Bronco women took second to No. 20 Fresno State in the WAC Tournament and finished the season 22-4.

Two new head coaches were hired during the spring — Kristin Hill for women's **SWIMMING AND DIVING** and Robin Davis for **VOLLEYBALL**. Hill spent the last six seasons as an assistant coach at nationally ranked Texas A&M. Boise State women's swimming and diving will begin its first season this fall and compete in the WAC. Davis spent the previous five years as an assistant at Notre Dame.

## Business class projects provide faculty, students with an international perspective

Just as commerce has spilled across continents and defied arbitrary divides, some Boise State business students and faculty have helped to erase borders for a handful of Idaho-based businesses.

Nancy Napier, a professor of international business, and Nina Ray, a professor of marketing, coordinated the efforts.

Through a project with a university in Germany and the two units within Boise State that support small firms, four Idaho firms now have links with more than 60 German students who conducted research on potential markets near Heidelberg and beyond for their products. The Boise-Heidelberg marketing project involved four clients at Boise State's TECenter business incubator and the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

Last fall a class of international marketing students from the Applied Sciences University at Heidelberg conducted market research for the companies. They talked by video conference and e-mail, the firms shipped product samples, and the students wrestled with how to find information, figure out what it meant for the firms, and present their recommendations in English to the American managers.

"The project is a perfect example of the ways that international relationships among universities can have benefits far beyond student or faculty exchanges," Napier says. Students administered surveys, interviewed potential buyers for the products and collected information on local trade fairs and other marketing avenues.

"Much of the information is not Internet-accessible so having their on-the-ground expertise, language skills and energy was invaluable for the firms," Napier says. "Idaho may win by having firms that grow, employ more people, and become known far beyond the U.S."

The relationship began in July 2004 when professors from Boise State and Heidelberg

met in the German town and sealed plans to collaborate. Since then, a Heidelberg student has joined Boise State's MBA program, Napier coached a student marketing course in Heidelberg, a Boise State student signed on for an internship in Germany, a Heidelberg professor gave a guest lecture in Boise about Wal-Mart's problems in Germany, and a Heidelberg professor will teach a summer school course in Boise on "Doing Business in Europe."



Boise State international business professor Nancy Napier, on the screen, and her students communicated with their German counterparts in this Heidelberg classroom via teleconference.

In a separate effort, Ray's class got involved in finding ways to market Idaho's products in Chile. Her international marketing class worked jointly with students at a university in Temuco, Chile, who also were charged with finding ways to market Chilean products in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest.

A Boise State alum, Patrick Dungan, now teaches at the university in his native country and worked with Ray to develop the idea. The students worked in teams and shared knowledge via e-mail to devise business plans.

"In some instances the preliminary parts of the BSU students' plans are so good that their companies really could use them to begin the decision of marketing a product in Chile," Ray says. She adds that future class projects may include working with faculty and students in Northern Ireland.

— Sherry Squires

## STATE BOARD APPROVES TWO NEW MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Two new master's degree programs at Boise State were recently approved by the State Board of Education, and both programs will begin enrolling students this fall.

The programs include a master of science in hydrologic sciences and a master of education in educational leadership. The university now offers 70 master's degree programs, three Ph.D. programs, one Ed.D. program, 11 graduate certificate programs and 97 baccalaureate degrees.

The MS in hydrologic sciences formalizes a research focus and set of electives that have long been part of the university's existing MS program in geology.

The new master of education in educational leadership will graduate candidates who qualify for certification as school principals by the state of Idaho and who will be highly qualified to perform new leadership functions required in today's educational systems.

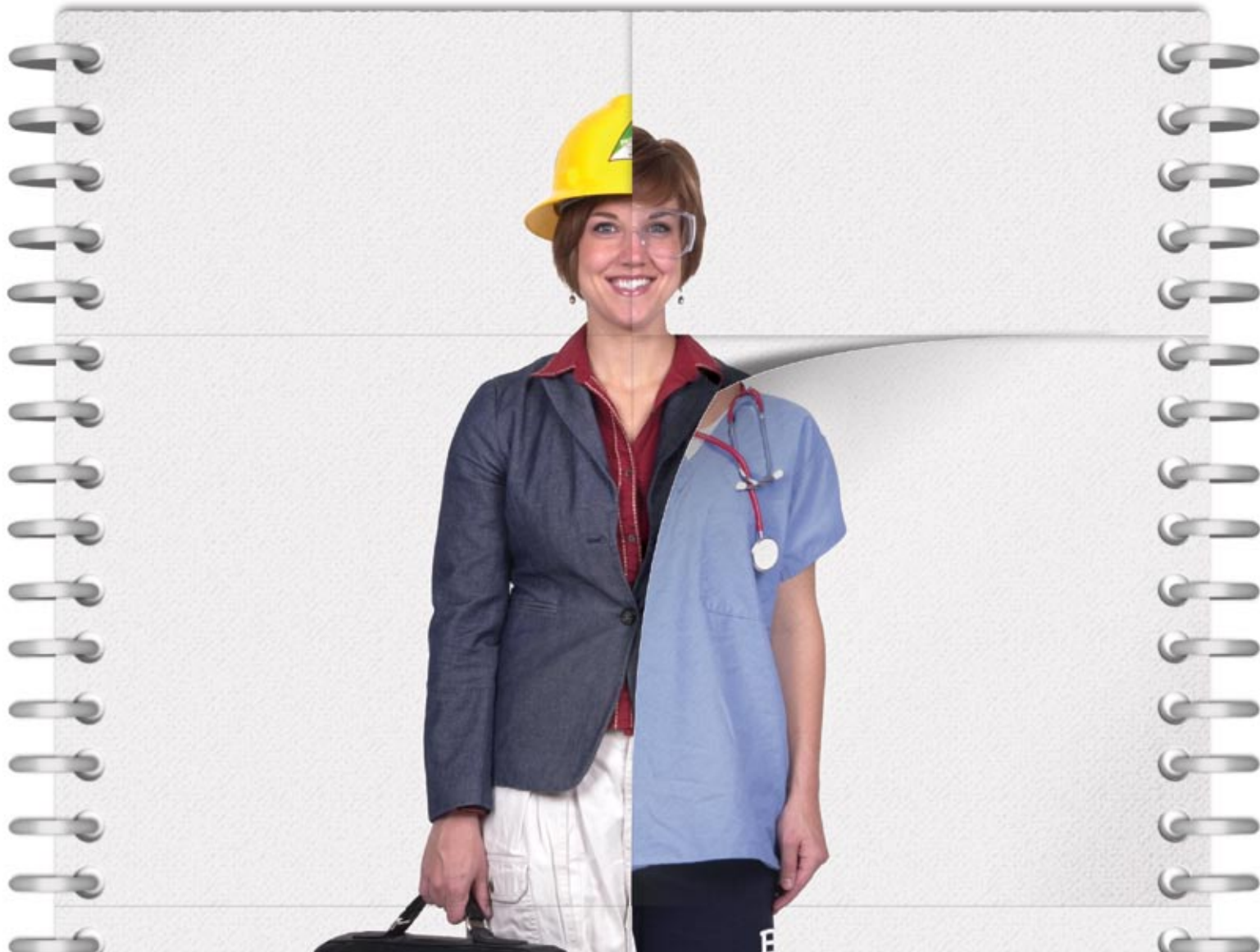
## DONATION ADDS TO COLLECTION

Recently discovered documents that chronicle the life of Idaho adventurer Robert Limbert have been donated in Limbert's name to the Special Collections division of Boise State's Albertsons Library.

The donation is the byproduct of *Among the Craters of the Moon, the Life and Adventures of Robert W. Limbert*, a documentary by photographer/filmmaker Steve Wursta that premiered earlier this year.

The 60-minute film features never-before-seen photographs and documents that highlight Limbert's adventures and the impact he made on Idaho.

In 2004, Wursta began conducting research on Limbert for a short film on his life. His work filled in many missing aspects of Limbert's life and it greatly expanded the scope of the film. Wursta donated the new documents to the Albertsons Library, which are now housed with the rest of its Limbert collection.



***“When thoughts originating in different domains can engage together, the result is an almost limitless capacity for imagination.”***

**— British archaeologist Steven Mithen**

Not all great minds think alike. In fact, the greatest breakthroughs often happen when there is a diversity of expertise, opinion and approach. At Boise State University, creative new collaborations are helping transform both how the university operates and what it accomplishes. In the classroom, the laboratory, the community and farther afield, an interdisciplinary approach is breaking down barriers and opening doors. Join us on the following pages as we explore some of the ways Boise State is bringing together unlike-minded individuals and programs, and what is being gained as a result.



# Expanding Campus Boundaries

BY KATHLEEN CRAVEN

School pride and athletic rivalries are as much a part of campus life as cramming for exams. The “Big Game” between the Boise State Broncos and University of Idaho Vandals continues to highlight the undergraduate experience and add fuel to good-natured alumni bantering. Many a pint has been wagered and lost on the game’s outcome.

But off the field, Boise State is committed to the idea that collaboration, not rivalry, is the key to academic success. As President Bob Kustra noted last summer, “It is in the best interests of the state for its institutions of higher learning to approach each other in a cooperative spirit. Our students and

our citizens deserve no less.”

In that spirit of cooperation, several Boise State departments and academic centers are teaming up with colleagues across the state to offer innovative programs that enrich the university’s academic reputation.

One example is the IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence. INBRE promotes collaboration among all universities and colleges in Idaho to enhance opportunities for Idaho’s faculty and students to perform biomedical research.

The program was funded in 2004 by a five-year \$16.1 million National Institutes of Health grant, the largest NIH research and educational grant in

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the state’s history. The grant is aimed at enhancing opportunities for faculty and students at 10 colleges and universities throughout Idaho.

Every summer, dozens of undergraduate students from Idaho schools,



JOHN KELLY

INBRE fellow Alonzo Rivas is working with Boise State biology professor Juliette Tinker on research that could someday lead to the development of a vaccine for the plague. Below, the historical journal *Idaho Yesterdays* is a collaborative project between BSU and Idaho State.

including Boise State, are awarded fellowships to perform research guided by experienced scientists, attend seminar presentations, and present their findings in a professional setting. Many perform research at universities other than their home school, with professors they might not otherwise have met.

“The advantage is that on an individual basis, we often don’t have the infrastructure needed to do significant research,” says Henry Charlier, a Boise State chemistry professor who is conducting research to improve a common chemotherapy treatment that often leads to congestive heart

failure. “Sharing is critical in research. Pooling resources means you can do bigger things.”

The grant also encourages cooperation between rival universities. “The principal investigators are giving a lot of who they are to my success as a way to grow Idaho,” Charlier says. “It’s contagious. Now I want to help others as I have been helped.”

And that cooperative spirit isn’t

limited to the scientific disciplines. Business and criminal justice students in the Twin Falls area are able to earn four-year degrees through an agreement with the College of Southern Idaho that allows for use of their facility. That means dozens of area residents earn Boise State diplomas each year without ever setting foot on the Boise campus, allowing for greater flexibility in their careers and educational planning.

Similarly, the School of Social Work has just launched a new master of social work program in northern Idaho. Students with a bachelor’s degree can now continue on to earn a master’s from Boise State by taking courses at either Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston or at a University of Idaho facility in Coeur d’Alene.

“This is really exciting because Boise State is responding to a need that’s been there for many years,” says program coordinator Bill Whitaker. “It’s a real feather in the cap of Boise State to be able to do that and provide a quality program.”

By taking classes in the evening and on weekends, students can finish the course requirements in about 10 months. Before the program was offered, northern Idaho students had to travel to Boise, Walla Walla, Wash., or



farther, and often had to enroll in a traditional two-year program. There are currently 19 students enrolled at each site.

In addition to academic offerings and expanded research opportunities, Boise State is collaborating with sister institutions on projects that benefit the state and region as a whole. One such project is the historical journal, *Idaho Yesterdays*. A victim of state budget cuts in 2002, the journal was revived in 2004 thanks to Boise State's Center for Idaho History and Politics.

Published by the Idaho State Historical Society, *Idaho Yesterdays* is produced by the center in cooperation with Idaho State University. In this case, Boise State provides the design, photography, marketing, printing and Web services, including accompanying lesson plans for classroom use, while ISU provides editorial content.

In a truly interdisciplinary model, the journal's editorial board includes faculty from Boise State, Idaho, LCSC, Brigham Young University-Idaho and CSI. The result is an award-winning journal that plays a vital role in helping to preserve Idaho's past.

"Together we make the most of thin resources," says Todd Shallat, center director and a Boise State history professor. "With skilled editorial direction from ISU, rare artifacts and prints from the historical society, photography from BSU and our own creative flair for artistic presentation, the gestalt of our publication is grander than the sum of its parts."

By reaching beyond its campus borders in partnerships, Boise State can continue to provide a quality education that surpasses what it can offer alone. That's the true nature of interdisciplinary cooperation.

## Consortium helps determine energy options for Idaho



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Boise State researchers are leading the way in a new statewide consortium charged with determining Idaho's best energy options for the future.

The Energy Policy Institute is a collaborative effort between Boise State's Public Policy Center and the Center for Advanced Energy Studies at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), as well as between the three major Idaho universities: Boise State, Idaho and Idaho State. These agencies are working together to conduct energy-related research, provide classroom instruction and technical training, and promote public dialogue on energy issues.

A long-term goal of the institute is to create a collaborative center where people can deliberate the pros and cons of energy policy, according to John Freemuth, interim associate director of energy policy for EPI and a Boise State professor of political science.

Freemuth foresees the center hosting public meetings and conferences and producing reports geared toward the general public. "We want to help Idaho and the country as a whole come up with thoughtful ideas," he says. "We also want to show how Boise State can be a leader in helping people puzzle through problems and develop new policies."

In addition to public policy, the center will focus on scientific research. Daryl Butt, a professor in Boise State's Department of Materials Science and Engineering, says the center will look at all forms of alternative energy, including hydrogen, wind, geothermal and water.

Boise State is already collaborating with Montana State and Columbia University on a number of energy related problems. One example is carbon dioxide sequestration, or the collection and safe disposal of carbon dioxide. Currently, most carbon dioxide is disposed of in the ocean. Butt and his team hope to find better, safer alternatives.

"I think we all have something to offer," he says, "and together we can create synergy. These are not problems any one university can address by itself. It requires all of us to work together."

The center, funded by a \$3 million Congressional earmark (Boise State's portion is about \$1 million), will eventually become self-sustaining through contracts and grants.

— Kathleen Craven



CARRIE QUINNEY

Adjunct professor Paul Thompson is teaching prison inmates construction skills at a Habitat for Humanity work site.

## Service builds a sense of **community**

BY JULIE HAHN

**H**ow many hours did you spend volunteering last year? Boise State's Service-Learning students spent more than 23,000. And that was just spring semester.

You may not have heard of Service-Learning or the Volunteer Services Board, or be aware of faculty involvement in the community, but such service is essential to Boise State's role as a metropolitan research university of distinction. As President Bob Kustra has said, "A metropolitan university ... has a responsibility to foster a sense of citizenship and community both on and off campus."

Kara Brascia, director of the Service-Learning program, has helped make that happen. She helps faculty members incorporate service into classes, which means that students in a Shakespeare class may direct a play at a local elementary school, or history students may help refugees learn English while documenting their oral histories.

The results have been impressive. Most students — 73 percent — who take Service-Learning classes have not volunteered regularly before taking the class. At the end of the semester, 36 percent say that they will continue

volunteering regularly.

"When you think about that, you realize students want to be involved ... they just need a structured opportunity," Brascia says. "In addition, students learn better when they apply coursework to community experiences."

Sherri Ellis agrees. She's the volunteer coordinator at the Boise Samaritan Village and has seen the lives of residents and students transformed through service.

Ellis has watched students sit by the bedside of a resident who didn't want to die alone, giving the family much-needed breaks. She has looked



on as a “spiritually in-tune” student sang to a resident, giving comfort as the resident was dying. And she has seen a Boise State student and a resident plan the resident’s funeral together.

“Boise State students are the jewel in our crown,” Ellis says.

For Maria Rollins, being a Boise State volunteer is a chance to be part of the community. Rollins is president of the Volunteer Services Board, a student-run group that coordinates events such as Service Saturdays and the Homecoming kickoff “Into the Streets.”

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Rollins has donated many hours and has worked with zoo animals, served dinners and played with kids at the tiny “grocery store” in the Discovery Center.

This year, she spent her spring break in Houston as part of the Alternative Spring Break program. A group of Boise State students volunteered at the Dallas Zoo, the Ronald McDonald House, a food bank and more, helping people who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Rollins, who originally hails from the Philippines, says that her volunteer efforts are part of who she is. “It’s self-fulfillment, but at the same time, as an immigrant I need to give back to the community that has given me so much,” she says.

But Boise State’s service to the community goes beyond volunteerism. Art Department chair Richard Young

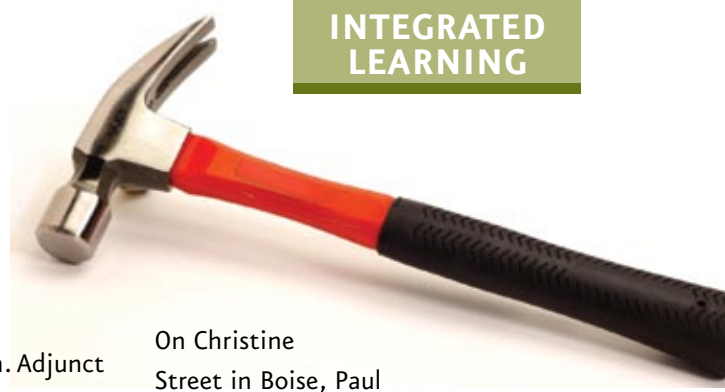
and music professor Marcellus Brown serve on the Boise City Arts Commission. Philosophy professor Tony Roark is on the roster of Boise’s Ethics Commission. Adjunct philosophy instructor George Knight has encouraged hundreds of people to get out of their cars and onto bikes during the annual Bicycle Congress. Bilingual Education Department chair Claudia Peralta-Nash helps mentor school teachers. And that’s just the beginning.

Boise State also has developed important partnerships. The Center for Health Policy and Elizabeth West, a professor in the Department of Special Education, work with Princeton Autism Technology Inc. to produce Web-based tools that help educators, health-care providers and parents of children with autism.

The technology they are developing captures Web footage of the children, which can then be shared with educators or health-care providers, allowing for easier diagnosis. Boise State students serve as research assistants, and some faculty serve as consultants on the project. Boise State researchers gain expertise in the area and work with the group on grants and research papers.

“It’s a perfect match for Boise State,” says Uwe Reischl, former director of the Center for Health Policy.

As the center works on that collaboration, another project across town is providing shelter for one family and hope for a group of young men who might not otherwise have much.



On Christine Street in Boise, Paul Thompson is supervising a group of men in matching dark green shirts who are working on a 1,250-square-foot house. The house is for Habitat for Humanity, and the young men are prison inmates.

Thompson is a construction instructor in the Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology who works at the Center for Workforce Training. He teaches a construction class for the Department of Corrections and has been pleased with the results of the partnership between Boise State, the department and Habitat for Humanity.

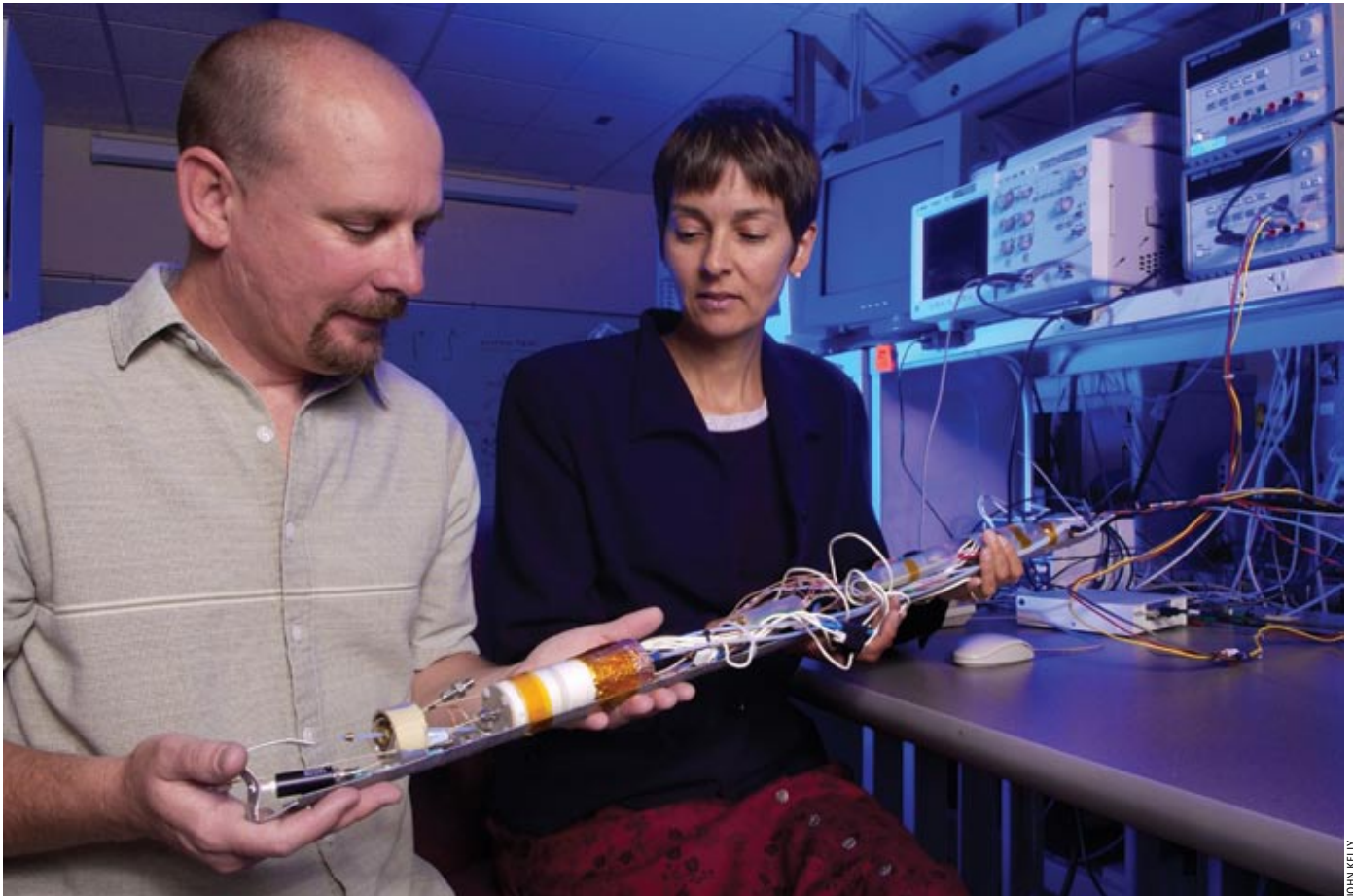
Although some of his students had never worked in construction before, the house is three months ahead of schedule. Thompson says that his class will build more houses for Habitat for Humanity in the future.

That’s fine with Brad Burchard, one of the inmates. “It’s cool to work with Mr. Thompson,” he says, smiling.

The inmates have done everything “from the concrete up,” Burchard says. “It feels good to give back to the community.”

The inmates get work experience that will serve them after they leave prison, and Habitat for Humanity gets a quality home. The project has been meaningful for Thompson as well, he says.

“I never in my wildest dreams thought I would be instructing, [let alone] instructing felons,” he says. “It’s an opportunity to give my skills and knowledge to someone else.”



JOHN KELLY

Civil engineering professor Molly Gribb and research engineer Robert Walters examine a chemical sensor designed and built at Boise State.

## Collaboration plays key role in research success

BY JANELLE BROWN

Inside a brightly lit lab in the Engineering and Technology Building at Boise State, a 3-foot-long probe filled with wires and circuitry stretches across a countertop. Civil engineering professor Molly Gribb leans over the contraption, eyes it critically, and smiles.

This is her baby — a first-of-its kind sensor developed over the past four years with the support of a multidisciplinary research team and more than \$3.7 million in federal research grants.

The sensor, an ion mobility spectrometer, measures volatile gases

trapped underground from chemical spills or other contamination. The IMS uses the same technology on a miniaturized scale that airports use to screen for explosives, chemical warfare agents and controlled substances. The instrument has the potential to be a powerful tool for identifying and addressing subsurface contamination issues, including those at the Idaho National Laboratory. But designing and building it has been a technical challenge on many fronts — and Gribb has had lots of help.

“It’s taken the expertise of a lot of very talented people in different fields

to get to this point,” says Gribb, director of the university’s new Center for Environmental Sensing. “Electrical and computer engineering, chemistry, computer science, materials science and engineering, mechanical and civil engineering — all these fields have been absolutely essential to building, and now field-testing, this instrument.”

The days of a single researcher in a single lab going it alone haven’t entirely disappeared from campus, say Gribb and other university scientists. But as Boise State ramps up its efforts to become a metropolitan research university of distinction, multidisciplinary research

is gaining new momentum, funding and visibility.

There are good reasons for the shift. To develop actual products, such as Gribb's IMS, scientists must be able to take individual technologies and figure out how they can work together to create something new. To tackle complex scientific questions, expertise in several areas is often critical. Advances in fields such as nanotechnology have blurred the boundaries between disciplines. In addition, federal agencies are increasingly requiring a multidisciplinary approach to research grant proposals.

"As baby boomers age, there is a

***"Collaborations across campus will lead us toward creating a much more dynamic research environment for faculty and students."***

growing emphasis on quality of life issues, and that has expanded opportunities in the biomedical field," says engineering professor Bill Knowlton. Knowlton collaborates with biology professor Julia Oxford and others on research that could lead to the development of artificial cartilage for aging knees and other joints. He brings his research on the nanoscale properties of circuitry to collaborative projects to develop biomolecular sensors capable of detecting diseases or chemical warfare agents.

Knowlton says his students are among the beneficiaries of collaborations with colleagues in physics, chemistry, biology, materials science, electrical engineering and other disciplines. "Our students gain a broad perspective of how to apply what they've learned," he says. "They understand connections between disciplines be-

cause they experience them in the lab firsthand."

Faculty also benefit from the chance to collaborate with colleagues from different disciplines. "There's a synergy that develops. What we accomplish together is certainly greater than the sum of the parts," says Oxford of the team effort behind her studies of the structure and function of collagen.

Step into labs across campus, or visit field stations in far-flung places, and the synergy Oxford describes becomes apparent. Knowledge isn't just acquired incrementally; it leaps

ahead as researchers on different parts of a project make breakthroughs that propel everyone forward.

The benefits can have ripple effects beyond any one research endeavor as labs and equipment are acquired that pave the way for even more ambitious projects.

The "Million Dollar Baby," a transmission electron microscope acquired with NSF funding, is just one example of how Boise State's research success is building vital infrastructure. The instrument will be used by researchers in more than a half-dozen science and engineering disciplines to tackle a broad range of funded projects, from studying magnetic materials to improving the reliability of memory chips and developing portable sensors.

"This award represents a truly interdisciplinary focus and a new avenue for scholarly work," says Janet Hampikian, associate dean of the College of Engineering who procured the NSF grant along with colleagues in a

number of science and engineering fields. "The instrument expands the scope of our research programs, and will help us successfully compete for future grants."

Multidisciplinary research programs also support expanding graduate programs, such as the new M.S. in hydrologic sciences that will enroll its first students this fall. A \$9 million statewide project funded by the NSF's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research helped lay the groundwork for graduate studies by funding projects aimed at bolstering Idaho's ability to study critical water issues, says Jim McNamara, co-principal investigator along with Gribb on BSU's share of the grant.

As research and graduate programs continue to grow at Boise State, opportunities for collaborations will also flourish, says Jack Pelton, interim vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College.

"Collaborations across campus will lead us toward creating a much more dynamic research environment for faculty and students, with more funding and larger projects," Pelton says. "We'll be able to contribute to addressing complex research questions on a much larger scale."



# A meeting of the minds

BY SHERRY SQUIRES

Engineering professor Steve Tennyson and marketing and finance professor Gary McCain work in different buildings and different disciplines. But three years ago the two Boise State teachers forged a bond.

They realized that together they possessed the knowledge and experiences to help businesses address complicated, multi-tiered issues with devel-

oped in a world that would otherwise never have crossed my path as a marketing professor," McCain says.

On a campus that is home to experts in a variety of fields, many turn to their colleagues to tackle complex research or to share a different perspective with students. Each semester new partnerships are sealed, new research undertaken and new examples

complements what we do on the engineering and design side."

In many cases, students are the ultimate benefactors when faculty find ways to combine their knowledge and experiences.

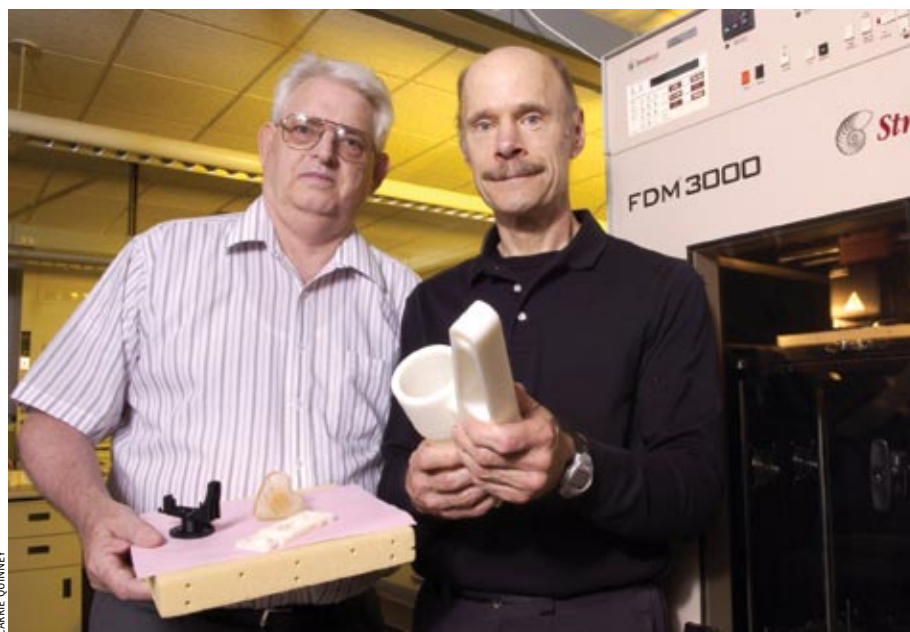
Elisa Barney Smith, engineering, and Rickie Miller, education, met while jointly serving on a university committee. They subsequently developed "Engineering for Educators," a unique course that puts engineering students and education students in the same classroom.

The goal is to better equip education majors to teach K-12 math and science. But Barney Smith has found that the class also breaks down stereotypes the students may hold about one another.

"Not just the education and engineering students are learning, but generations of kindergarten through 12th-grade students will benefit from having a teacher who sees how math and science can be applied," she says. "They may, in turn, encourage more of their young students to consider engineering as a career."

This multidisciplinary approach is also essential for entities such as the Family Studies Initiative. Because complex issues must be tackled from a multitude of angles, director Linda Anooshian says the initiative has drawn together faculty from many departments who conduct research related to families, and aims to provide the framework for interdisciplinary research.

"There's been some success, but the promise of future success is even



CARRIE QUINNEY

The work of professors Gary McCain (left) and Steve Tennyson in Boise State's New Product Development Lab has helped Idaho manufacturing companies.

oping, manufacturing and marketing their products. With help from other colleagues, they have successfully used Boise State's rapid prototyping machinery to improve the new product development process for Idaho's rural companies, provided training on state-of-the-art prototyping technology, and were even involved in using the machine to develop spine models for pre-surgery analysis.

"I had the opportunity to be in-

added to the growing list of multidisciplinary projects under way at Boise State.

For Tennyson and McCain, the joint work also helped foster a better understanding of one another's work.

"As far as scholarship, it certainly gave me an appreciation for the role marketing plays in developing new products," Tennyson says. "There is a science and an art to what those people do, too, and the many ways it

greater," she says. "We are involved in research and in articulating the relevance of research to those who work out in the field."

Much like the Family Studies Initiative, the Center for the Study of Aging could not address all of the issues affecting Idaho's elderly population without the work of both faculty in the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs and the College of Health Sciences.

Director Annette Totten says there are a multitude of social and health-related issues that must be considered. For example, the area of elder abuse must be addressed by faculty in criminal justice, health sciences and social sciences. The center also hopes to begin multidisciplinary work on chronic illnesses.

"The biggest challenge is just getting people connected and talking about these issues," Totten says. She is confident the outcome will be worth the effort, as federal granting agencies tend to favor multi-disciplinary approaches.

For example, the College of Education recently received a \$494,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to build on the groundwork Barney Smith and Miller laid that encourages students majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to become K-12 teachers in those areas.

"It's one of the things I love about Boise State," Barney Smith says. "We have a lot of interdisciplinary projects and I believe it makes us more efficient and more productive with our limited resources. When we need something slightly out of our reach, we can turn to one another rather than hiring someone outside to provide it for us."

## Blame it on the bossa nova

*Personal passions lead to interdisciplinary programs*

BY BOB EVANCHO

**D**id you know you can create and earn a master's degree at Boise State in "Eastern traditions and the theatre," "moss restoration ecology," and "women and minorities in the American frontier"? Or a bachelor's degree in "music thanatology," a program that delves into the use of music to help the terminally ill?

Those are just a sampling of the approximately 40 undergraduate and more than 100 graduate degree programs that have been completed or are currently active in the university's interdisciplinary studies (IDS) program.

Now entering its 19th year, the program allows students to mix and match courses of study — contingent upon meeting university standards and committee approval — to create unique and specialized programs, such as jazz guitarist Elisabeth Blin's "Brazilian music and social consciousness" master's program.

Blin, a native of France who now resides in Boise, says she had a reawakening of her social responsibility while she was working on her bachelor's degree in music performance, which she earned from Boise State last year. "My [bachelor's] program and the professors who taught me dramatically affected my evolution as a musician," she says. "They reminded me that you can not only play music, but that you can use it as a contribution to show what is wrong in society. There has always been a strong link between music and political activism."

Those influences combined with the worldwide volatility in the wake of terrorist attacks and political strife, along with her years as a composer and jazz and classical musician, rekindled Blin's passion to "do more than just make music."

Her interdisciplinary master's program is a combination of graduate-



JOHN KELLY

Cheatum's interdisciplinary master's program in biomechanical engineering spun off from her four-year degree at Boise State.

level music, history and anthropology courses that studies the influences of the bossa nova and related Brazilian music as expressions of social discord during the cultural revolution know as Tropicália, which first manifested itself in the 1960s in response to the authoritarian government and political unrest that plagued that country for years.

“It’s been fascinating so far,” she says. “It has given me hope and strength to show how music can make a difference politically and socially.”

Similar to Blin’s experience, Nichole Cheatum’s interdisciplinary “biomechanical engineering” master’s program spun off from the four-year degree in mechanical engineering she earned from Boise State in 2004. Under the guidance of mechanical engineering professor Michelle Sabick and others, Cheatum became interested in limb prosthetics and molded her master’s program by integrating courses and research in mechanical engineering, materials science and engineering, and kinesiology. And like Blin, she gravitated to the IDS program in large part because of the instructors she encountered as an undergraduate.

“I love the people here, and this is a great place to expand your area of interest,” says Cheatum, a native of Twin Falls who is on schedule to receive her master’s degree in December. “Thanks to my committee members [engineering professors Sabick and John Gardner and kinesiology prof Ron Pfeiffer] I was able to create a program that gives me exactly what I’m looking for at the graduate level. When you get the right people involved in your program, the flexibility of the [interdisciplinary studies] program is amazing.”

Daryl Jones, Boise State’s IDS program director and the university’s former provost, agrees. “The IDS program permits students to develop innovative programs in these areas of study even as the disciplines evolve and coalesce,” he says. “So, too, the IDS program provides faculty an opportunity to engage their colleagues in other disciplines and to develop interdisciplinary teaching and research programs.”

Moreover, Jones says, the interdisciplinary studies program is ideally suited to help fulfill Boise State’s mission as a metropolitan research university “since the flexibility of the program enables students to design unique programs that respond immediately to rapid changes in our metropolitan environment, as well as in the world at large, where new directions in research often develop in the synapse between evolving disciplines. Some of the most exciting research these days is interdisciplinary in nature.”

Cheatum and Blin are two examples of the right student being in the right interdisciplinary studies program for the right reason — and the profound educational experience that can result. “Often the most exciting developments in knowledge occur at the flashpoints where two or more fields meet,” Jones says. “The interdisciplinary studies program allows students to see from a much broader perspective and use insights gathered from different disciplines. Many of them know they are being given a new way of looking at the world.”

# A Tale

***After a 13-year hiatus, the author discovers the true meaning of interdisciplinary academics***

BY BOB EVANCHO

As the product of both baccalaureate and graduate interdisciplinary studies programs, I know a thing or two about these academic hybrids.

I know at one time they were denounced in some university circles as unstructured, watered-down versions of bona fide majors, bereft of meaningful scholarship and job-market potential. I also know years ago they were looked upon disdainfully by some purists, viewed as a hodgepodge of classes thrown together by directionless students who lacked a sense of intellectual purpose and personal focus.

I know because some 30 years ago I was one of those aimless undergraduates.

My venture into “integrative learning” began my junior year at Grand Valley State College in my native Michigan. That was the year I transferred from GVSC’s traditional College of Arts and Sciences to the school’s ultraprogressive William James College, which espoused an interdisciplinary approach to learning and a commitment to “responding to the personal needs and desires of its students.”

The reason for my internal transfer was valid enough: I developed a serious interest in writing and

# of Two Programs

wanted to add a journalism major to my sociology major; at the time the arts and media curriculum at WJC was the closest thing Grand Valley had to a journalism program.

Although I was chided by some friends and classmates for switching to Grand Valley's "hippie" college, it was a wise move in the long run. Because my career goals were uncertain at the time, WJC's arts and media courses and independent studies — with their cross-disciplinary emphasis and flexibility—gave me broad-based exposure to the various aspects of print and broadcast journalism and kept me on track to graduate, which I did in 1975.

My time at William James College was worthwhile; the interdisciplinary programs and initiatives allowed me to shape my own learning experience and get a feel for writing and reporting in both the classroom and the real world. But I must admit, there was a certain latitude within the school that lacked the sense of urgency I usually associated with the pursuit of a degree. Moreover, I found WJC's credit/no credit grading system to be less grueling and nerve-racking than what I was used to. I wouldn't say William James College fostered a *laissez-faire* approach to learning, but it wasn't exactly *The Paper Chase*, either.

Fast-forward 13 years. I'm a seasoned journalist, a writer for Boise State's news bureau and among the first group of students to seek admission into the university's new interdisciplinary studies (IDS) program (page 27). I wonder if my re-entry into the realm of integrative learning will



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be anything like my first go-round. I quickly discover the answer is no.

Instituted in 1988, BSU's interdisciplinary bachelor's and master's programs are designed to emphasize “continued intellectual and cultural development in a constantly changing society” for students “whose career goals do not match fully with a single identifiable academic unit or department.”

Hey, that's me, I thought when Boise State first announced it would

start its IDS program. My proposed “social affairs writing” master's program — a combination of graduate-level English, history and sociology classes — would help me hone my writing and research skills as a journalist and broaden my intellectual perspective. It all made perfect sense.

I figured I was good to go. But my entry into the program was anything but automatic.

“One of the reasons we started the interdisciplinary studies program was to maximize the productivity of our programs and make efficient use of what we did offer back then,” says IDS director Daryl Jones, who initiated the program when he was Boise State's arts and sciences dean. “But we do not allow these programs to become diluted substitutes for other degree programs. We are vigilant in ensuring that

we have the faculty expertise and the rigorous coursework to justify the programs. We have requirements built into the program to protect those things from happening. We work to make sure that our interdisciplinary programs are genuinely rigorous and genuinely interdisciplinary in nature.”

I can vouch for that. Our inaugural group of IDS candidates — and the more than 100 graduate students and approximately 40 undergrads who have followed us since '88

— were required to jump through numerous hoops before we ever set foot in a classroom.

First, we not only had to assemble our respective programs in their entirety, but we also had to justify how each and every class merged with all the others to form a single body of academic work. Second, we had to form an advisory committee that included a faculty member from each discipline in our respective programs. Third, we had to present our specialized/individualized programs to a universitywide Interdisciplinary Studies Committee for approval.

Although both groups approved my coursework and Boise State's IDS program started that fall, I still had some colleagues who looked askance at the whole interdisciplinary studies thing — at least initially. One skeptic was political science professor John Freemuth.

“The one danger I saw, at least at the beginning, was attempts by

students who couldn't get into a regular academic master's program and would cobble together some kind of program to try to get into graduate school that way,” Freemuth says. “There was a concern that these would be some kind of amorphous, sloppy programs without the academic rigor. I'm all for diverse intellectual inquiry, but I also think that interdisciplinary programs should be for students with specific and unique objectives. We need to be good gatekeepers to make sure such programs don't compromise Boise State's academic integrity; I think Daryl has done a good job in

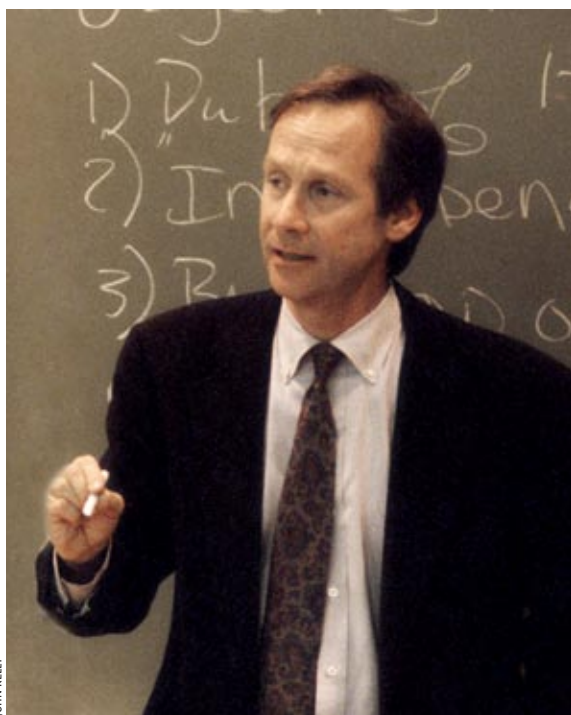
that regard. But we need to remain watchful.”

Based on my graduate experience at Boise State, I've got two words for my friend Dr. Freemuth: Don't worry ... at least about me. Given the opportunity to design my own course of study, I made discoveries and connections that may not have been possible in the narrow confines of a single-subject program. The flexibility inherent in Boise State's interdisciplinary studies program furnished me with a broader, more encompassing perspective that was invigorating, enriching and relevant — and an understanding of the true meaning of interdisciplinary academics.

FOCUS editor Bob Evancho earned his MA in social affairs writing through Boise State's interdisciplinary studies program in 1993.

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**— John Freemuth**



JOHN KELLY

Freemuth was among those who initially looked askance at some interdisciplinary studies programs.



## Volunteer Services Board students help Phonathon raise nearly \$243,000

Thanks to the help of a group of volunteers organized by the student-run Volunteer Services Board, this year's Phonathon exceeded its goal of \$235,000.

The callers raised nearly \$17,000 in pledges in support of Boise State's colleges and departments during the Foundation's first spring Phonathon. That, combined with the fall event, brought the total for the year to nearly \$243,000.

The students called a select group of alumni who had already given during the fall Phonathon, and many of them generously agreed to make a second pledge.

The VSB members helped with the spring Phonathon after returning from a "spring break" to Houston where they worked to help Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

The Boise State Foundation thanks these student volunteers, as well as the nearly 3,400 alumni and friends who pledged to Phonathon during this fiscal year.



VSB member Lucille Rollins during Phonathon.

## Alum donates \$150,000 for business building

In June, Idaho businessman Kirk Smith (BA, accounting, '78) contributed \$150,000 to the help fund the new building for the College of Business and Economics.

Smith, president and chief executive officer of CTI Foods in Wilder, attributes much of his success in business to his education at Boise State.

"The education I received at Boise State's College of Business truly became the foundation of my business career," he says. "As tough and unforgiving as the business world can be, the difference between success and failure was my education."

## DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS HELP BOISE STATE

Several of Boise State's alumni and friends elect to direct their philanthropic giving through various "gift vehicles." One of these vehicles, referred to as a donor-advised fund (DAF), is typically a component fund maintained by a non-profit organization. While most DAFs have been created by community foundations, such as the Idaho Community Foundation, other well-known non-profits have also created DAFs.

Depending on the structure of the DAF, a donor can establish a fund with the non-profit and then direct disbursement of gifts to other charitable organizations. For tax purposes, the donor is allowed a charitable deduction upon making the initial gift to the DAF. The DAF then sends the gift to the charity along with the name of the donor.

The Boise State University Foundation thanks the 2005 DAF donors listed below who contributed at the \$500+ level through various vehicles.

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## Boise State wins CASE Award for fund-raising excellence

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education named Boise State a winner of a 2006 CASE-WealthEngine Award for Education Fund Raising. The award honors superior programs across the country based on fund-raising data submitted in annual reports. Boise State was one of 44 higher education institutions recognized from among the 504 that were considered.

Universities are selected based on either overall performance or overall improvement in fund raising. In Boise State's case, the award was given for both categories based on the judges' analysis of three years of fund-raising data in which the university increased not only the dollar value of donations, but also the number of donors.



# How does Boise State celebrate the arts?

The Visual Arts Center galleries offer exhibits ranging from **photography to sculpture**. On stage, students shine in theatrical productions, vocal and instrumental music concerts and dance recitals. Boise State is **home to the Idaho Dance Theatre**, and many faculty and students are affiliated with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival company.

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Beyond the BLUE



## Luncheons honor emeriti, Chaffee Society members

Earlier this year, the Boise State Foundation honored members of two groups of loyal advocates — emeriti faculty and staff and Chaffee Society members — during luncheons held on campus.

For more than a decade, the Foundation has hosted an event that welcomes back former professors and staff members and their spouses. During this year's event President Bob Kustra offered his appreciation to the honorees for their many years of service to Boise State. Bob Barr, former dean of the College of Education, also spoke at the luncheon and echoed Kustra's sentiments as he described the significance of emeritus status.

Emeritus status is awarded to employees who served with distinction during their careers at Boise State. They are nominated for the honor by the President's Office, the candidate's division head, or his or her employee association.

"Emeritus" is a well-known honorary title in higher education recognizing an employee's longevity, dedication and loyalty upon his or her retirement. It is not an automatic entitlement for all retirees, but rather recognition for service to the university. It is also one of the



MELISSA HARRIS

Former faculty and staff members and their spouses gathered on campus for the 2006 emeriti luncheon. Among those in attendance were former members of the Communication Department David and Sue Rayborn and Sharon and Marv Cox (back row from left) and Charles and Carole Thomason (front row).

highest honors for any retiring faculty or staff member.

At the annual Chaffee Society Spring Salute Luncheon, more than 100 guests heard Kustra express his appreciation on behalf of the BSU Foundation.

Cheryl Schrader, dean of the College of Engineering, also spoke. She provided an insightful review of the status of current operations and encouraged luncheon guests to participate in the creative ways Boise State is enhancing its position as a premier metropolitan research university.

Alumni and friends who support Boise State's academic programs with donations of \$1,000 or more during a 12-month period are recognized as Chaffee associates. The Chaffee Society, named after Boise State's first president, Eugene Chaffee, is the Foundation's premier giving society. Chaffee associates are invited to attend academic and social events hosted throughout the year by the university. Endowed scholarship donors are also invited to attend the annual Scholar/Donor Luncheon each fall with their scholarship recipients.

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**THE PLAY'S THE THING:**

It was an evening of laughter and revelry at Boise State Night at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in late June. Mark Hofflund, ISF managing director, describes the close ties between Boise State and the ISF during an exclusive director's discussion and backstage tour. The relationship offers enriching experiences for Boise State community members and benefits the entire community. Boise State Night at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival is part of the ongoing Alumni at the Arts series.



CARRIE QUINNEY

## Hedges, Hoidal receive alumni service award

Boiseans Ed Hedges and Carol Hoidal, both graduates and longtime supporters of Boise State, were named winners of the fourth annual Alumni Service Award.

A 1952 graduate of Boise Junior College, Hedges immediately assumed a leadership role at BJC, serving as vice president for the school's freshman class during the 1950-51 academic year. During his time as a student at BJC, he also served as president of the Pi Sigma Sigma fraternity and parade chairman of the Homecoming Committee. In 1968 he was elected to the House of Representatives and represented Ada Country's District 15 in the

Legislature from 1969-72. Hedges served as president of the Boise State Alumni Association in 1974-75 and in 1977 he was named Alumnus of the Year.

Hoidal (BA, history, '72) has served on the Alumni Association board of directors for many years, working her way up to president in 1989-90. After her term on the board expired, she remained involved by chairing committees relating to events and student scholarships. She recently completed a second term on the alumni board. Currently she serves on the Alumni Association Nominating Committee, and on the Scholarship and Awards Committee. Hoidal and her husband, Ernie, a Boise attorney, have established scholarships in their names with the Department of History and the College of Business and Economics.



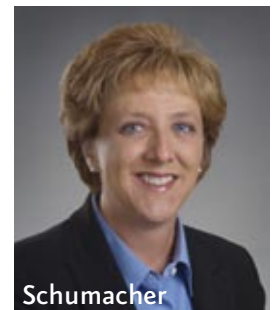
Hedges



Hoidal

## Schumacher to serve as Alumni Association president for 2006-07

Susie Schumacher, revenue integrity manager at Boise's Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, was elected president of the Boise State Alumni Association at the organization's annual meeting earlier this year.



Schumacher

Schumacher (AS, '85; BS, '00) joins the following officers elected to one-year positions on the executive committee: First vice president — Tom Beitia (BBA, '84; MBA '87) Banner Bank. Second vice president — Travis Jensen (BBA, '94) KPMG LLP accounting firm. Treasurer — Travis Burgess (BBA, '98) Eide Bailly LLP accounting firm. Secretary — Cheryl Myers (BA, '91) Micron Technology. Past president — Brian Yeargain (BBA, '95) Little Morris LLP.

Serving three-year terms through 2009 are Jean Basom (MBA, '98), Greg Chavez (BBA, '85), Ric Gale (BBA, '75; MBA, '81), Celia Gould (BA, '79) and Steve Rector ('68). Serving one-year terms are Paul Basom (MBA, '99), Jim Davis (BA, '75), Toni Hardesty (BS, '88), Debbie Kaylor (BBA, '93) and Stanley Leis (BS, '77).

## HOME AND AWAY TAILGATE PARTIES SCHEDULED FOR FALL

From Bronco Bash tailgates to reunions, the Alumni Association has planned an active and festive autumn with Boise State alumni and friends, both at home and on the road.

Join other Broncos for the official home tailgate parties two hours before every game at the Alumni Center. Pick up your last-minute Bronco gear, buy a beverage or get your face painted. Admission is always free.

In addition, the Alumni Association and Bronco Athletic Association will host official away game headquarters in Salt Lake City, San Jose, Calif., and Reno, Nev.

Admission will be just \$5 and preregistration is recommended. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

For more details and to register, log on to [alumni.boisestate.edu](http://alumni.boisestate.edu).

## HOMECOMING SLATED OCT. 5-7

Homecoming activities will abound in downtown Boise and on the Boise State campus Oct. 5-7. The festivities will begin Thursday, Oct. 5, during the first-ever Orange Invasion, a downtown Homecoming festival that will kick off at 7 p.m. in The Grove Plaza with head coach Chris Petersen, the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band, and the Harvey Neef Maneline Dancers. Local downtown restaurants will offer food and beverage specials.

On Friday, Oct. 6, the College of Business and Economics will host a golf scramble and the Alumni Association will host a reunion of the Golden Grads Class of 1956.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, events will include the Stampede into the Streets Homecoming parade and Bronco Bash tailgate party/alumni roundup. Homecoming will culminate that evening with the Louisiana Tech-Boise State football game in Bronco Stadium.

For more information on any Homecoming events, call (208) 426.1698 or log on to [homecoming.boisestate.edu](http://homecoming.boisestate.edu).



From left, Boise State's 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winners: Col. William Shawver, Joanna Engle, Marilyn Shuler and Karl Benson.

## Foursome honored as distinguished alumni

Karl Benson, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference; Joanna Engle, executive director of the Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Center Dialysis Program; Col. William Shawver, chief of staff of the Idaho Air National Guard; and Marilyn Shuler, retired director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, were honored earlier this year as the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winners. The four were recognized at the Alumni Association's annual Distinguished Alumni and Top Ten Scholars banquet.

Benson (BS, physical education, '75) has been the commissioner of the WAC, the intercollegiate athletics league to which BSU belongs, since 1994. Benson spearheaded conference expansion in 2001 with the addition of Boise State, Louisiana Tech and Nevada, and again in 2005 with the addition of New Mexico State, Utah State and Idaho.

After earning an associate's degree of nursing from Boise State College in 1971, Boise resident Engle was hired as a nurse by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center the same year. In 1973 she moved to dialysis nursing, and in 1975 she was put in charge of staff orientation and training for the dialysis unit. In 1979 she moved into dialysis management at Saint Al's, the unit that provides dialysis services to patients within the hospital's service area. In 1995 she was promoted to her current position as executive director of Saint Al's

Nephrology Center Dialysis Program.

As chief of staff of the Idaho National Guard, Shawver (AS, marketing and mid-management '89; BAS '91) has provided leadership during the deployments of Idaho Army and Air National Guard units in support of the war on terrorism. Under Shawver, the Idaho National Guard deployed the 190<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and 2,000 Idaho Army National Guard troops from the 116<sup>th</sup> Calvary Brigade to Iraq for a one-year combat tour in the largest deployment ever of the Idaho National Guard. Shawver, a Boise resident, is currently supporting the deployment of the 1-183 Attack Helicopter Battalion to Afghanistan for a one-year combat tour.

Garden City resident Shuler served as director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission for 20 years and is a renowned Idaho human rights activist. Shuler, who retired in 1998, has devoted her time and talent to a number of worthy causes, including the building of the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, the establishment of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment and the Idaho Black History Museum. She serves on the advisory board of Boise State's Renaissance Institute and was a frequent guest lecturer on the subject of workplace discrimination in business law classes at BSU.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY OFFERED TO ALUMNI

The Alumni Association is partnering with the Boise State Center for Professional Development to offer discounted professional development opportunities. The center is the portal to all of Boise State's non-credit, credit and continuing education opportunities and offers a variety of personal and professional classes.

To start the program, the Alumni Association is seeking feedback on the specific courses that are of interest by asking its members to complete a brief online survey. Those who complete the survey by Aug. 25 will receive a discount voucher for future professional development programs.

The survey can be found at <http://cpd.boisestate.edu/alumsurvey.html>.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE EACH MONTH

The Alumni Association would like to keep its members informed about the fast-paced changes and current events taking place on campus with a monthly electronic newsletter.

Forward your e-mail address to [bsualum@BoiseState.edu](mailto:bsualum@BoiseState.edu) and enter for a chance to win a \$100 Bronco Shop gift card. To become eligible, write "What's up at BSU?" in the subject line.

## AUCTION '07 SCHEDULED MAY 5

Boise State's Auction 2007, scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. May 5 at the Boise Centre on the Grove, will begin with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction.

Micron Technology will be the presenting sponsor for the biennial event, which is hosted by the Boise State Alumni Association and the Bronco Athletic Association.

The 2007 auction will be the 13th such event sponsored by Boise State.

For more information, or to make a donation, volunteer or reserve tickets to the auction, contact Valerie Tichenor, special events coordinator, at (208) 426-2570 or [vtichen@boisestate.edu](mailto:vtichen@boisestate.edu).

## Denker departs; Rapp appointed interim director

After serving five years as executive director of the Boise State Alumni Association, Lee Denker was named president and CEO of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Alumni Association. A Nebraska native, Denker started his new position in July.

"Without question I will always be a Bronco," Denker says of his departure. "There are many special things about Boise State that I will miss, but at the top of the list are the friends and colleagues that I've so enjoyed working with."

A national search is under way to find Denker's replacement. Dick Rapp, associate vice president of student affairs and director of the Boise State Career Center, has been named interim director of the Alumni Association. A familiar face around campus, Rapp is in his 37th year with Boise State.



Rapp

## Former standout back with the Broncos

Former Boise State All-American Pete Kwiatkowski has returned to the scene of his greatest gridiron glory.

Kwiatkowski — who played defensive tackle for Boise State from 1984-87 and was an assistant coach from 1988-1996 — is the Broncos' new defensive line coach after completing an impressive stint as Montana State's defensive coordinator.

Kwiatkowski (BS, secondary education/PE, '90) began his coaching career as an assistant at Boise State under Skip Hall, Pokey Allen and Tom Mason.

After leaving BSU, he coached at Snow Junior College in Ephraim, Utah, and Eastern Washington University before going to Montana State. During his six seasons as defensive coordinator for the Bobcats, Kwiatkowski helped turn a struggling program into a championship team — a team that beat its archrival Montana for the first time in 16 years and qualified for the I-AA playoffs for the first time in 18 years. Under Kwiatkowski, Montana State's defense led the Big Sky Conference in passing defense, scoring defense and total defense for several seasons.

Kwiatkowski, who is originally from Santa Barbara, Calif., was inducted into the Boise State Athletic Hall of

Fame in 1996 after earning four first-team All-America awards in 1987. He received first-team All-Big Sky honors in 1986 and 1987 and was named the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year in 1987.

Kwiatkowski and his wife, Lara (BS, biology, '90) a Borah High grad and former BSU cheerleader, have three daughters, Shelby, 11, Riley, 4, and Olivia, 1.

Kwiatkowski, who was hired by first-year head coach Chris Petersen at the conclusion of the 2005 season, says his entire family is thrilled to be back in Boise.



Kwiatkowski

"It was great to come back," Kwiatkowski says. "I had lived here for 13 years — almost half my life at the time — going to BSU and coaching. I met my wife here, Shelby was born here, and I have lots of friends here. I'm also proud of my alma mater so it's great to be a part of it again, and to keep things going in this great program that has been built over the last several years."

— Anna Fritz

## VARSITY B CLUB MEMBERSHIP INCREASES TO NEARLY 200

Now in its second year, Boise State's Varsity B Club is growing rapidly with almost 200 dues-paying members.

The organization was formed in 2004 under the auspices of the athletic department and the Alumni Association. It is designed to welcome back and reconnect the university with former athletes, coaches, sports administrators, support staff, band members, dance and cheer squad members, and other alumni who were part of the Bronco sports scene.

"Former Broncos are realizing that an involvement and connection with Boise State is a key to the future of the university," says Michel Bourgeau (BBA, management, '85), Varsity B Club coordinator. "Through the Varsity B, many former Broncos are being admitted to the very special fraternity and sorority. Meeting other Broncos from different eras has been very gratifying; there is a certain understanding and a certain connection that is formed knowing we are all products of the Bronco environment."

The club hopes to recognize the contribution of former student-athletes and others affiliated with Boise State athletics and build a network with current and former participants in Bronco sports.

"Every time I have the opportunity to meet our current Bronco student-athletes, I am impressed with their attitude," Bourgeau says. "Not only have these student-athletes made several sacrifices to become a Boise State Bronco, they continue to work and dedicate themselves to their school and their sport. I quickly point out to our student-athletes that they are varsity athletes for a mere four or five years, but they will spend most of their life as a Varsity B athlete."

With the recent opening of Caven-Williams Sports Complex and the planned expansion of Bronco Stadium, Boise State is poised to solidify its position as one of the major universities in the West, Bourgeau says.

For more information, contact Bourgeau at (208) 426-5440 or michelbourgeau@boisestate.edu. The Varsity B Club mailing address is 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1020.



Alumnus Daniel Hidalgo (right) and business partner Victor Bruha know how to get things dung.

## Hidalgo: The manure entrepreneur

Boise State alum Daniel Hidalgo isn't ashamed to admit the truth: his art is, well, dung.

Hidalgo and his business partner and buddy, Victor Bruha (otherwise known as Dung & Dunger), have managed to marry their passion for art and Yellowstone National Park by creating paper out of bison dung.

Sure, it sounds cringe-worthy, but the odor-free, completely sanitized paper is becoming a big hit in the Yellowstone region. In fact, if you travel to the national park you'll probably come across sheets of the fragile, grayish stuff for sale in a Yellowstone gift shop.

Hidalgo (BA, art, '96) and Bruha have been friends since they were in junior high in eastern Idaho. Their shared love of Yellowstone has been a lifelong bond, and Hidalgo says that the pair feels blessed to have grown up and worked not far from the park (Hidalgo works in Idaho Falls, and Bruha in Blackfoot).

So when Bruha watched a documentary about people in Thailand who make paper out of elephant dung, his thoughts turned to the vast supply of potential paper-making materials in his own back yard.

Hidalgo said that it took about a year to get the recipe just right (the process, which is proprietary, involves lots of boiling), but once they did, they found that the paper was great for making art.

"The Yellowstone ecosystem is such a wonderful, beautiful place to go — you could go every year and still learn something new," Hidalgo says. Even lowly dung plays a part in that ecosystem, he says, and he and Bruha are proud to show how it can be useful.

Bruha and Hidalgo have been featured in regional papers and newscasts since their business began, and they hope to someday turn their project into a full-time business. Hidalgo credits Boise State with helping him have the far-sightedness it took to get into the dung-paper business in the first place.

"My education has helped me to do this as a business venture and in being a well-rounded artist," he says.

So what's next for Dung & Dunger? You can check out their works and learn more about the paper and the process it takes to make it at [www.dunganddunger.net](http://www.dunganddunger.net).

— Julie Hahn



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## Seattle-area alum acquires a taste for winemaking

Bob Bertheau (BS, '84) went to Boise State thinking that his degree in chemistry would lead him to a medical degree. But instead of taking care of patients, he wound up patiently coaxing the best out of some of the Northwest's finest grapes.

After working at local winery Ste. Chapelle's tasting room



JOHN KELLY

Bertheau

as a student at Boise State, Bertheau abandoned his med school plans and enrolled in the University of California, Davis master's program in enology (that's winemaking to the rest of us).

He's now the head winemaker at Chateau Ste. Michelle winery, northeast of Seattle. This spring, he made his first trip back to Boise State since graduation to give a group of chemistry students a crash course in "Winemaking 101."

He couldn't have picked a better demographic. Wine consumption is up dramatically in the United States, boosted in part by people in their 20s. Their parents drank chardonnay in the '80s and moved on to red wine for its health benefits in the '90s. Their grandparents may have put out a bottle of Lancer's on special occasions, but today's twenty-somethings "aren't waiting until they get older to enjoy finer things, and it's part of their everyday life," Bertheau says.

Bertheau is hoping that the trend will continue, and that Americans will espouse more of an old-world philosophy toward wine. "We're striving for wine to be part of the food, part of the meal," Bertheau says.

Bertheau told the class he visited that he couldn't have known when he was at BSU that he would become a winemaker, but that the school gave him a solid foundation in the expertise he would need to develop some of the region's top wines.

And what would he recommend to alumni who want to start appreciating the fruits of the vine? A Riesling, which he calls "one of the noblest white varieties."

— Julie Hahn





## NEW Lifetime Members!

The following members of the Boise State Alumni Association completed lifetime membership commitments between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2006. Our thanks to these alumni and friends for their lasting interest in our university and its alumni association. For more information on becoming a lifetime member, contact the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698 or join online at <http://alumni.boisestate.edu>.

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Dave Christian, Boise, '88  
David Stolhand, Meridian, '88  
Nancy Maronick, Meridian, '89  
Jeffrey Erwin, Boise, '90  
Henry Atencio, Nampa, '91  
Kit Baker, Boise, '91

Dianne Loeffen, Nampa, '91  
Brian Murphy, Boise, '92  
Susan Pirrong, Meridian, '92  
Jennifer Seifert, Meridian, '93  
Cynthia Alleman, Boise, '94  
Sheryl Bishop, Meridian, '94, '99

Shelly Hiner, Meridian, '94  
Craig Kenyon, Hardin, Mont., '94, '97

Chandler Legarreta, Boise, '95  
Bobbi Mousaw, Boise, '95, '04, '06  
Alysi Cory, Boise, '96

Andrea Legarreta, Boise, '96  
Jason Mefford, Boise, '96  
Teresa Schmaljohn, Boise, '96  
Joshua Cory, Boise, '97  
Holly McCormick, Austin, Texas, '97, '03

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Mark Denhardt, Liberty Lake, Wash., '98

Janice Neilson, Meridian, '99  
Lori Griffith, Meridian, '01  
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## Alum, 22, nation's youngest female mayor



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Stauts

When the votes were counted in Stanley last November, 22-year-old political science alum Hannah Stauts became the youngest female mayor in the country. The final tally was 39-31; voter turnout was 69 percent.

The former Women's Lacrosse Club president worked as a Forest Service firefighter in the Stanley area for three summers before deciding to call it home.

Stauts was urged to run for office by several residents, including a former mayor. Her political science background will help her tackle two main issues: The CIEDRA

act, dealing with the economic and recreational use of federal lands in Central Idaho, and the lack of affordable housing in the area.

Still, upon election Stauts admitted to feeling some trepidation. "I'm a little nervous," she says. "It seems like baptism by fire."

Almost everyone in town has had a turn in local government and has plenty of advice for their new leader. She's also counting on her former professors to help her out.

"Hanna was a very bright student and she was clearly interested in political science and politics," says Ross Burkhart, chair of Boise State's Political Science Department. "We would certainly be happy to talk with her further as she embarks on her term as mayor."

— Kathleen Craven

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## '70s

**JAMES N. BARKER**, BA, social work, '74, has retired from the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., after 26 years of psychiatric social work service. He specialized in war trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder and readjustment issues among veterans and Indochinese refugees.

**STUART A. WILCOX**, BBA, finance, '75, accepted a position with the Network Group as an information technology specialist for the firm's Hewlett-Packard support team.

**LARRY LEE JOHNSON**, BBA, business economics/accountancy, '78, was appointed manager of investments for the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board. Johnson will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the endowment fund, including oversight of 13 outside investment advisers.

**ANTHONY LEE SARAS**, BS, physical education, '78, joined Silverhawk Realty in Eagle as a sales associate.

**DENNIS STEVENSON**, BA, history, '78, is the president of the administrative codes and register section of the National Association of Sec-

retaries of State. Stevenson is also currently enrolled in a certified public manager program.

**SCOTT K. TVERDY**, CC, automotive technology, '78, is a loan officer at Farmers National Bank in Buhl.

**JANE K. WILSON**, MA, art education, '78, was recognized by the Idaho Art Education Association for her outstanding contribution to her students, school and profession. Wilson is chair of the art department and has been a teacher at Bishop Kelly High School for 25 years.

## '80s

**KEITH L. ANDERSON**, BA, communication, '80, earned his Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Idaho in May. His dissertation was titled “How Teachers Communicate with Students from Diverse Backgrounds.” Anderson is an educational specialist with the Boise State TRIO Educational Talent Search program. He also teaches part time in the Department of Communication and conducts seminars on racism awareness and multiculturalism.

**JACQUELINE “JAKKI” MOHR**, BBA, marketing, '82, was named the 2005 Montana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The annual awards salute the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the nation.

**ANN C. DAMIANO**, BBA, marketing, '83; MBA, '85, recently joined Cisco Systems as a territory market manager.

**CYNTHIA L. DUREN**, BBA, accountancy, '83, was hired by Market Vision Inc. as a business manager.

**MARK T. HOUSTON**, BBA, finance, '84, joined Sterling Savings Bank as vice president and business banker.

**CEDRIC MINTER**, BA, elementary education, '85, was the featured speaker at the 18th annual Black History Banquet in Mountain Home. A former star running back for Boise State, Minter played in the Canadian Football League and the NFL before he began his teaching career. He currently works at Mountain Cove Alternative High School.



**SKY PILOT:** Alumnus, stunt pilot and Micron CEO Steve Appleton (BBA, management, '82) was featured earlier this year on the cover of *Electronic Business*, a trade magazine for the electronics industry.

**MICHAEL J. CHAKARUN**, MBA, '86, has opened a tax and accounting practice in McCall. His business is designed to prepare financial statements, design accounting solutions, and assist individuals with compliance of tax requirements.

**JOHN LIEBENTHAL**, BA, music, '86, is associate creative director at The Kern Organization, one of the nation's largest direct marketing firms, in Los Angeles.

**JESUS DE LEON**, MA, education, '87, was presented with the 2006 Humanitarian Award for his long-standing contributions to the Canyon County community. De Leon has helped organize many community programs such as Mariachi music programs and adult English as a second language classes. He is currently employed as the federal programs administrator for the Caldwell School District.

**KELLY A. (HANSON) FULLER**, BBA, accountancy, '87, was promoted to chief financial officer for Oaas Laney LLC.

**GUADALUPE R. RIVERA**, BA, elementary education bilingual ESL, '87, is retiring after more than 30 years working for the Wilder School District. She began her career as a teacher's aide and is finishing as a kindergarten teacher.

**PAUL G. BUTIKOFER**, BBA, general business management, '88, is the new deputy prosecuting attorney for Fremont County in Idaho. He will work in the St. Anthony office.

**DIANA E. HUNTER**, MBA, '88, was named assistant dean of marketing for the School of Continuing Education at Utah Valley State College. She will be responsible for the marketing of 12 divisions within the Orem school.

**ANTHONY F. KUSHA III**, BBA, management, '88, was promoted to category management team leader for Unilever-Safeway in Pleasanton, Calif.

**BEVERLY ANN LEWELLEN**, BA, elementary education, '88, was named Educator of the Year by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Beverly is a sixth-grade language arts teacher at Ontario Middle School.

**CHRISTOPHER HALVORSON**, BBA, finance, '89; BBA, marketing, '92, is the investment officer for the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board. Halvorson is responsible for overseeing 13 outside investment advisers.

**HEIDI LYNN MONCRIEF**, BA, political science, '89, joined Technology Law Group LLC as a senior intellectual property paralegal.

**CALVIN FREDERICK WOODS**, BA, history, '89, is the new principal at Clearwater Valley Middle/High School in Kooskia. Prior to taking this position, he taught language arts and English

and also coached football and basketball at Clearwater Valley High School.

## '90s

**PHIL E. DeANGELI**, BA, English/economics '90, has been appointed the Idaho state counsel to the First American Title Insurance Co.

**LESLIE JENNINGS MAJOR**, BBA, accountancy, '90, recently joined Pulliman & Associates.

**KENNETH RALPH MUNGER**, BS, earth science, '90, was presented the Micron Outstanding Teacher Award for Idaho at the Idaho Science Teacher awards ceremony. He has taught eighth-grade science at Rocky Mountain Middle School in Idaho Falls for the last 15 years.

**JEFFREY JAY NEWSOM**, BBA, finance, '90, was promoted to business manager for Wells Fargo's Meridian business banking center. He is now responsible for developing and maintaining account relationships with business customers.

**ROB SHOCKLEY**, BA, political science, '90, was named a partner with Trout & Nemecek PLLC. Shockley's practice focuses on construction and civil litigation, insurance policy, and selected criminal cases.

**MICHAEL EDWARD BALDNER**, BA, English-general literature, '91, was named a partner in the law firm Meuleman Mollerup LLP. Baldner is a real-estate development lawyer with experience in drafting and negotiating purchase and sale transactions, leases, tax-deferred exchanges, restrictive covenants and easements.

**CLIFFORD A. LONG**, MBA, '91, was hired as the first full-time economic development director for the city of Nampa.

**KATHY DEANN MOORE**, BBA, accountancy, '91, was named the new chief executive officer for West Valley Medical Center.

**REX LAWRENCE TRAMMEL**, BBA, general business, '91, joined Hansen-Rice Inc. as an estimator/project manager. He has more than 17 years' experience in construction and estimating.

**KRISTINE LYNN ASIN**, BA, advertising design, '92, joined DJM Sales & Marketing as a senior business unit manager. Asin brings almost 12 years of marketing and corporate event planning experience to the company.

**KRISTA S. KELLY**, AS, marketing, '92, joined Silverhawk Realty as a new agent. She has experience in finance, management and mortgage lending.

**ELLEN G. BATT**, MA, education, '93; Ed.D., curriculum and instruction, '99, was named Outstanding College Professor of the Year by the Idaho Association for Bilingual Education. Batt has been teaching in the Modern Foreign Language Department at Albertson College of Idaho since 1983.

**JAMES DAVID CONGER**, BS, construction management, '93, opened a new general contracting company named Conger-Saucerman with fellow alum

**JOHN SAUCERMAN**, BS, construction management, '94. The business will provide construction management and general contracting services in Idaho and the Northwest.

**ADEANNA JENKINS**, BBA, marketing and finance, '94, is managing a Banner Bank branch in Twin Falls. She brings with her 10 years of banking experience with Banner Bank, Washington Mutual and West One/US Bancorp.

**DAVID PAUL SIENKNECHT**, BBA, computer information systems, '94, joined Liquid

Digital Media in Redwood City, Calif., as a database development manager/architect.

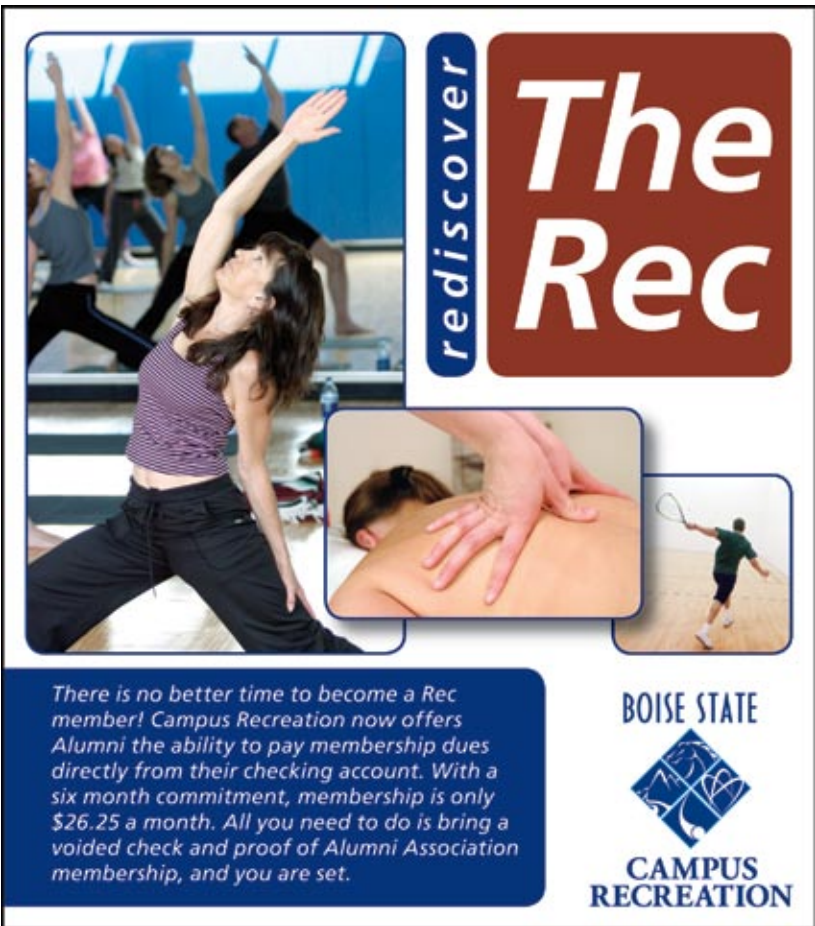
**VAUGHN L. WARD**, BS, political science, '94, is currently serving as a Marine rifle company commander in Iraq. Ward is the commanding officer of C. Company First Battalion, 25th Marines, Regimental Combat Team Five. His company of 200 Marines and sailors is operating in Fallujah. He works closely with members of the Iraqi police and army who will eventually take over control of the city. His tour, which began in March 2006, will conclude in mid-October.

**MARK JASON MICHAUD**, BS, social science, '95, joined OX-GEN Inc. as its in-house counsel. His duties include compliance practices for the Food and Drug Administration, state and federal securities regulations, and the monitoring of all the company's intellectual property.

**JEREMY P. PISCA**, BA, political science, '95, was hired as a partner of Evans Keane LLP. Pisca's practice is concentrated in the areas of real estate, construction, business and government relations. He serves as a lobbyist for the Idaho Building Contractors Association and as legal counsel to the Idaho Association of Realtors.

**WILLIAM "BILL" PERRY WARD**, BBA, accountancy, '95, joined Syringa Property Management Inc. as vice president of property management. He has worked in the housing/banking industry since 1986.

**MARK DOUGLAS SEBASTIAN**, BA, accountancy, '96, joined Anderson, Julian & Hull LLP as an associate. His practice includes insurance defense, contracts and transactional work, construction law, professional malpractice defense and commercial litigation.



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**KELLY DELAYNE SONNICHSEN**, BBA, accountancy, '96, was promoted to principal of the accounting firm of Travis-Jeffries.

**ERIKA MCGINNIS**, BFA, visual art, '98, recently had her artwork published into a deck of Tarot cards and publications called *New Star Tarot* and *New Star Tarot Journal*. She also started her own company, Under the Cobalt Sky, which will market items featuring her artwork.

**MICHAEL G. SAGRATI**, BBA, marketing, '98, was promoted to zone sales manager for the J.R. Simplot Company. He will be in charge of covering Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, Wyoming and Montana.

**JODI LYNN VANDERPOOL**, MBA, '99, was promoted to chief operating officer for Covenant Dove Inc.

**JEFFREY SCOTT GLEASON**, TC, drafting technology, '03; AAS, drafting technology, '05, BAS, drafting technology, '05, was hired by CSHQA, a Boise-based architecture/engineering firm, as a mechanical designer. He will be involved with a variety of CSHQA's commercial and retail projects.

**WHITNEY MAY PARKER**, BS, political science, '03, was promoted to director of communications for the World Security Institute and the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C. She is in charge of strategic planning and outreach for the international non-profit group that provides independent research and journalism on global affairs.

**JASON JOSEPH SEARS**, BBA, computer information systems, '03, accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps to serve as an information technology volunteer in Namibia. His assignment will include working with Namibia nationals to install, maintain and run computer labs in secondary schools in southern Namibia.

**JENNA JONI STRONG**, BBA, marketing, '03, joined the sales team of KBCI-TV in Boise. Strong has served on the board of the Boise Advertising Federation since 2004.

**CHARITY MARIE WILLIAMS**, BA, elementary education, '03, is a kindergarten teacher at Horizon Elementary in Jerome.

**SHERRIE ANN DONOVAN-HAGGETT**, BBA, marketing, '04, joined Red Cliff Development as director of marketing. Her primary duties will be marketing commercial and residential properties, as well as coordinating land sales, leasing and build-to-suit projects.

**MICHELE STRUTZ**, MA, education, '04, completed an MA in education with highest honors at the University of Connecticut

## '00s

**ROBBY JAMES PERUCCA**, BS, political science, '00, joined Anderson, Julian & Hull LLP as an associate. Perucca was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 2004 and served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout in the Idaho Supreme Court.

**LEE M. VANDER BOEGH**, BA, mass communication, '01; MPA, '04, joined the *Idaho Press-Tribune* as a reporter.

**COREY NICHOLAS DREWES**, BAS, '02, joined Trinity Transport Inc.'s regional service center.

**JONATHAN PETER CECIL**, MPA, '03, is the development manager for Capital City Development Corporation. Cecil has experience in local government administration and community planning. He is a certified planner recognized by the American Institute of Certified Planners of the American Planning Association.

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in 2005. Strutz was accepted into the doctoral program of educational studies at Purdue. She was also the recipient of a Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship in 2005.

#### DEBBIE RENEE

**VANDENBOSCH**, BBA, general business management, '04, was hired as administrative assistant and accounts manager for Building Spec LLC. She is responsible for overseeing services for home inspection and environmental testing clients.

#### BRIAN MATTHEW CAWRSE,

BS, chemistry, '05, accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps in Malawi, Africa. He will be working in the area of secondary education.

#### XIAOXIAO "MICHELLE" LIU,

BBA, accountancy, '05, joined OX-GEN Inc. as an executive administrator. She will assist in marketing, public relations, accounting and all aspects of day-to-day company operations.

**JENNIFER LEA WILEY**, BBA, marketing/management/general business, '05, is a new research coordinator for Micron Technology.

#### SHAYLEE KATHRYN

**WONDRICK**, BBA, accountancy, '05, joined Glanbia Foods Inc. as a managerial accountant. She will be responsible for reviewing management accounts and preparing weekly financial and production reports associated with those accounts.

## WEDDINGS

**MANDRIA JAMES** and Michael Papac (Twin Falls), March 25

**NATHAN MATTHEW CREAMER** and Julie Lynn Ames (Manti, Utah), Dec. 16, 2005

## DEATHS

**SUSAN THERESE ALLEN**, AS, health information, '73,

died Jan. 12 at the age of 52. Allen worked in the finance business for most of her career and most recently had been employed at WFS Corp.

#### DORTHA R. (POWER)

**ANDERSON**, AA, arts and sciences, '39, died Dec. 22 at the age of 86. Anderson received her BA from Washington State College in 1941. She joined the American Red Cross in 1944 and served as a caretaker for wounded servicemen during World War II.

#### DARCIE LEE (REIMANN)

**BARCLAY**, BA, communication, '89, died Dec. 25 at the age of 43. In 1990, Barclay received an MA in psychology from the College of Idaho and earned her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from New Mexico State University. In 1996 she became a faculty member at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

#### ARNOLD DEAN BEAUDREAU,

diploma, arts and sciences, '56, died Jan. 6 at the age of 75. Before attending Boise State, Arnold joined the Air Force and flew missions over Korea as a tail gunner in a B-29. He re-enlisted after graduating and eventually retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1976.

#### PATRICIA ANN BIRRELL,

BA, political science, '85, died Jan. 2 at the age of 62. Birrell worked as an educator at the Twin Falls Juvenile Detention facility, helping the community's troubled youth.

#### GARY CURTIS BOWYER, BA,

history and social science, '76, died Dec. 14 at the age of 50. At the time of Bowyer's death, he lived in Carson City, Nev., where he worked on culture resource projects with the Virginia City National Landmark.

#### JOHN WELDON BUTLER, BA,

social science, '70, died Feb. 25 at the age of 80. Butler joined the Navy in 1943 at the age of 17 during World War II and later joined the Air Force in 1954.



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After his graduation from Boise State, he went on to teach English, German and mechanics in Treasure Valley schools.

**UNA MARY (COMPTON) CAMPBELL**, AA, education, '37, died Dec. 29 at the age of 88. Campbell received her BA in elementary education from the College of Idaho in 1970 and taught first grade in Boise until her retirement in 1977. She was a volunteer and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Delta Kappa Gamma.

**WILLIAM E. ELSON**, diploma, electronics service technician, '78, died Dec. 26 at the age of 75. Elson joined the Air Force in 1951 and retired in 1972. He was a member of the Air Force Sergeants' Association, the Retired Enlistees Association, Order of the Eastern Star and Paxton Lodge.

**JOHN L. EVANS**, diploma, machine shop, '85, died Jan. 2. He was 67. He was a graduate of San Francisco State College, University of Northern Colorado, Colorado State College and worked at Rohr Aircraft Corporation. He owned several businesses throughout his life.

**DONALD KEITH HAWKINS**, BA, theatre arts, '71, died March 25 at the age of 63. Hawkins served as head of the drama department at Capital High School and directed more than 40 theater productions locally. He also produced and managed eight operas at the Morrison Center. He was an employment specialist at The ARC Inc., where he provided training and supportive services to disabled clients.

**LARRY BENJAMIN HEIDEMANN**, BA, general business, '71, died Feb. 17 at the age of 58. Heidemann was a member of the Army Reserves from 1966-72. In 1990 he built a dairy on his farm in Kimberly and for 10 years operated the Heidemann Dairy.

**VERELYNN M. HEWETT**, AS, '40, died April 10 at the age of 86. In 1955 Hewett graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in mechanical engineering. He worked at Boeing for 45 years and retired in 1988.

**JAMES J. JENKINS**, AS, arts and sciences, '40, died March 28. He was 86. He served in the Army during World War II and was discharged in 1945. Jenkins was employed by the IRS, the U.S. Post Office, Fletcher Oil Company and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boise. He retired from his position as director of environmental health for the Central District Health Department in 1980.

**CHARLES R. "BOB" KING**, AA, marketing/business administration, '58, a Boise businessman and owner of King Machine Inc., died April 8 at the age of 70. After attending Boise Junior College King earned a business degree from the University of Oregon before starting his business. His wife, Karin King, was a longtime employee of Boise State, working for the Alumni Association from 1974-94.

**JANET LYNN (PARROTT) KNEFEL**, CC, dental assisting, '75, died March 17 at the age of 49. Knefel worked in the special education department in the Meridian and Nampa school districts.

**SUSAN ELIZABETH (PETZAK) LEE**, BFA, visual art, '87, died April 5 at the age of 42.

**OPAL GENE (COLE) McCLURE**, diploma, arts and sciences, '48, died Dec. 14 at the age of 77. McClure worked in the WINCO offices for 15 years and was both a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader.

**JOY BELLE McLEAN**, BA, communication, '80, died March 4 at the age of 48. McLean worked as a public defender and a law clerk in the Treasure Valley. In 1989 she relocated to the Seattle area where she

worked for Hyatt Legal Services and Cayce and Associates. McLean joined the Washington State Bar Association as a disciplinary counsel in 1995.

**GEORGE DONALD MERRITT**, AA, arts and sciences, '56, died Jan. 5 at the age of 74. Merritt also attended the University of Idaho and the University of Utah. He was employed in the ski industry for 45 years as a manufacturer's rep, ski instructor and examiner for the Pacific Northwest Ski Instructors of America.

**DONALD DEWAIN MOORE**, AA, arts and sciences, '56, died March 20 at the age of 74. Moore joined the Navy and trained to be a frogman. He completed his education at the College of Idaho. Moore spent 26 years as the head basketball coach in Quartz Hill, Calif.

**PATRICIA JEAN (McWHIRTER) MOSHER**, BBA, marketing, '87, died on Feb 3 at the age of 42.

**AUDREY H. NAYLOR**, MA, elementary education, '75, died Feb. 23. She was 87. She attended West Virginia Wesleyan College and completed her undergraduate degree at the College of Idaho. In 1966, she began her career as a teacher and after her retirement continued to work as a substitute teacher.

**WARREN Y. RAWLINS**, who attended Boise Junior College in the 1940s, died in Salt Lake City on March 1.

**PATRICK J. VAUGHAN**, AA, arts and sciences, '51; MA, elementary education, '75, died Jan. 9 at the age of 76. Vaughan earned his bachelor's degree from the College of Idaho. He worked in a variety of positions including Boise city treasurer, Idaho Migrant Council administrator, staff member for Gov. Cecil Andrus, presidential appointee under President Jimmy Carter, and as chief of staff for Gov. John Evans.

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