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Over the past 75 years, tens of thousands of Boise State students have realized their dreams and made a difference in the world, thanks in part to the far-reaching vision of Boise State’s founder and first president, Bishop Middleton Barnwell. This issue of FOCUS looks at some of those who benefited from that vision, as well as those who are shaping Boise State’s future. The photo above is part of a historical mural created by art professor Alma Gomez-Frith to commemorate Boise State’s diamond jubilee (page 24). Cover collage by Andrew Roberts.

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The next 75 years at Boise State

The copy of FOCUS you are holding contains the second of a two-part series that celebrates Boise State University’s 75th anniversary. In the spring issue we published an 18-page “bricks and mortar” special section that looked at some of the buildings and facilities on our campus.

In this issue, we shine the spotlight on Boise State’s diamond jubilee with a section that focuses on the most important resource Boise State has produced over its 75 years — its people. The 24-page section that begins on page 16 includes an open letter to the late Bishop Middleton Barnwell, our school’s founder, by former FOCUS editor Larry Burke, a series of portraits that feature the “Faces of Boise State,” and related articles and illustrations that all provide a historical perspective.

History, however, does not unfold and evolve in neatly packaged segments of time. It is up to those of us who wish to celebrate our past and help shape our future to pause and recognize milestones and place them in their proper context. Such is the case with Boise State’s 75th anniversary.

Personally, I cannot believe my good fortune to be part of this dynamic university at this exciting time in its history. But what makes these days at Boise State truly thrilling is this: We are still in our formative years and our greatest days still lie ahead.

In the realm of American higher education, a 75-year-old school like Boise State is a veritable youngster. The higher education landscape is dotted with exceptional, tradition-rich colleges and universities that are many decades older than Boise State. In fact, schools such as William and Mary (established in 1693), Columbia (1754), Brown (1764), Rutgers (1766), and Dartmouth (1769), among others, are older than our nation itself. Even in our home state, our sister institutions—BYU-Idaho (1888), Idaho (1889), Albertson College of Idaho (1891), Idaho State (1901) and Northwest Nazarene (1913) — have been around longer.

Clearly, our state, region and nation offer a vast array of outstanding colleges and universities from which to choose. But what sets Boise State apart from most of them is our incredible potential and exciting future. Given that we have been around for a mere three-quarters of a century, I believe we have just begun our quest for greatness, and I am certain the next 75 years will be even better than the first 75.

What do the next 75 years hold for Boise State?

When you consider the phenomenal growth of the Boise area; the quality of life it offers; the support Boise State enjoys from the community it serves; the growing stature of the university’s facilities, faculty, students and academic programs; our enhanced reputation as a first-rate institution of higher learning; and the nationwide recognition our student-athletes have brought us, I believe the prospects are unlimited. I also believe that if we continue to wisely control our growth, manage our resources, and cultivate significant funding from private and corporate sources during the next 75 years, Boise State will attain the academic and athletic stature that we seek.

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Like many of you, I can’t wait to embark on Boise State’s next 75 years.

— Bob Kustra, President
Plans begin for new community college following voters’ OK

The voters of Ada and Canyon counties have spoken, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has stepped forward with a major initial investment, five trustees have been selected, and the stage is set to create a community college in the Treasure Valley.

In May, the initiative to establish a taxing district for a community college in southwest Idaho received a 68 percent approval, which met the supermajority requirement of a two-thirds margin of total votes cast.

The good news got even better a week later when executives with the Albertson Foundation announced a donation of $10 million to help launch the College of Western Idaho, as the new college has unofficially been named.

In July, the State Board of Education selected five trustees from nearly 100 applicants to shape the new Nampa-based college. The trustees are:

- Hatch Barrett, president and CEO of Trebar Inc. in Boise, honorary director of the Boise State Foundation, and a member of the Selland College of Applied Technology Advisory Council
- Mark Dunham (BA, communication, '84), vice president of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and Boise State’s former director of government relations and interim vice president of university advancement
- Jerry Hess, founder, president and CEO of J.M. Hess Construction Inc.; former State Board member, a member of Micron Technology’s board of directors; and a former student at Boise Junior College
- Guy Hurlbutt, president of the Idaho Business Coalition for Education Excellence, a member of the Selland College Advisory Board, and an adjunct business professor at Northwest Nazarene University
- Mary Carol Niland, chairwoman of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce and a member of BSU’s Canyon County Campus Advisory Board

Among their duties, the trustees will establish the community college’s budget and tuition, set a property tax rate to help pay for the school, hire a president, and decide on the curriculum.

As the school begins to take shape, Boise State will likely play a key role. The university’s Selland College of Applied Technology, which offers courses and services associated with a community college, and all or part of the Boise State West campus in Nampa have been targeted as primary resources and facilities for the two-year school.

Fallen soldiers honored at commencement

Six members of the Boise State community were honored for making the ultimate sacrifice to their country at the May 12 commencement ceremony held in Taco Bell Arena.

A slide show recognized the service and death of soldiers Alan B. Rowe, Virgil R. Case, Jacob H. Alcott, Ross A. Clevenger, Raymond M. Werner and James J. Holtom, all of whom died in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts. As their photos were shown on the big screen, the University Symphonic Winds and Boise Police Pipes and Drums bagpipe band played a special tribute.

The ceremony, attended by 1,300 graduates and more than 10,000 supporters, also featured the presentation of an honorary doctorate to Micron Technology CEO and Boise State alumnus Steve Appleton. In accepting his award, Appleton noted the exceptional value of a Boise State education and the quality of the school’s graduates. In all, 1,778 students were awarded 1,850 degrees and certificates; 412 students graduated with honors.

Student speaker Maria Martinez, a biochemistry major headed off to dental school at the University of Pittsburgh, talked about how Boise State helped her achieve the American dream. The first in a family of nine children from Michoacan, Mexico, to attend college, Martinez said that graduating from college will allow her to give back just a fraction of what this country has given her.

Martinez also noted the quality of her education at Boise State. "Only great things await current and future Boise State students," she said.
Football success helps Bookstore return $1.75 million to university

Thanks in large part to the Boise State football team’s undefeated regular season and berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and the ensuing record sales of Bronco insignia merchandise, the Boise State Bookstore was able to return $1.75 million in the form of scholarships and support to the university operating budget.

The $1.75 million for the fiscal year that ended in June is the Bookstore’s largest return to the university. In both FY ’06 and ’05, the Bookstore returned $1 million to the university.

The revenue generated from the Bookstore’s operations during fiscal year 2007 included support for an $800,000 contribution to the Boise State Foundation’s Capital Scholars Endowment; $360,000 for new furniture for the Student Union’s Table Rock Cafe, which will move from the second to the first floor as part of the building’s expansion and renovation project that began early this summer; and $90,000 to the university’s New Student Orientation program.

Even before the frenzy following Boise State’s Fiesta Bowl win over Oklahoma on New Year’s Day, Bookstore sales of Bronco insignia merchandise had gone through the roof. According to Bookstore director Kim Thomas, sales reached $752,000 in December 2006 alone (“University reaps benefits of Broncos’ historic win,” FOCUS, Winter 2007). Of that total, $342,000 was for Western Athletic Conference championship and Fiesta Bowl merchandise. To put those figures in perspective, total annual sales in December 1996 were $222,000.

The Bookstore and Bronco Shop are the only retail outlets where the proceeds go directly back to the university for scholarships and other expenses; the Bookstore receives no state appropriations or student fees.

“We look forward to the continued success of athletic programs, and the continued support that the boosters, alumni, staff and students have shown for the on-campus store to help return money to the academic scholarship funds,” Thomas says. “These sales help all of Boise State.”

SUB PLOT: Dignitaries, students, administrators and contractors participate in the ground-breaking ceremony of the expansion and renovation of the Student Union Building on May 8. Total projected cost is $30.65 million for 66,000 new square feet and renovation of the existing 27,000 square feet of the SUB. The project should be completed in early 2009. Other on-campus construction projects include the Interactive Learning Center and the parking structure near the Student Union, both scheduled for completion later this summer, and the early phases of the new skyboxes and press box in Bronco Stadium, due for completion by the start of the 2008 football season. In addition, plans continue on a new Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center/Department of Nursing building between Michigan and Vermont avenues directly south of the Student Recreation Center and design is under way on the Center for Environmental Science & Economic Development research building to house science and public policy faculty. Lastly, fundraising efforts continue for a new College of Business and Economics building where the University Inn currently sits.

Football coach Chris Petersen met the media at the BoDo Bronco Shop’s grand opening.

BRONCO SHOP NOW IN DOWNTOWN BOISE

Boise State sports fans who frequent downtown Boise will now find it more convenient to purchase Bronco merchandise with the opening of a new Bronco Shop in the BoDo shopping district.

In May the Boise State Bookstore opened the new store at 778 W. Broad St., Suite 7130, next to Edwards Cinemas. The BoDo Bronco Shop is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Boise State football fans can purchase all kinds of Bronco merchandise, including Fiesta Bowl championship gear such as T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, hats, glassware, key chains, lapel pins and other merchandise touting the Broncos’ historic bowl victory.

According to Kim Thomas, Bookstore director, another Bronco Shop is tentatively scheduled to open in the Treasure Valley Marketplace in Nampa in late September. Visit www.boisestatebooks.com for more information.

JOHN KELLY

CARRIE QUINNEY
Farewell and thanks to 22 Boise State retirees

The latest round of retiring faculty and staff have a combined total of 540 years of service to Boise State, a wealth of awards, and a level of commitment to students and the university that is unsurpassed. Twenty-two dedicated teachers say goodbye to full-time academia, but their influence on students and contributions to their fields will leave a lasting legacy. Here’s a brief look at this year’s distinguished retirees:

MARY ALLEN, associate professor of accounting, retired after two stints and 11 total years at Boise State. She taught as a special lecturer before leaving to get her Ph.D. and then returned to Boise. Her areas of emphasis included financial accounting and corporate governance. She is also a CPA. Allen includes among her greatest accomplishments seven published professional articles and serving as the honored faculty member for Top Ten Scholar Alyssa Tiedeman in 2004.

LARRY BARNHARDT joined Boise State in July 1997 as the first dean of the newly named Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology. After studying architectural drafting at a two-year vocational college, Barnhardt became a drafting instructor and thus began his 35-year career as an advocate for vocational technical education. He notes that being dean of the college and helping shape its evolution into the comprehensive college that it is today was the most fulfilling aspect of his career.

JOHN BIGELOW retired after serving most recently as chair for the Department of Management. He came to Boise State in 1982. Bigelow has a doctorate in organizational behavior and an undergraduate degree in physics. In addition to a long teaching career at Boise State, he spent several years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia.

JIM COOK, chair of the Department of Music, came to Boise State in 1992. An accomplished pianist, he has performed across the country and has made several trips to China to perform with chamber groups and teach at Chinese conservatories in Shanghai and Beijing. Cook regularly performs on his 18th-century fortepiano and has done extensive studies on the performing practices of the 19th century. He also has combined his studies in music history with art history, especially the relationship of humanistic studies to 20th-century problems. Cook recorded a CD of Bach performances and is familiar to Music Department concert attendees as an accompanist in chamber recitals, student recitals, juries and master classes.

When DAVID COX joined the Department of Instructional and Performance Technology in 1992, the department had 81 students enrolled. As department chair, Cox helped IPT’s development substantially: In 2006, more than 160 degree-seeking students were enrolled in IPT courses, and the department now has more than 500 graduates. As a scholar and teacher, Cox is a well-known expert on learning/cognitive styles and their application in a variety of settings. He has published widely on the subject and been a frequent presenter at professional conferences. In addition, he developed a course on learning styles that has been popular among IPT students for many years.

Communication associate professor DAWN CRANER retired after 34 years at Boise State. During her tenure she taught more than 20 different courses, focusing mostly on interpersonal communication and public presentation, did consulting/training for professional and business organizations, and chaired numerous committees, including the universitywide curriculum committee. The past president of the International Interpreters’ Theater Alliance, she is also the 1999 recipient of the Exemplary Womanhood Award from Lambda Delta Sigma and was inducted into the Utah State University Hall of Honor in 2006.

JANET STRONG DAVIS devoted more than 33 years of service to Boise State as a librarian with the Albertsons Library before she retired last fall. Strong Davis was hired in 1973 as a circulation librarian and retired as orientation librarian and coordinator of user services. She was president of the Idaho Library Association in 1985-86 and was also active in the Pacific Northwest Library Association. After earning a master’s of library science from the University of Washington, she earned a master’s degree in communication from Boise State in 1998.

MARLIN GAINES began his Boise State career in Caldwell in 1980, where he started the agricultural equipment technology program. In the early 1990s, he moved to the Boise campus as an instructor in the automotive technology program, eventually working his way up to program head. Colleagues credit him with improving the program to the point where graduates are now highly sought after by local employers. For many years, he was the state chairman for the national Ford/AAA troubleshooting contest, which brought high school students from across Idaho to the BSU campus. He also served on several campus committees, including the Sabbatical and Retention Study committees.

JOHN GRIFFIN was hired by the Department of Mathematics in 1983 to develop an undergraduate computer science curriculum. The result: A bachelor’s degree in CS approved by the State Board of Education in 1993 and first accredited in 1994. When the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science separated in 2001 and the computer science component moved to the College of Engineering, Griffin joined the new department as founding chair, a position
he held until his retirement. Griffin’s research interests are in the areas of computer security and cryptography. He is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery and the IEEE Computer Society.

History professor ERROL JONES joined Boise State in 1982, specializing in Latin American history. In the 1970s, he taught in Mexico and later, on a fellowship from Tufts University, at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina in Brazil. In 1979, Jones became director of the Utah History Fair at Utah State. In 1992 his resource book, Latin American Military History (with David LaFrance), was selected by the American Library Association as one of the best annotated bibliographies for that year. In 2006, Jones received the Library Faculty Award. He is currently writing on the history of electrical power in Mexico and researching the history of Hispanics in Idaho. He will retire this fall.

MELINDA LINDSEY has been with the College of Education since 1987. Lindsey, the chair of the Department of Special Education, specialized in reading and language arts, students with mild disabilities, early childhood special education language, development and disorders, curriculum-based measurement and program evaluation. She was honored with the Early Childhood Excellence Award, presented by the Idaho Division of Early Childhood in 1998, and was recognized for her outstanding service to the College of Education in 1995. She also volunteered extensively, including with the Boise State Teacher Education Association, the Council for Exceptional Children and the Bilingual Education Student Organization.

DICK McCLOSKEY’s Boise State career began in 1976 in the Department of Biology, where he served as the environmental education specialist. In 2000 he was honored by the Idaho Academy of Science as the Distinguished Science Communicator. During his long career, he taught anatomy and physiology, animal behavior and other courses. He also taught more than 200 public workshops attended by 10,000-plus participants on topics ranging from environmental education along Boise’s Greenbelt to advanced ecology. He helped shape the science curriculum in public schools by serving on a committee of the State Board of Education that developed Idaho’s high school exiting standards. McCloskey has more than 100 publications to his credit, and he served as adviser to a generation of graduate students in education, biology and interdisciplinary studies.

BEVERLY MILLER worked in the Albertsons Library for 38 years. After stints at Minot State College in North Dakota and Rocky Mountain College in Montana, she was hired by Boise State in 1968 as a circulation librarian and later became a reference librarian and head of interlibrary loans. Miller, who earned a master’s degree, her second, in history from Boise State in 1998, was instrumental in the establishment of the Women’s Center and women’s studies programs at the university. She also served on the board of the Idaho Women’s Network in its early years and for many years on the board of HERS/West at BSU. In the 1970s and ’80s she was also active in the National Organization of Women.

MARGARET “MAGGIE” MILLER began her career at Boise State as a student at Boise State College in 1970. She returned 24 years later as a counselor education professor in the College of Education. Miller played many roles during her tenure in the college, serving as chair of counselor education, interim chair of elementary education and specialized studies and interim dean, as well as sitting on numerous search and planning committees. Her awards include a “Friends of the Volunteer Services Board” award in 1995 and an Outstanding Service to the College of Education award in 1996. She is a nationally certified counselor/school counselor and a licensed professional counselor in Idaho, as well an experienced public school teacher and counselor. Her research has focused on the role of counseling in education reform with emphasis on equity and ethical practice in a multicultural society, including special needs populations.

JIM NICHOLSON joined Boise State in 1984 as director of Counseling Services and a professor of psychology. During his 23 years with the university, he chaired the Counseling Department for seven years and initiated and chaired the graduate counseling program. During Nicholson’s tenure, the counseling program earned and maintained accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Services. He is the co-author of the book The Creative Counselor and the author or co-author of 15 articles in professional publications. He also made more than 100 presentations at professional conferences. He was named 1991 Administrator of the Year by the BSU Association of Office Professionals and was the winner of the 2007 David S. Taylor Service Award for service to students.

DICK RAPP served as associate vice president for Student Affairs and director of the Career Center. Rapp started at Boise State in 1970 as the director of Placement Services and was one of the three founders of the professional staff organization, serving the first two terms of its history. He then became assistant vice president for Career and Financial Services until moving into Student Affairs and the Career Center in 1984. During his tenure he created the comprehensive career planning and placement program, served as adviser to the university’s Academic Grievance Board and worked on the steering committee for the Legacy student system and PeopleSoft implementation. He was the first recipient of the university’s David S. Taylor Service Award to Students. He was also named the Boise State Association of Office Professionals’ 1996 Administrator of the Year and the 2007 Professional Staff Member of the Year.
LARRY REYNOLDS came to Boise State in 1979 as a member of the Department of Economics. During his career he was twice honored as an outstanding faculty member by the Associated Students of BSU, as the College of Business and Economics Professor of the Year, and served as a John Elorriaga Fellow from 1999-2002. He authored or co-authored more than 50 academic articles and served as a consultant on numerous projects. His most recent interest has been the development of multimedia tools for the classroom and the Internet.

REED SHINN, former co-director of the Selland College of Applied Technology’s drafting technology program, is still teaching as an adjunct instructor for the College of Engineering (computer drafting) and College of Arts and Sciences (architectural history). Shinn earned four degrees, including an advanced master’s degree in architecture from Harvard, and early in his career worked for the world-renowned architect Buckminster Fuller. He worked as an architect on several major construction projects in North America and overseas before he moved to Boise in 1971 to take a job as a manager with Boise Cascade. He joined the Boise State faculty in 1993 as an adjunct instructor and was hired on a full-time basis the following year.

During his 34 years at Boise State, physics professor WILLIE SMITH helped educate a generation of students. He taught large lecture sections of introductory courses and associated labs, guided the senior seminar capstone course for many years, and developed an introduction to biophysics course, his specialty. A past president of the Idaho-Utah section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, Smith helped Boise State host the international summer meetings of AAPT in 1993 and 2002. He served five years on the Faculty Senate and on numerous university committees. Smith is currently treasurer of the American Association of University Professors and was a co-founder of Engineers and Scientists for Social Responsibility.

Known for his gaudy neckties and helpful demeanor, ADRIEN TAYLOR, coordinator of reference services for the Albertsons Library, retired last fall after 30 years of service to Boise State. An active member of the Idaho Library Association, Taylor contributed book reviews to the Idaho Librarian, served on a number of committees, and led the organization as president in 1986-87. In 1991 he was selected as Idaho’s Librarian of the Year. Perhaps even more impressive, in 1987 he was the winner of Boise State’s Outstanding Faculty Award — a tribute that traditionally went to a professor in an academic department and a rare honor for a librarian.

Nursing professor PAT TAYLOR taught at Boise State for 27 years. Nationally certified as a critical care nurse, she served as director of the bachelor of science in nursing program. Her areas of interest over the years include a pathophysiology course that attracts 200 students a year, critical care nursing and parish nursing. Taylor served on several advisory boards, including Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise State’s Department of Respiratory Therapy, and St. Paul’s Catholic Student Center.

Dental assistant program director BONNIE TOLLINGER came to Boise State in 1976 from a position in Wisconsin. In addition to her teaching duties, she wrote the original expanded function curriculum for the state of Idaho. She also worked closely with the state board of dentistry for more than 30 years reviewing and/or initiating changes in dental assisting. A former president of the Southwest Idaho Dental Assistants Association, she was dedicated to providing quality dental assisting education and helped make Boise State’s program a highly regarded program throughout the valley. She was involved in several campus committees, including Promotion and Tenure, and Matriculation.

Following are selected new books by members of the Boise State Community.

THE KIDS LEFT BEHIND
By Robert Barr and William Parrett

Education professor Parrett and professor emeritus Barr include 18 research studies that are meant to reveal best practices for reaching and teaching underachieving children from underprivileged backgrounds. The book, subtitled Catching Up the Underachieving Children of Poverty, includes strategies for parents, educators and communities, as well as ways to maintain high expectations for students. The book is in the top 10 best sellers this year for its publisher, Solution Tree. Solution Tree nominated the book for the National Staff Development Council’s book of the year award.

SLAVES OF THE SHINAR
By Justin Allen

Philosophy alumnus Allen has written a debut novel described as “promising” by Publisher’s Weekly. Slaves of the Shinar is the story of a land consumed by war, of a people trying to survive, and of two men in the middle of it all, redefining themselves and their futures. Set against the chaotic and bloody backdrop of the Middle East’s first great war, this fantasy epic — part Homer, part Tolkein, part R. Scott Bakker — brings the reader into a gritty, realistic world where destiny is foretold by gods, and death is never more than a sword-stroke away.
• BRUCE NEWCOMB, special lecturer in public policy and administration, was quoted in a Scripps News story on Congressman Bill Sali’s first 100 days in office.

• GARY MONCRIEF, political science, was quoted in a Washington Post article on the decreasing number of women in Ohio’s Legislature.

• An article about luge written by two-time Olympic competitor WERNER HOEGER, kinesiology, ran in the 98th anniversary edition of the Venezuelan national newspaper El Universal in April. A second article about Hoeger titled “Dream and Don’t Stop” also ran in El Universal.

• LEE LIBERTY, geosciences, was quoted in a story on Seattle’s King 5 TV station about research conducted by Liberty and his students showing the Seattle Fault is longer than originally thought.

• GARY MOEN, horticulture instructor, was quoted in a story about his students’ efforts to “clone” the Harrison oak. The story was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in Idaho and in Salt Lake City.

• JOHN FREEMUTH, political science, was quoted in an Associated Press story on Idaho’s “green” status in a recent state-by-state analysis. The story ran in the Jackson Hole (Wyo.) Star Tribune.

MANUFACTURING ORGANIZATION HONORS TECHHELP’S HATTEN

The TechHelp team at Boise State brought home national awards during the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) National “Growth Through Innovation” Conference in Orlando, Fla., earlier this year.

Steve Hatten, manufacturing specialist and new product development manager, was named the 2007 Innovator of the Year. He was chosen from among 2,000 MEP specialists at 350 MEP Center locations nationwide.

Hatten began building TechHelp’s new product development program in 2000. Today, as other MEP centers are just beginning to ramp up their NPD operations, TechHelp already has a long history of success helping Idaho companies ideate, design and deliver new products.

From offices in Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello and Post Falls, TechHelp specialists provide technical and professional assistance to Idaho manufacturers, processors and inventors to strengthen their global competitiveness through continuous product and process innovation.

TechHelp is a partnership of Idaho’s three state universities and an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership. It is also Idaho’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) University Center, targeting economically distressed areas of Idaho.

COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR NELSON MARSH AWARDED

Natalie Nelson Marsh, an assistant professor in the Department of Communication, recently received the Charles Redding Dissertation Award from the International Communication Association. She has also been nominated for the National Communication Association Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Nelson Marsh was nominated for both awards by Michele Jackson, her dissertation adviser at the University of Colorado. The dissertation, titled “Reconsidering the Conceptual Relationship between Organizations and Technology: A Study of the Internet Engineering Task Force as a Virtual Organization,” explores the question: “What orders interactions into recognizable patterns across vast expanses of space and time?”

In her nomination, Jackson noted that the project “truly exemplifies that which we aim for as scholars: research that productively tackles important theoretical issues while at the same time engaging in deepening our understanding of critical issues in our world.”
Tennis standout Luke Shields and distance running star Forest Braden both earned All-America honors to highlight Boise State’s spring 2007 sports season. In addition, Shields was named to the 2007 United Tennis Association’s Summer Collegiate Team and the U.S. team for this summer’s Pan American Games.

The USTA Summer Collegiate Team was formed in 1996 as an elite training program for the top six male and female tennis players in the country. The Pan Am Games were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July. The Pan Am Games are the world’s second largest multi-sport event following the Olympics. Shields was named to the 2007 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American singles team, which marked the third time he has earned All-America honors. Shields also earned All-American status in 2005 in both singles and doubles. The junior finished the season ranked No. 13 with a 35-7 record in singles and was named the Western Athletic Conference Men’s Player of the Year.

Braden finished seventh in the men’s 5,000-meter run with a time of 13:54.73 at the NCAA Track and Field Championships and in the process earned the third All-America award of his career at Boise State. He finished his career as the most honored distance runner in the history of the Bronco track program (“Runner, volleyball player also starred for Boise State,” FOCUS, Winter 2007). He was one of nine BSU student-athletes who competed in 10 events at the NCAAs.

In Golf, senior Katie Street was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America team and the men’s team finished third in the WAC Tournament.

Former assistant coaches Tina Bird and Neil Resnick were promoted to co-head coaches of the Bronco gymnastics team. They replace Sam Sandmire, who retired after 20 seasons with the program.
BSU students learn in the clouds above Ed Tech Island

By Julie Hahn

Educational Technology professor Lisa Dawley had an idea last winter: Why not teach one of her upcoming classes on an island?

The real estate was cheap (all things considered), the new dorms were spacious and custom-made for the students and there were no constraints on what Dawley and her class could do. In fact, sometimes Dawley would tell her students to forget about their lodge-style classroom and just meet her up in the sky.

As Dawley’s students in Educational Gaming and Simulations found out, you can do that when you’re taking a class in Second Life. Second Life is a popular virtual world — so popular that more than 7 million people are registered there. Some even make their livings in the virtual economy.

Dawley thought Second Life was an ideal place for the course, which explores innovative ways of teaching using technology. As Dawley says, the Internet is evolving and teaching methods must evolve with it. Virtual worlds such as Second Life allow students from all over the country — many of Boise State’s Educational Technology students don’t live in Idaho — to earn their degrees without setting foot in a “real” classroom.

“It's one of the most interesting and rich online experiences in the program,” Dawley said.

The Department of Educational Technology purchased the island — Ed Tech Island — and Dawley and professor Chareen Snelson, along with their students, quickly “built” a learning environment on it. The island now has a conference area, amphitheater, a “sandbox” for building and teaching, and informational centers.

Students who registered for her class created avatars, or virtual versions of themselves, to use in Second Life. They added a dorm so students could hang out in Second Life and explore the world around them.

Dawley and her students explored the possibilities of Second Life. “The interaction is on a much higher level and there’s an aspect of fun that inspires creativity and engagement, critical for learning,” Dawley said. The class found the best practices for their learning experience through trial and error. Moving the class from the lodge to lily pads, for example, was a no-go. “They hated it because they couldn’t see each other,” she said.

As strange as it seems to discuss the pros and cons of conducting class on virtual lily pads in a virtual pond in a virtual world, Dawley said that such experiences are critical for her students, who will be breaking new ground by teaching future generations of increasingly tech-savvy students.

“We wanted to find out, why is it a useful experience? How can we be professional? How do you maintain credibility as an instructor?” she said.

Ed Tech Island has become a magnet for people interested in the possibilities of teaching in virtual worlds. The department was a major sponsor of a virtual world conference about best practices in education. The island has raised Boise State’s profile, Dawley said, with speakers such as textbook author David Gibson making visits to lecture there.

Several students who are involved in their research projects are using the island. "It's proving to be a nice vehicle for collaborative graduate research," Dawley said.

Osher Institute offers adult learners new opportunities

The Renaissance Institute recently celebrated its fifth year at Boise State with the receipt of a $100,000 grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation and a name change. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State will begin a new season in the fall with its largest schedule to date.

“Adult learners will be impressed with the courses and programs that we will be able to extend to them with the help of Osher funds,” says Mark Wheeler, dean of Extended Studies.

The $100,000 first-year grant is renewable for two additional years. After the initial three years, programs that are thriving (demonstrated by 500 active members engaged in a vibrant curriculum) qualify for consideration for permanent funding in the form of a million dollar endowment. Until Boise State’s successful application, Idaho was one of only a few states that did not have an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Boise State’s program joins other institutions across the country that have OLLI programs, including Duke, Clemson, Cal Berkeley, Rutgers, Carnegie Mellon, the University of Washington and the University of Utah.

Boise State’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides its community of learners with short, non-credit classes and lectures featuring college-level programming from multiple disciplines, presented by university faculty and/or community experts. Classes are often presented in locations that enhance the discussion topics, such as the Basque Cultural Center, the House of Representatives Chambers, the Simplot Performing Arts Academy, the Flicks Theatre or Celebration Park.

FOCUS SUMMER 2007
BSU receives $1M for Musculoskeletal Center

By Janelle Brown

Earlier this summer Idaho’s State Board of Education unanimously approved a $1 million grant to Boise State to establish a major biomedical research center to coordinate studies on osteoarthritis, a disease that affects more than 30 percent of the U.S. population and costs $124 billion each year to diagnose and treat.

The new Center for Musculoskeletal Research was selected for funding as part of a competitive statewide process that also included proposals from the University of Idaho and Idaho State University. A seven-member team of administrators and scientists from outside Idaho reviewed the proposals from Boise State and other universities and conducted on-site evaluations at each campus earlier this year. Following the visits, the team recommended to the State Board’s Higher Education Research Council that the Boise State proposal be funded.

“The Center for Musculoskeletal Research will provide support, momentum and visibility for Boise State’s growing biomolecular research programs, and it will also serve as a catalyst for new research collaborations,” says Mark Rudin, vice president for research. “Our undergraduate and graduate students will benefit by working alongside faculty on new research projects.”

The center brings together Boise State faculty in biology, engineering, kinesiology, computer science, chemistry and other fields for interdisciplinary research projects that range from molecular interactions to whole-body motions. In addition, the center will collaborate with the Boise medical community and other research institutions in Idaho and the nation on studies that could lead to new treatments for the devastating disease.

Strong support from Boise’s medical community, along with outstanding faculty that are already engaged in interdisciplinary research, contributed to the success of Boise State’s proposal, said Lee Weber, a University of Nevada-Reno professor and director of that state’s biomedical research network who was a member of the evaluation team.

“Because Idaho doesn’t have a medical school, having strong support from local doctors is crucial if you’re going to be able to conduct biomedical research,” says Weber. “We were very impressed with the level of interest among doctors with whom we met.”

Dr. Michael Coughlin, a Boise orthopedic surgeon and nationally recognized researcher on the foot and ankle, was among physicians who supported the new center. “Focusing research here in Boise and at Boise State makes good sense because we have the scientific researchers, the labs and equipment, and the know-how to get it done,” Coughlin says. “You couple Boise State with the interest and involvement of the local medical community — this gives us a vibrant research platform.”

Kinesiology professor Ron Pfeiffer will be director of the new center. Biology professor Julie Oxford, the principal investigator on the grant, will be the associate director for molecular and cellular processes, and mechanical and biomedical engineering professor Michelle Sabick will be the associate director for biomechanics. Eleven other Boise State faculty from a variety of disciplines are also affiliated with the center.

BSU hosts two major scientific conferences

More than 800 scientists, faculty and students from eight Western states and several foreign countries converged on Boise State’s campus in June for regional meetings of two major national scientific organizations.

The Northwest Region of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pacific Division met at BSU and the Boise Centre on the Grove for workshops, technical meetings and research presentations on topics ranging from sensor technology and advanced nuclear systems to animal behavior, wilderness issues, cancer treatments and infectious diseases.

Boise State hosted the AAAS division meeting, themed “Science for a Green Future,” and was a contributing sponsor of the ACS regional meeting. Boise State science and engineering faculty played a prominent role in leading workshops, according to Owen McDougal, chair of the local AAAS organizing committee, and Jeffrey Peloquin, chair of the local Snake River Section of the ACS. Both McDougal and Peloquin are chemistry professors at Boise State.

A wide range of fields were represented at the meetings, including anthropology, earth sciences, engineering, physics, political science, chemistry, biochemistry and many others. Undergraduate and graduate students from many universities attended and presented research papers and posters that were evaluated by judges as part of a competition. Micron Technology Inc., the major sponsor of the ACS regional meeting, sponsored technical sessions on semiconducting materials.
STUDENT RECEIVES HONOR

Kimberley Johnson, a senior in the Environmental and Occupational Health program in Boise State’s College of Health Sciences, was honored by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) during its annual education conference in Atlantic City, N.J., earlier this summer.

NEHA awards a $1,000 scholarship to the one student nationwide who, through academic performance and leadership, shows the most promise for an outstanding career in an environmental health-related discipline. Johnson competed with candidates from 30 other universities accredited by the National Environmental Health Protection and Accreditation Council (EHAC).

In addition to the NEHA Scholarship, Johnson was the recipient of the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs’ Research Competition Award for her research related to water contamination in public drinking water systems. She received $500 plus the coverage of all costs associated with travel and lodging to attend and present her research at NEHA’s 2007 annual education conference. The competition was open to more than 40 environmental health-related programs in the United States. Johnson was one of three undergraduate students to receive this prestigious award.

NEW MBA PROGRAM OFFERED

Boise State will begin offering a new master’s of business administration in information technology management this fall. The Idaho State Board of Education recently approved the new program.

The MBA will feature five courses specific to the management of IT in operations, plus one elective to complement six core MBA courses.

The degree is designed to help graduates secure long-term futures in the IT field, says Sharon Tabor, chair of the newly named Department of Information Technology and Supply Chain Management in the College of Business and Economics. Some potential students have been scared away from pursuing IT careers because of off-shoring of jobs and dot-com failures, Tabor says. However, with baby boomers retiring and the field widening, there is high demand for IT professionals.

Formerly the Networking, Operations and Information Systems Department, the department recently changed its name and altered course offerings to be responsive to changing roles in today’s competitive economy.

Globe-trotting scientists gather at Boise State field research site

More than 20 scientists and graduate students from research institutions in France, Italy, Canada, Taiwan and the United States gathered in June at a Boise State field research site along the Boise River for two weeks of hands-on experiments combined with a two-week field course in hydrogeophysics.

The activities, which included hydraulic and geophysical tomography experiments, were a collaborative effort coordinated by researchers at Boise State’s Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS) in the Department of Geosciences. The experiments at the Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site are part of efforts to develop new hydrogeophysical imaging technologies to map subsurface properties and contaminant movement more accurately and more cost-effectively than is currently possible.

“...the new field course were excellent opportunities to work with leaders in the field from around the world.”

— Warren Barrash, Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface.

CGISS is the recipient of $1.5 million in grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the subsurface research studies. According to CGIS researcher Warren Barrash, the grant’s principal investigator, the experiments and the new field course were excellent opportunities to work with leaders in the field from around the world and the next generation of scientists and engineers on high-priority field, theoretical, and modeling problems.

Among U.S. institutions represented at the gathering were the Idaho National Laboratory, Stanford University, the University of Arizona, the Kansas Geologic Survey and the University of Iowa.
It seems Preston Hale took Barnwell’s 1932 convocation address to heart. Seventy-five years ago, when the Idaho Episcopal bishop delivered his speech and officially opened what is now Boise State University, the 18-year-old Hale was sitting among the more than 75 students in the first class to enter Boise Junior College.

“I remember it was a nice day,” says Hale, 93, from his home in Reno, Nev., when asked if he recalled Barnwell’s speech the day BJC opened its doors for the first time. “We had some pretty important people turn out [for the convocation]. We had some city and county officials. It was really a pretty fair turnout.”

It was the day after Labor Day, 1932. The country was in the throes of the Depression. Unemployment was rampant. Herbert Hoover was two months away from losing the White House to Franklin Roosevelt. Despite the nationwide economic downturn at the time, Barnwell, BJC’s founder and first president, was undaunted in his belief that Boise was ripe for a two-year college — and he was right. “Barnwell was very impressive,” Hale says. “He was the mastermind and the guide to it all.”

Thanks to the clergyman’s initiative and persistence, BJC became a reality. And on a tree-lined Idaho Street near downtown Boise, Barnwell delivered his historic speech that Tuesday morning outside the main hall of St. Margaret’s, the all-girls school founded in 1892 that turned its operations over to the new junior college. “Today [with this campus] and faculty and you,” he told the students, “we see our dreams come true.”

In the ensuing three-quarters of a century, tens of thousands of Boise State students have realized their dreams and made a difference, thanks in part to Barnwell’s message of civic-mindedness and intellectual inquiry.

“A NEW TYPE OF LEADER IS DEMANDED, ONE WHO SEES LIFE NOT IN TERMS OF POWER OR OF WEALTH, BUT IN TERMS OF SERVICE...GIVE US SUCH MEN AND LIFE IS CONQUERED. THESE ARE THE WAYS ALONG WHICH WE HOPE YOU START TODAY.”

—Boise Junior College President Middleton Barnwell
Convocation speech to students, Sept. 6, 1932

AN ORIGINAL BRONCO
Among the school’s first students, 93-year-old Preston Hale recalls Boise State’s beginnings

By Bob Evancho
Hale was among the first to heed the bishop's advice. He used his training at BJC and beyond to forge a successful career and make major contributions to his community. His legacy includes real estate deals that diversified Reno's economy and helped establish that region as a vibrant metropolitan area. And in the mid-1980s, as a member of Nevada's Colorado River Commission, he played a major role in a successful legal battle with California over electricity that the two states shared from the Hoover Dam. In 1999 FOCUS described Hale as "a figure from the old West influenced by the Great Depression [who] would rather be in a scrap to protect the region he loves than make a buck."

In this, the second of FOCUS' two-part series that celebrates Boise State's 75th anniversary, who better to start this special section on the people of Boise State than Hale? He was an original Bronco who was there from the get-go and among the group of students who selected BJC's school colors and mascot.

"We checked the colors of all the schools in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon before we picked blue and orange," Hale recalls. "We didn't want to double up on another school, and there was no other school with those colors. The same goes for [choosing] the mascot. There were a few schools along the Pacific Coast with the bronco as their mascot, but none [in the region] outside of California."

Hale and a handful of classmates from Boise High's Class of '32 decided to remain in their hometown and begin their college careers at the new two-year school in part because they were interested in starting BJC's athletic teams. The talk of sports reminds Hale of another scene from BJC's first day: "I recall walking into some of the classrooms. They were in the upstairs part of the building," he says, "and the teachers laid out their plans for their classes and whatnot. But some of us were more interested in where we were going to play basketball.

"There were five or six of us from Boise High, including Ken Robertson and Owen Sproat. We were all pretty good athletes. We didn't have a football team at BJC until the next year, but we had pretty good track and basketball teams that first year."

Nearly 75 years have passed since Bishop Barnwell challenged Boise State's first students to become leaders and make a difference. Preston Hale has more than met that challenge in a life full of important achievements. Now among Boise State's oldest living alumni and one of the original Broncos, he still embodies the spirit of those featured on the following pages.
Dear Bishop Barnwell,

Do you remember that 1934 speech when you famously told the first Boise Junior College graduating class that in 50 years you hoped to be sitting on a cloud smiling down upon a great university and proudly exclaiming, “Just see what we started”?

Well, good bishop, you have an astonishing view of Boise State these days, don’t you? It’s probably hard to recognize the little college you founded 75 years ago.

We thought you might enjoy a progress report, along with a heartfelt note of thanks. So read on.

You’ve no doubt noticed how busy the campus is today as it continues its transformation into a metropolitan research university of distinction. It is probably no surprise to you that we have grown into Idaho’s largest university and serve as a focal point for the region’s intellectual and cultural life.

Our faculty includes top-rate scholars and teachers, just like yours did in 1932 when you scoured the country to hire some of the best to start the college. Over the years many of our faculty have been academic pioneers motivated to come to Boise State because they wanted to be part of a growing, dynamic institution with unlimited potential. That is just as true now as it was during the junior college era.

We have national experts in fields you haven’t heard of — like nanotechnology, geophysics and biomolecular science. We just received $1 million in funding to establish a Center for Musculoskeletal Research. The scholarly descendents of your 1932 faculty are a pretty amazing lot, aren’t they?

Native stock

Boise State attracts students of all ages from all corners of the globe and every state in the union, but, just as in 1932, the bedrock of our enrollment comes from native stock who are tied to the community by work, family or finances. They are deeply appreciative of the opportunity to receive such a fine education close to home — not unlike those 78 students who showed up for the first day of classes 75 years ago.

By Larry Burke
You might be interested to know that our mission will change soon. Some of our programs will likely move to a new community college that voters approved in May. We are very supportive of this new college, even though it might mean we lose some students in the beginning. Like you in 1932, we feel like the youth of this valley need and deserve more opportunities for a college education, opportunities that we weren’t able to provide because of cost and space.

As you can see from your cloud, today’s campus — packed with students and abuzz with construction noise — is a world away from the serene, tree-lined St. Margaret’s Hall neighborhood where Boise Junior College was first located.

We outgrew that campus in less than 10 years. So in 1940 we moved to a new campus on the site of the old Boise airport, just across the river from Julia Davis Park. Junior college President Eugene Chaffee and his board of trustees did an excellent job selecting the new campus, which is close to the heart of the city, yet set apart by the Boise River. You’ve probably noticed all the construction cranes. Those seem to be a permanent part of the skyline as we erect a new high-tech classroom building, parking structure, Student Union addition and Bronco Stadium addition. Even more, such as new business and nursing buildings, are soon to come. We have stretched the campus borders in recent years and have started another campus called Boise State West to better serve our students in western Ada and Canyon counties.

Resilient and resourceful
Our course catalog might be an inch thicker than yours back in the day, but the values that defined us in the beginning and that others reinforced in subsequent years still describe us today: entrepreneurial, resilient, resourceful, determined, proud.

Like you, we fight hard for what we need, but we know how to do more with less — and be proud of the results. We’ve even developed a bit of a stubborn streak along the way, just like you needed to open Boise Junior College in the midst of our country’s most severe financial crisis, the Great Depression.

You understood how important a college was to Boise even before the city’s business and political leaders did. They thought your plans to start the college were too ambitious, too risky, too ill-timed.

Remember that editorial in the Boise Capital News two years after the college started? “Conveyed as a very practical idea, equipped with high purpose and courage, the project succeeded, despite an apathetic community attitude that was at times almost antagonistic,” it said.

The college must have gained some obvious converts during your two years at the helm because the Chamber of Commerce stepped forward to operate the school after you and the Episcopal Church could no longer continue. Being a clergyman, you knew that converts often become the most zealous supporters. Many of the most ardent naysayers later devoted themselves to the college and were
instrumental in its survival because they quickly realized how important the college was to them and their neighbors.

Before long the entire community believed. In 1939, just after the Depression and with a world war on the horizon, the citizens of Boise voted by a 10-1 margin to establish a junior college district that would fund the college though local property taxes. Despite the tenuous times, voters were willing to sacrifice so others could attend college. Those same voters approved six bond elections, again raising their taxes, to pay for buildings the new college needed.

One of your successors, John Keiser, used to say, “There is no great city without a great university.” You already knew that, didn’t you? And so did those people who backed the junior college in its formative years and later as it grew into a university.

You may have noticed that we’ve changed our name a few times — three times, to be exact, since we were BJC. The junior college proved to be very successful, just as you prophesied. By 1965 the school had grown to such an extent that we needed to add four-year bachelor’s degrees; hence the name change to Boise College. In 1969 we officially joined the state system of higher education as Boise State College, and then in 1974 achieved university status. Can you believe it? That was only 42 years after you opened the doors. Bet you were smiling on that cloud then.

**Feisty attitude**

Those rapid transitions from junior college to university status weren’t always easy. Students rushed to enroll with each enhancement in our stature. That put us in a constant game of catch-up to hire enough faculty, build enough classrooms and secure enough funds to serve them all.

We weren’t altogether welcomed into the state system of higher education in those early days, probably because the other two state universities were used to dividing the budget pie into just two slices. Debates over programs, athletic conferences and other issues were often based on regional interests, with Boise State cast in the role of the interloper. Every president waged a courageous fight for funding equity so our students could be supported with the same amount of money as those on the other campuses.

Rather than nurture an inferiority complex or silently retreat, we responded with a rather feisty attitude. We have become very efficient managers with a no-frills, needs-based approach that has allowed us to thrive through periods of financial ambiguity. After all, a college born in the Depression is bound to have a bootstrap mentality etched into its DNA.

These days we’re no longer seen as the new kid on the block. We are an established, accepted part of Idaho’s system of education, and the State Board of Education and Legislature have supported our efforts to develop programs to serve an urban market niche that is unique in Idaho.

After our humble beginnings and subsequent budget shortfalls, holdbacks and inadequate appropriations, we’ve learned a thing or two about self-sufficiency.

We may not be up to the standards you set when you put on your carpenter’s apron and built chemistry labs in St. Margaret’s Hall during that hot August before the school opened. But we haven’t abandoned your “hands-on” approach. Rather than depend only on state taxpayers, our students and friends from the community have stepped forward to add many buildings to the campus you see today.

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**75th Anniversary Calendar of Events**

Boise State will celebrate its diamond jubilee in August and September with a series of events and celebrations that will include a photo exhibit that chronicles the university’s history, the official opening of the Interactive Learning Center, speeches, and Homecoming activities.

The schedule is as follows. Click on the 75th anniversary button on Boise State’s main Web page for details and specific times.

**Aug. 22-Sept. 19** — “Then & Now” Historical Photo Exhibit, Student Union Gallery
**Aug. 21** — 75th Anniversary Gala (invitation only)
**Aug. 22** — Unveiling of Historical Mural by Art Professor Alma Gomez-Frith, Student Union
**Aug. 22** — President Bob Kustra’s State of the University Address, Student Union Jordan Ballroom
**Aug. 23** — Official Opening of Interactive Learning Center and Guest Lecture by Charles Glassick, “Teaching, Learning and Scholarship … All One Continuum”
**Aug. 23** — Center for Teaching and Learning Reception and Tours
**Aug. 30** — Football Home Opener with Weber State, Bronco Stadium
**Sept. 6** — Historical Boise Tour Train of Campus
**Sept. 6** — Founder’s Day Celebration/Grill & Chill, Quad
**Sept. 7** — Seattle Alumni and Friends Reception, Space Needle
**Sept. 8** — Boise State at Washington Football Game
**Sept. 9-15** — Homecoming Week
**Sept. 12** — Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet, Alumni Center
**Sept. 14** — “Bronco Nation Invasion” Street Festival, BoDo
**Sept. 15** — Stampede Into the Streets Parade
**Sept. 15** — Wyoming at Boise State Homecoming Football Game
We have long relied on these partnerships to help us when the state can’t … or won’t. Perhaps you’ve noticed the Morrison Center and three-building engineering complex. These are just two of the many instances where strong town and gown partnerships have allowed us to accomplish more together than we could as individuals.

**Bronco pride**

Speaking of teamwork, how ’bout them Broncos? In case you missed it, our football team stole the nation’s — yes, bishop — the nation’s heart in January by winning the Fiesta Bowl with some typical Boise State resourcefulness at the end of the game. Our coach, Chris Petersen, talks a lot about our team playing with a chip on its shoulder. He instills a blue-collar work ethic that comes straight out of your playbook. With that pedigree, is it any surprise that we beat a more established school like Oklahoma?

We might add that we’ve won national football championships at the junior college and Division I-AA levels. Not many schools can say that. The Broncos belong to the Western Athletic Conference and in recent years have played schools like Georgia, Oregon State, South Carolina and Boston College. How times have changed from those early days when we played the likes of Gooding College and Albion Normal. Those students who came up with the blue and orange colors and Bronco mascot back in the fall of 1932 must be pretty proud.

You would appreciate how self-sufficient — there’s that word again — we’ve been in developing our athletic facilities, which began with your construction of old Talbot Gym. President Chaffee commandeered truckloads of surplus lumber from the Hanford atomic site in Washington to build a new football stadium in 1950. Bit by bit, we’ve put together a first-class athletic complex that includes a huge arena, Bronco Stadium, an indoor practice facility and a tennis complex, to name only a few. All were made possible through the generosity of students and friends of Boise State.

And, yes, that football field you see from your cloud really is blue. Typical, isn’t it?

**Fearless leaders**

You were the first in a long line of optimists who have built Boise State. Like you, every president — and a good share of the university family — has believed that Boise State’s better days are ahead.

So far, they’ve been proven right. With only a few exceptions, like during World War II when we were precariously close to closing, every year at Boise State has been better than the last.

You would be proud of those presidents, by the way. All of them — Eugene Chaffee, John Barnes, John Keiser, Charles Ruch and now Bob Kustra — have proven to be tough, aggressive body punchers who have often put their own careers in jeopardy to defend our interests. Each was right for the times, and each left his stamp on the campus skyline. Perhaps more importantly, they were all academicians who shepherded new programs to serve the growing needs of the region.

Of course, these gentlemen had plenty of help. The Boise State story is made up of many heroes too numerous to mention — progressive BJC board members, innovative faculty and administrators, supportive alumni, generous friends.

Bishop Barnwell, we can’t thank you enough for getting
Those rapid transitions from junior college to university status weren’t always easy. all of this started way back in 1932. With your own hammer and saw you built a gym and remodeled a chemistry lab. But you didn’t build any ivory towers because you knew they didn’t have a place on our campus.

Instead, you laid the foundation for others to develop a vibrant, unconventional university, one that approaches the future with a “can-do” attitude that is rare in higher education. Yes, we are a bit scrappy and sometimes an irritant to the established order.

But we owe it to our students and our community to make Boise State the best it can be.

And we owe it to you and all those who have contributed to the success we enjoy today.

We want you to know that something you said at the 1956 commencement ceremony left an impression on us. You said, “Faith is seeing something which is as yet invisible.”

Well, your faith has been rewarded. What was invisible in 1932 has turned into something very real and very wonderful called Boise State University. We thank you for it.

With appreciation,

The Boise State family

Larry Burke is the former editor of FOCUS. He retired in 2002 after 28 years of service to Boise State.

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Some things haven’t changed at Boise State since Stacy Pearson was a graduate student back in the mid-’90s — including the outstanding professors who she says had her “hooked from day one.” But in other respects, the university is a different place today than it was when she was going to school. “It’s been exhilarating,” says Pearson (MPA, ’95), who was appointed the university’s vice president for finance and administration in 2004 and has worked at BSU since 1995. “At times it does feel like a roller coaster — there’s so much going on.”

The physical campus has been transformed over the past decade, with new construction and building expansions. As that growth continues, Pearson says one of the challenges is retaining elements of the campus’ architectural heritage while creating a 21st-century learning environment.

“I love that the [Campus] Master Plan has buildings that open up to the Boise River, rather than turning our backs to it,” says Pearson, BSU’s highest-ranking alum.

Pearson sees the campus through the eyes of an alumnus as well as an administrator. “I worked full time and went to graduate school, just like many students do today, and I know how demanding that can be,” she says. “It’s important that we continue to find ways to make the university a welcoming place.”

— Janelle Brown
“I’VE SEEN A LOT OF POSITIVE CHANGES AT BSU. THERE IS A LOT MORE DIVERSITY IN STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY. I HOPE THAT BOISE STATE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AND MAINTAIN THIS DIVERSITY.”

GOMEZ-FRITH: ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS

Alumna and art professor Alma Gomez-Frith’s artwork, which has been exhibited nationally, is influenced by Mexican indigenous culture and religion. While working on her master’s degrees in art education (‘91) and visual art (‘01) at Boise State, her professors encouraged her to learn more about her culture.

That culture is reflected through her mural “Triumph of the Spirit,” which depicts Boise’s strong Latino heritage and is on permanent display in the Education Building. Currently, she is completing Boise State’s 75th anniversary mural, featuring the many buildings and people so prominent in the university’s history.

For 17 years, Gomez-Frith has worked for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), advising Latino students who are pursuing degrees at Boise State. She also teaches drawing classes in the Department of Art. The lasting relationships she has built with Boise State students has been the most rewarding part of her career.

Gomez-Frith remembers a smaller Boise State campus, where elementary school children used to play in front of the old Campus School building. “I’ve seen a lot of positive changes at BSU,” she says. “There is a lot more diversity in students, staff and faculty. I hope that Boise State will continue to encourage and maintain this diversity.”

— Melissa Jensen
The turf wasn’t blue yet. It was Dec. 13, 1980, and the green field in Bronco Stadium was cold and blanketed in fog. It worked to the advantage of the Broncos as they defeated heavily favored Grambling 14-9 and set themselves up for a win over Eastern Kentucky the following week to claim the NCAA Division I-AA national championship.

“There weren’t 30,000 fans in the stadium, but it was so thrilling that it felt like it,” says Cedric Minter (BA, education, ’85), who was dubbed one of the Broncos’ “Four Horsemen” that year. The three-time All-Big Sky running back, who later played in the Canadian Football League and for the NFL’s New York Jets, scored a touchdown in BSU’s win over Grambling.

“The way we did it, by coming from behind and defeating them, was just outstanding,” he says. “It was on par with the Fiesta Bowl. Being No. 1 in the nation was truly a thrill for not just me, but the entire team and the city of Boise.”

Minter grew up in Boise and dreamed of playing football for the Broncos. His athletic scholarship gave him the opportunity to earn degrees in special education and elementary education, and he currently serves as assistant principal at Mountain Cove High School in Boise.

“I would like to see Boise State continue to get bigger, not just the football program but on the academic side,” Minter says. “Bronco Nation’s on the rise and good things are happening here at Boise State.”

— Sherry Squires
For most university presidents, getting fired, which happened to John Keiser in 1991, would almost certainly be a low point in their careers. For Keiser, Boise State’s fourth president, his dismissal by the State Board of Education and the public outcry and demonstrations that ensued, “made it clear that Boise State had arrived and couldn’t be pushed around any more,” he says.

In fact, officials from at least three other universities outside Idaho later said they agreed with the fateful decisions Keiser had made — even though they led to his downfall. “So [the firing] was a good job recommendation for me,” he adds. After he left BSU, Keiser, now retired, went on to serve as president of Missouri State from 1993 to 2005.

During Keiser’s 13 years at Boise State’s helm (1978-1991) he capitalized on the strengths of the institution, to the consternation of some who felt the former junior college was losing sight of its “place” in the state system of higher education.

In addition to his push to move the Bronco football program to the Division I level, Keiser helped bring both the Pavilion (now Taco Bell Arena) and the Morrison Center to campus, helped establish the engineering program, and brought National Public Radio to the university.

He also strengthened the university’s relationship with key corporate partners such as Albertson’s, Simplot and Morrison-Knudsen. He recalls in particular a meeting with the founders of Micron Technology during the company’s infancy. “These guys came in with a diagram on butcher paper and said, ‘We’re going to make these [microchips],’” he recalls. “I laughed, but I should have bought stock.”

Keiser says it’s that kind of entrepreneurial and cooperative spirit that area business leaders saw in Boise State that forged those relationships and helped make the university what it is today. “That’s a spirit that comes out of a sense of mission and how important education is,” he adds.

— Kathleen Craven
Gasoline was only 35 cents a gallon when Kenny Wiscombe went to school at Boise State College in 1969. It was a small, commuter college with a small-town feel at a time when Vietnam veterans were returning from service to finish their college degrees.

As storekeeper of Facilities, Operations and Maintenance, Wiscombe is one of the most recognized faces at BSU, having worked on campus for the past 31 years. (Although those who haven’t seen him in a while might be surprised by his appearance after he recently dropped more than 100 pounds — the result of a lifestyle change following a bout with a viral illness, which he has since overcome.)

Wiscombe, who also works a 140-acre farm in Kuna, has seen the valley change from a rural area to a metropolitan region. He notes that everything surrounding Boise State has changed, from road systems to housing developments.

Among his favorite memories were his impromptu conversations with then-President John Keiser. “The campus was growing at a rapid rate and everyone — staff, faculty and administrators — pulled together to get the job done,” recalls Wiscombe. “I would often work overtime in those days and would see Doc Keiser on evenings and weekends. We often stopped to chat.”

He recalls one of Keiser’s favorite sayings was, “We plow deep while others sleep.” Wiscombe says that same spirit of teamwork and progressiveness continues to be a part of Boise State’s culture.

— Melissa Jensen
Jerilyn Grow (BA, graphic design, ’04) remembers looking around the student section at the 2001 Bronco football game against Washington State and thinking: This is a turning point. “It was the first time I ever saw the student section fill up,” she says. The Broncos lost the game, but that didn’t matter to Grow, who was studying for her undergraduate degree at the time. The sense of camaraderie was what was important, she recalls.

Since returning for her graduate degree, Grow has watched the campus community blossom from her post behind the Student Union Info Desk — a position that has garnered her the longest title in the SUB (Student Activities graduate assistant/Student Union Information Desk and ticket office manager). A few years ago, “we used to give football tickets away,” she says. “Now I talk during my sleep during football season and recite the ticket policy. There are people camped out here when we get to work, waiting for tickets.”

But the fortune of the football team isn’t the only thing that has changed since Grow started attending Boise State in 1999. “I have this vision of my first day on campus: They had not broken ground on Capitol Village, and there was a dirt parking lot along the street,” she says.

Now the SUB, where she has spent so much time over the past eight years, is undergoing renovations and expansion. Grow won’t be around to see its completion; she will earn her master’s degree in public administration in December and move on. “It’s weird to leave, but it’s time,” she says.

As for Boise State’s future? “I hope that the university continues to embrace change, because it’s done pretty well so far,” she says. “We’re such a young university, and I’m glad that we act young and take chances.”

— Julie Hahn
AHMED-ZAID: ‘HAPPY AND BLESSED’ TO BE PART OF BSU

Electrical engineering professor Said Ahmed-Zaid still remembers the day back in 1999 when he first learned that Boise State’s baccalaureate engineering programs had passed accreditation with flying colors. It was a big event for the 3-year-old College of Engineering — and an early sign of the growth and success the college would enjoy in the coming years.

“I think it probably quieted some of the naysayers,” says Ahmed-Zaid, who joined Boise State in 1996 as one of the original faculty hired to teach in the new college. “It showed the state that we were offering very high-quality engineering programs.”

For the past decade, Ahmed-Zaid had been part of an ongoing surge of accomplishments in the College of Engineering, including the establishment in 2005 of the college’s first doctoral program in electrical and computer engineering. “We have a lot of momentum, and I hope we continue to add Ph.D. programs in other departments in the years ahead,” Ahmed-Zaid says.

Away from campus, Ahmed-Zaid is a leader in Boise’s Muslim community, and in 2004 he was named the recipient of the seventh annual Hewlett Packard Award for Distinguished Leadership in Human Rights.

On campus, working with students remains a favorite part of his job, and winning several teaching awards are among his fondest memories. “It has been a very rewarding experience,” Ahmed-Zaid says of his years at Boise State. “I feel happy and blessed to be at this place.”

— Janelle Brown

BSU THROUGH THE YEARS

1932 — Founded by Episcopal Church, Boise Junior College opens Sept. 6; Idaho Episcopal Bishop Middleton Barnwell serves as first president

1934 — Board of directors assumes management of BJC after Episcopal Church ends affiliation • BJC holds first commencement ceremony for 27 graduates

1936 — Dr. Eugene Chaffee named president
Allen Dykman was proud to be a member of the class of 1974, the first class to graduate from the newly named Boise State University.

His fond memories of campus life take him back to his first home away from home, Morrison Hall. Before additional residence halls were constructed, Boise State’s first coed dormitory had a direct view of the Boise River. Students constructed a temporary bridge across the river to a small island where they would gather each night for a campfire.

“I remember taking a wood-cutting trip to Lowman one weekend,” he says. “We got enough wood to supply firewood for the rest of the year.”

Dykman came from Pocatello to play football for Boise State. His decision turned out positive not only for his athletic career — Boise State beat Idaho State University that first year 24-3 in front of his hometown crowd — but also for his business career.

He had business professors who had a profound impact on his future plans, served his senior year as assistant director of housing, and made close friends as a member of Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

“The people I met made a difference in my success later on in life,” he says. “My time at Boise State was a time of opportunity.”

— Sherry Squires
You might have run into Jean and Dave Croft once or twice at a Bronco football game. After all, they’ve been season ticket holders since 1972. But it’s their work behind the scenes that really makes them stand out in the crowd.

Their love for Boise State dates back to the late ’60s, when Jean, Dave and their young son moved into a three-bedroom married student housing dorm that cost $65 a month. Dave was working on his bachelor’s degree in biology (he graduated in 1967, the first year Boise State awarded four-year degrees), and Jean would follow up the associate’s degree in science she earned in 1966 with an associate’s degree in nursing in 1982.

Fast-forward 30 years, and the Crofts still haven’t really left Boise State. Dave, a retired dentist, creates and donates custom mouthguards for Bronco athletes — blue, orange and clear are the color choices — and has a workstation in the Caven-Williams Sports Complex. Jean has volunteered hundreds of hours during nearly 10 years of work with the Gene Harris Jazz Festival.

She is also the unofficial archivist for the football, men’s tennis and basketball teams, creating scrapbooks that contain nearly every printed detail of each team’s season.

She is planning on at least three books for this year’s football season, and Dave said that he’s looking forward to yet another season of following the Broncos.

“This community has really stepped up,” Dave says. “It’s just going to get better.”

— Julie Hahn
Barnes: Presidential prowess

Size matters to John Barnes, who became president of Boise College in 1967. Back then, the small campus consisted of just a few buildings and most academic programs still operated out of the Administration Building.

“My first challenge was to fund new buildings,” he recalls. “We were adding [hundreds of] new students each year and I was hiring faculty like mad.”

Under Barnes’ direction, the school, which became Boise State College in 1969, added several buildings, including the Business Building, Bronco Stadium, Towers Hall (now named for Barnes), the Kinesiology Annex, additions to the Library and Student Union, the Special Events Center and the Science/Nursing Building.

That expansion, he says, was difficult in light of tepid support from the State Board of Education, but he felt it was in the best interest of the school. “I knew this wouldn’t be a small place for long,” he says.

With the infrastructure firmly in place, he moved on to the challenge of transforming the college into a university, and with the support of the Legislature and then-Gov. Cecil Andrus, Boise State University was realized in 1974.

“I’m not surprised at all where Boise State is today,” he says. ‘I knew it would happen. ... The school has a good reputation for teaching and a great faculty.”

— Kathleen Craven
Begay knew she wanted to attend Boise State from the moment she stepped onto campus. “I just loved it here, I walked around and I knew it was the place for me,” says Begay, a senior who grew up on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and received a basketball scholarship to attend Boise State.

When she graduates in December with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, Begay will carry with her many great memories — but perhaps none so sweet as competing in the first round of NCAA playoffs last March. While Boise State came up short against George Washington University, Begay had a record-setting game, scoring eight 3-pointers to set a school record and the women’s NCAA tournament mark for the preliminary rounds.

“I have learned so many things from playing basketball,” says Begay, who plans to pursue a career as a coach. “Through my ups and downs, it has always been there for me.”

One of only a handful of Native American women playing Division I basketball in the United States, Begay says she’s interested in returning to the reservation and coaching girls who might someday increase those statistics.

“It’s been fun being at Boise State, especially these past two years,” says Begay. “It was the right choice for me.”

— Janelle Brown
MATHIAS: BSU FOSTERS GROWTH OF THE ‘ENTIRE PERSON’

Former student body president Christopher Mathias’ time at Boise State was about much more than an education. It was about his evolution as a human being.

“The last time I had been in school, in 1996, I graduated near the bottom of my class,” he says. “I had not yet learned the importance of education or life experiences.”

Four years later all that had changed, due in large part to Mathias’ leadership experiences on campus. In 2001, for instance, he was among a group of students who dined with Jose Ramos-Horta, now East Timor president, who was a guest speaker on campus.

The dinner, he recalls, was glamorous for a student living in Morrison Hall. “More importantly, though, I learned you can never know too much about the world, and everyone plays an active role in it either knowingly or unknowingly.”

From his professors — especially Craig Hemmens in criminal justice administration and Todd Lochner in political science — he learned that knowledge is more than just knowing. “It is equally helpful,” he says, “to have a great learning capacity.”

Mathias (BA, criminal justice administration, ’05) used that advice to graduate from Vermont Law School earlier this year. And he is now working on his Ph.D. in law, policy and society at Northeastern University.

“Boise State is a place to grow as an entire person,” he says, “not just as a student.”

— Kathleen Craven
When Yonnie Chyung joined the Department of Instructional and Performance Technology some 11 years ago, her first impression of Boise State was a calm, safe and inviting place.

“I liked that aspect and it was one of the main reasons I wanted to start my academic career here,” Chyung says. “But now vibrant, exciting or challenging would be good words to describe the university — and those developments are why I want to continue my teaching and research activities at Boise State.”

Chyung says she believes that the university is making good progress in becoming a center for advanced research while maintaining a good quality of teaching and student services — a balance she believe is critical for the university to continue to thrive in the future.

The IPT Department in the College of Engineering has been part of the university’s continuing push for excellence, Chyung notes. Today, there are more than 500 graduates of the IPT graduate program, and many of them are serving in influential positions in business and industry, governmental agencies, and military services.

“I would like to see the university continue to be a place that feels ‘inviting,’ so that we can fulfill the diverse interests and needs of the community,” Chyung says.

— Janelle Brown
Schimpf: Standout Student Reaps Scholarships

Alina Schimpf has spent almost all of her life in Boise, and when she graduated from high school she could have gone any number of places to further her studies. But she chose Boise State.

It helped that she received three scholarships — the Larry and Karen Arguinchona Honors Scholarship, the Albertsons Corporation Honors Scholarship and the Science Competition Day Scholarship — to fund her education. Earlier this year she also received the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, rounding out the impressive streak she began when she came to Boise State in 2004.

But what has kept her here is the opportunities she gets from being in a small but strong department. After racking up almost 120 credits as a math major, Schimpf decided to add another major: chemistry.

“I like that the chemistry department is small but growing,” she says. “Undergraduates get to be involved in research, which doesn’t always happen.”

This summer she is an Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence fellow in the lab of chemistry professor Don Warner, doing research that may someday lead to more effective antibiotics and anti-cancer drugs.

But this school year she will face what many might call the ultimate challenge in her college education: She’s going to take advanced analytical chemistry. Her father, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Marty Schimpf, is the only professor who teaches it. “He’s pretty tough, from what I hear,” she says with a smile.

— Julie Hahn
SMITH: THE FATHER OF BRONCO FOOTBALL

The numbers are astounding. With the exception of a portion of the 1950 season and all of 1951 (because of a military commitment during the Korean War), Lyle Smith was Boise Junior College’s head football coach from 1947 through 1967. During those two decades the Broncos won 82 percent of their games. They once won 37 games in a row. Smith’s 1958 team finished 10-0 and captured the junior college national championship. BJC went unbeaten five other times and had seven one-loss seasons. Smith never had a losing season; his record was 156-26-6.

The official name of the blue turf in Bronco Stadium is Lyle Smith Field. He is the father of Bronco football. In his typically modest way, the venerable Smith, 91, credits others for the amazing record he compiled. “We were very fortunate,” he says. “We had outstanding young men who competed for us. And many of them were successes off the field later in life. That’s what I’m most proud of.”

Smith and his wife, Eleanor, still attend Boise State’s games. They were the university’s guests for the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, which he called “the experience of a lifetime.”

He has been a part of Boise State for more than 60 years. He is a legend in every sense of the word. “I’m so very proud of this school and what it has done,” he says.

Likewise, coach.

— Bob Evancho
Like a proud relative, emeritus professor of history Bob Sims looks at Boise State’s growth and marvels at how far it has come. Sims came to the university in 1970 and served 29 years as a faculty member and the first dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs until his retirement in 1999. He was here for the transformation of Boise State College to Boise State University, and watched as the institution fought for respect among its peers.

“The university is at a great place now, but people have to understand that it’s been a struggle,” says Sims, who still has an office on campus where he writes and conducts research. “Our history was not written on a blank canvas. There was a lot of background already filled in.”

That background included a sense of being the “poor relation” and the entrenched power of the state’s other universities, Sims says. “It was difficult for Boise State to really get traction and get going. It sort of dominated my sense of the place.”

That’s not to say there wasn’t time for personal growth as well. One of Sims’ fondest memories is his 1986 acting debut in John Brown’s Body, a civil rights drama staged in the Morrison Center. The play raised $100,000 for the Frank Church Chair and the Len Jordan Endowment.

“It was a big event and was during my first year as dean,” he recalls. “And that was big money at the time.”

— Kathleen Craven

Sims: A Sense of History

1995 — State Board approves Boise State’s request to transfer control of undergraduate engineering programs in Boise • Degree programs begin in Twin Falls

1996 — College of Engineering enrolls first students • Boise State joins Division I-A athletic ranks as a member of Big West Conference

1997 — First doctoral degree awarded • College of Technology divided into College of Engineering and Larry Selland College of Applied Technology

1998 — Residential Honors College established • First Gene Harris Jazz Festival held

2001 — Boise State joins Western Athletic Conference • Enrollment passes 17,000
Otter: From BJC to the governor’s office

Idaho Gov. Butch Otter remembers watching football games from the old wooden bleachers and attending dances in the old Student Union during his time at Boise Junior College. But most importantly, he recalls a “revolutionary” change in his approach to academics.

“If it had not been for BJC I would not have gone on to higher education,” says Otter, who attended the two-year school from 1962-1964 before transferring to the College of Idaho. “Boise State gave me an opportunity to do over my academic experience, or lack of academic efforts, when I was in high school.”

He has since watched Boise State mature over the years into a major university, an educational and cultural center for the Treasure Valley.

“I watched five presidents go through there and knew each one of them well,” he says. “They all added a bit of their character to it, which is the sum of the character of the institution today.”

Otter believes a pivotal moment for Boise State was when he and other Bronco Athletic Association members took a leap of faith and announced plans to build the Pavilion, now Taco Bell Arena.

“We thought we were going to struggle to raise $3.6 million. We raised $6 million pretty fast,” he says. “It really said to me throughout that process that Boise State had come into its own.”

— Sherry Squires
ALUMNI, FRIENDS PLEDGE RECORD AMOUNT TO '06-'07 PHONATHON

Thanks to the support of Boise State alumni and friends, the 2006-07 Phonathon has been the most successful ever.

Over the fall and spring semesters, $270,674 was pledged in support of the university. This brings the total amount pledged well ahead of last year’s $242,779.

The Boise State Foundation thanks everyone who pledged and extends a special thank you to those individuals who pledged during the fall Phonathon and also chose to make a second pledge in support of Boise State in the spring.

The 2007-08 Phonathon will again include fall and spring callings, as well as a special effort to enlist new donors during the university’s 75th anniversary year.

The current renovation project in the Student Union will mean the loss of an on-campus Phonathon site. As a result, the fall and spring callings will be conducted from an off-site location by a company that specializes in managing phone campaigns.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS LATE BSU GRAD, EDUCATOR WINDOM

Through the Boise State Foundation, Boiseans Bob and Lori Heindel, family and friends have set up a scholarship for a BSU special education student as a memorial for the Heindels’ late daughter, Judy Windom. Windom was a Boise State graduate and special education teacher at Eagle High School who was assaulted and killed, allegedly by her teenage son, in January.

After the tragedy, the Heindels said they would provide spiritual support for their grandson and help him through the process that lies ahead. Bob Heindel and his son Bob Jr. have been doing ministerial work at the Idaho State Correctional Institution for years.

Windom graduated from BSU’s School of Social Work in 1987. As her sister described in her eulogy, Windom found her second calling after a car accident in 2000 that left her in a coma. Her struggle to fully recover inspired her to become a special education teacher. As she told her sister, “I know what it’s like to have a hard time finding the right words. I’ve been through physical and mental difficulties. I think I’d make a good special ed teacher because I’d know what my students were going through.”

To help put more special education teachers into area schools, please consider a contribution to the Judy Windom Special Education Memorial Scholarship. The BSU Foundation’s goal is to raise a minimum of $10,000, which would create an endowed scholarship in Windom’s name. For more information, contact the Boise State Foundation at (208) 426-3276.

For four decades the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation has helped make dreams come true for thousands of Boise State students. This year the foundation enhanced its legacy of support by increasing its annual scholarship contribution by another $30,000. With the additional funding, the foundation now provides 90 scholarships annually at $3,000 each in disciplines ranging from nursing to science to the humanities. The foundation also funds scholarships at other universities, as well as support for hospitals, child welfare and educational programs.

The Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation was formed in 1963 with funds from the Laura Moore Cunningham estate. Cunningham (right), daughter of pioneer banker C.W. Moore, was born and raised in Boise. She dedicated her life to the community, serving as a director of the Children’s Home Society for more than 30 years, participating actively in the Boise chapter of the Red Cross, and supporting the fledgling Boise Junior College.

Upon Cunningham’s death in 1963, then-Idaho Gov. Robert E. Smylie said, “This great lady has been a part of Idaho life for so very long that it will be hard to imagine her absence. Her contribution to civic enterprise was the highest tradition of gracious citizenship.”

Harry Bettis, Cunningham’s grandnephew, and his daughters, Janelle and Laura, now direct the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, which continues to generously provide Boise State students with financial support.
Cummins estate to provide over $400,000 for scholarships

The late Herschel M. Cummins (diploma, ’41) established a charitable trust in 1997 that was to ultimately provide academic scholarships for, as he described it, middle-income students at Boise State.

Cummins grew up in Boise and became a member of the Pegasus Club during his time at Boise Junior College. He then served in World War II as a Navy pilot and remained on active duty for 23 years. Cummins was promoted to the rank of commander and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross three times and the Commendation Combat “V” in addition to other medals of honor. After he retired from the Navy, Cummins spent 12 years as a stockbroker. He passed away at the age of 78 in 1999 in Billings, Mont., after a short illness.

Because of Cummins’ prudent estate planning, more than $400,000 in mutual fund assets has passed to the Boise State Foundation to fund the H.M. “Hersch” Cummins Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Cummins’ trust outlined the criteria for selection of scholarship recipients, giving preference to individuals whose family members served in the Navy. This endowed scholarship will perpetually provide qualified students with much-needed financial assistance.

For more information about the Cummins Scholarship or how to establish a charitable trust, contact Jennifer Neil at the Boise State Foundation at (208) 426-2927.

CLEMENT NAMED ASSOCIATE VP FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Fredrika “Rika” Clement has been promoted to associate vice president for University Advancement. Previously, she was executive director of campaigns and served as interim vice president for University Advancement from June 2006 through March 2007. Her promotion comes as Boise State prepares to kick off the public phase of a major fundraising campaign in fall 2007.

In her new position, Clement will provide leadership for the comprehensive campaign and advancement services. University Advancement includes the Alumni Association, Boise State Foundation, Bronco Athletic Association and Communications and Marketing.

Clement came to Boise State in 2003 with several years of higher education fundraising experience. She has served in various development and leadership roles at the Discovery Center of Idaho, the Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham, Mass., Brandeis University, the University of Wyoming and Stanford University.

In addition, Rachel Vanderpool, formerly the assistant to the vice president for University Advancement, has been named director of donor relations. She will assist in developing, implementing and overseeing comprehensive donor relations and stewardship programs.

PLANNED GIVING WEB SITE SET

A new planned giving Web site is online. Individuals interested in learning how to support the university through estate planning techniques will have the opportunity to “build their own gift” through an easy-to-understand tutorial. The Web site contains bequest language, essentials of planned giving, various gift plan options, a gift calculator, and a quiz-yourself feature.

E-brochures will also be available to request specific information on planning options. The Web site can be accessed at http://foundation.boisestate.edu/donations/plangive.shtml.

Herschel Cummins is pictured at the far right with fellow members of the Pegasus Club in BJC’s 1941 yearbook.
Hooper receives 2007 Alumni Service Award

Boise artist Ward Hooper (BFA, advertising design/fine art, ’87), a longtime contributor to various Boise State and community causes, was named the winner of the fifth annual Alumni Service Award.

Hooper, owner of Hooper Studios Inc., recently donated his time and talent to design a new logo and program for Boise State’s Auction 2007, as well as three original pieces for the event’s live auction. As a member of the Alumni Association’s board of directors since 2005, Hooper has served on various committees.

Hooper was recognized for his creations of public art for the cities of Boise and McCall and other charitable contributions. In 2006 he was awarded the Mayor’s Excellence in Arts Award by the city of Boise.

Beitia to serve as Alumni Association president

Tom Beitia, vice president and manager/cash management with Banner Bank in Boise, was elected president of the Boise State Alumni Association at the organization’s annual meeting earlier this year.

Beitia (BBA, management/economics, ’84; MBA, ’87) joins the following officers elected to one-year positions on the executive committee: first vice president — Travis Jensen (BBA, ’94), KPMG LLP accounting firm; second vice president — Cheryl Behr (BA, ’91), Micron Technology; treasurer — Travis Burgess (BBA, ’98), Eide Bailly LLP accounting firm; secretary — Andrea Mihm (BS, ’99; MPA, ’02), Sullivan & Reberger; and past president — Susie Schumacher (AS, ’85; MPA BS, ’00), Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Directors serving three-year terms through 2010 are Paul Basom (MBA, ’99), Jim Davis (BA, ’75), Toni Hardesty (BS, ’88), Debbie Kaylor (BBA, ’93) and Stanley Leis (BS, ’77). Serving one-year terms are Denise Nygard (BBA, ’84), Shawna Kovac (BS, ’95), Heather Gribble (BFA, ’05), Lynette Berriochua (BA, ’88), Angela Lewton (BBA, ’96) and Jon Ruzicka (BS, ’90).

AUCTION ACTION: Auction 2007 netted $535,000 to benefit student scholarships at Boise State. The biennial gala, jointly sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Bronco Athletic Association, was held in May at The Boise Centre on the Grove. The next auction is scheduled for May 2, 2009. At right, Michel Bourgeau of the BAA’s Varsity B Club talks to two auction attendees.

Ward Hooper receives his 2007 Alumni Service Award from Susie Schumacher, outgoing Alumni Association president.
Homecoming 2007 to feature ‘Bronco Nation Invasion’ on Sept. 14

Following the Boise State football team’s memorable 2006 season, this year’s Homecoming celebration will be large and Bronco pride is sure to run deep.

The highlight of Homecoming 2007 will be the Bronco Nation Invasion street festival from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 14 in downtown Boise’s BoDo district. Music will fill the air and the streets will be lined with blue and orange-clad revelers.

The program has something for all ages, including family activities, photo opportunities, the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band, Harvey Neef Maneline Dancers and cheer squad. Head football coach Chris Petersen will cap the evening with a special appearance.

Other events will include the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1957, the Maneline Dancers celebrating their 25th anniversary, and the Blue Thunder Marching Band marking its 20th year.

On Sept. 12 the Alumni Association will honor several alumni who have achieved outstanding accomplishments within their chosen profession at the annual Distinguished Alumni awards banquet.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Reunions are also being planned for alums of the College of Health Sciences and members of the Founders Leadership Society.

Homecoming activities continue on Saturday with the Stampede Into the Streets parade. The Alumni Association’s BroncoBash is the gathering spot before the game against Wyoming with parade viewing, food and beverage vendors. And Homecoming culminates on the blue turf as the Broncos take on the Cowboys at 6:05 p.m.

Homecoming 2007 activities will be held in conjunction with the various activities scheduled for Boise State’s 75th anniversary celebration.

For full details and an entire schedule of Homecoming events, log onto homecoming.boisestate.edu or call the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698.
NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

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

- Harriet Crosby, Caldwell, '59, '69
- Vernita Green, Oshkosh, Wis., '60
- Willimoe Lirgg, Boise, '65
- David Gardner, Winter Park, Fla., '66, '73
- Douglas Noh, San Jose, Calif., '70
- C. David Rolfe, Lincoln, Neb., '70, '82
- Keith Burke, Anchorage, Alaska, '71
- H. Markholt, Las Vegas, '71
- James Yost, Meridian, '71
- James Ross, Homedale, '72
- Robert White, Boise, '72
- Steven Tarter, Nampa, '73
- Sharon Delio, Coeur d’Alene, '74
- Tony Delio, Coeur d’Alene, '75
- John Krommenhoek, Nampa, '75
- Jerry Jones, Eagle, '75
- Glen Wassmuth, Fallon, Nev., '77
- Kirk Smith, Baker City, Ore., '78
- Jerry Hough, Boise, '79
- Diana Fairchild, Boise, '80
- Seiji Sato, Chula Vista, Calif., '80, '81
- Jeff Rutherford, Boise, '81
- Keith Campbell, Los Angeles, '82
- D. Perkins, Boise, '82
- Catherine Valenti, Meridian, '82
- Pamela De Jong, North Bend, Ore., '84
- Cheryl O’Connor, Congers, N.Y., '84
- Diane Compton, Boise, '85
- Daniel Givens, Boise, '86
- Ann Keppler, Portland, '86
- Eric La Matt, Woodbury, Minn., '87, '90
- Roger Tracadas, Boise, '87
- Raul Anderson, Metalba, '89
- Terry Cope, Spokane, '89
- David Lorenz, Boise, '89, '92
- Patrick Quinn, Meridian, '89
- Craig Weaver, Boise, '89
- Jesse Floyd, Nampa, '90, '98
- Keith Slack, Seattle, '90
- Eric Luttmann, Eagle, '91
- Rhonda Luttmann, Eagle, '91
- Richard Weathers, Boise, '91
- Brian Barber, Boise, '92
- Walter Johnson, Eagle, '92
- Christopher Schultz, Nampa, '92, '93
- Larry Stayner, Missoula, Mont., '92
- Frances Capral, Boise, '93, '96
- Kathleen Blackey, Eagle River, Alaska, '94
- Scott Kofold, Salem, Ore., '94
- Byron McLean, Spokane, '94
- Karen Rush-Wilson, Boise, '94
- John Stifler, Boise, '94
- Catharine Summers, Meridian, '94
- Krista Broomhead, Auburn, Wash., '95
- Matthew Broomhead, Auburn, Wash., '95
- Jeri Eichholz, Boise, '95, '98
- Wilfred Huddleston, Houston, '95
- Michael Breller, Irvine, Calif., '96
- Mark Hovde, Boise, '96, '99

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST
- 30 — BroncoBash tailgate party (Weber State vs. BSU), Alumni Center, 5-7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
- 7 — Space Needle reception (Seattle), 7-9 p.m. PST
- 8 — BroncoBash tailgate party at UW, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PST
- 8 — BSU at Washington football game, 12:30 p.m. PST
- 12 — Distinguished Alumni awards banquet, 6 p.m.
- 14 — Varsity & Gus Uresti Golf Tournament, Warm Springs Golf Course, 12:30 p.m.
- 14 — “Bronco Nation Invasion” Homecoming celebration, BoDo, 7-11 p.m.
- 15 — “Stampede Into the Street” Homecoming parade, 2 p.m.
- 15 — BroncoBash tailgate party at Alumni Center, 2-6 p.m.
- 15 — Wyoming at BSU Homecoming football game, 6:05 p.m.
- 27 — BroncoBash tailgate party (Southern Mississippi vs. BSU), Alumni Center, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
GROUP PLANS D.C. CHAPTER

A core group of active and enthusiastic Boise State alumni and friends met in May in Washington, D.C., to discuss the formation of an alumni organization in our nation’s capital. The group agreed to form a Washington, D.C., alumni network with the objective to eventually create a formal chapter.

Once formalized, the group will advance the university by identifying internship opportunities for BSU students in Washington, helping graduates with employment opportunities in the D.C. area, and establishing a stronger network between the university and federal officials.

TAILGATE PARTIES SCHEDULED

The Alumni Association will once again host its popular pre-game BroncoBash tailgate parties during the upcoming football season.

The Alumni Association will host the events at all home games and before the Broncos’ away games in Seattle Sept. 8 against the University of Washington and in Hawaii Nov. 23.

The home BroncoBash events are held in the parking lot of the Alumni Center, located on the corner of Grant and University Drive across the street from Bronco Stadium.

The events include games for kids, performances by the Bronco cheer squad, music and food and beverages.

For more information about the 2007 BroncoBash schedule, contact the Boise State Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698.

1960s

COL. SUZANNE SOUSLEY

EVANS, AS, nursing, ’68, retired from the U.S. Army after 30 years. Evans has been in nursing for more than 38 years, including eight years as a cardiac nurse specialist and intensive-care nurse. She received multiple medals during her service.

1970s

MARK W. MCCOLLUM, BA, general business, ’70, retired from the Internal Revenue Service as a compliance group manager in Spokane after 36 years of service. He assumed his first IRS management position four years after starting work with the agency. During his career he was assigned to positions of increasing responsibility in Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, Los Angeles and Spokane. Due to his specialized skills and expertise in teaching and course development, legal procedures, and personnel management, he was often assigned temporary duty in many major U.S. cities. He and his wife LUETTA (VAN
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1990s

CORY T. SMITH, BBA, accountancy, ’90, has joined Ripley Doorn & Co. PLLC as a principal. Smith’s area of expertise includes income tax planning and financial consulting for individuals and businesses. He is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants.

DOUGLAS TOBIN, BS, political science, ’92, is the founder and head coach of Boise Young Rider Development Squad (BYRDS), which has become one of the nation’s largest youth cycling clubs. Tobin also planned to break ground on a new cycling park in Eagle in July 2007.

DEBBIE KAYLOR, BBA, management, ’93, associate director of employment services with the Boise State Career Center, was promoted to director of the center. Kaylor replaces Dick Rapp, Career Center director and associate vice president for student affairs who recently retired after 37 years of service to the university. Kaylor joined the Career Center as internship coordinator in 2004 and was promoted to associate director of employment services in 2006. She served on the Bronco Athletic Association board of directors from 2000-06 and currently sits on the Alumni Association’s board of directors.

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SUMMER 2007

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TARA TANDROW, BA, Spanish, ’98; BS, political science, ’98, led the formation of the international non-profit organization Courage To Be You (C2BU). The organization is designed to help African children who have been orphaned by AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

ADAM FEIK, MBA, economics, ’02, has joined Rathbone, McReynolds & Daly, Investment Consulting, of Wachovia Securities as a financial adviser. Feik is an accredited asset management specialist. He is responsible for compiling investment research and analysis.

TRUDI MAYES, BBA, political science, ’98, has been promoted to vice president of member services at Capital Educators Federal Credit Union. Mayes will be responsible for directing the member services department. Mayes has been with Capital Educators for five years and has worked in the financial services field since 1996.

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KYLE PECK, BBA, accountancy, ’02, has joined Western Building Maintenance. Peck will supervise all accounting functions and participate on the firm’s management team.

BEN QUINTANA, BA, communication, ’03, has joined the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare as a self-employment specialist at the Camas Resource Center in Grangeville.

ABIGAIL GREENFIELD, BBA, management, ’03, has joined the College of Southern Idaho’s Office on Aging as a fiscal assistant.

JENNIE MYERS, BBA, graphic design, ’01, has joined es/drake, a Boise advertising, marketing and public relations agency, as senior designer and associate creative director. Myers has more than six years of design experience and has received several regional and national awards.

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COREY SURBER, MHS, ’00, was recently honored with a Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) award, which honors women who have excelled in their fields and made significant contributions to industry in executive, managerial and professional roles in Idaho. Surber currently serves as the primary liaison between Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and federal, state and local governments. She also facilitates various community health improvement projects. Surber has been with Saint Alphonsus for 15 years.

JAMES Macisaac, MBA, ’01, has joined Hade Development and Boise City Building Co. as construction manager. Macisaac is responsible for job-site management, vendor and subcontractor coordination, estimating and plan development.

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BEN QUINTANA, BA, communication, ’03, has been promoted to director of Boise Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business Success Center. Quintana was formerly the programs manager for the chamber.

PATRICK CLAYTON, BA, political science, ’04, has joined Bank of America Mortgage as a real estate and mortgage loan officer. Clayton joins the Bank of America team with several years of lending experience within the banking and finance industry.

LAUREN CORCORAN, BS, health promotion, ’04, has joined the community relations department of Kootenai Medical Center. Corcoran will coordinate community projects such as
health fairs and educational programs. Her main focus for 2007 will be the KMC Cares Car Seat Safety program.

**ERIN COPELAND, BS, criminal justice, ’04,** recently graduated fifth in a class of 48 from the Idaho Police Academy in Meridian. Copeland received recognition for academic excellence, marksmanship and physical fitness.

**SHAREE ADKINS, BA, sociology, ’05,** is the city of Nampa’s new volunteer coordinator. She oversees community projects such as Team Up to Clean Up and Brush Up Nampa.

**CHRISTOPHER S. BLANCHARD, BS, sociology, ’05,** joined the Technology Intelligence Group LLC as senior business analyst. Blanchard previously worked for the Boise City Council.

**HANNELORE FERBER, BA, political science, ’05,** is joining U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo’s Boise office as a caseworker and staff assistant. Ferber interned in both Crapo’s Washington, D.C., and Boise offices. Ferber is fluent in Spanish, German and English.

**RHONDA FAULKNER, BSC, civil engineering, ’06,** joined Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad as a civil engineer. Faulkner will work in the company’s San Bernardino County facility in California.

**KYLE GRANT, BA, communication, ’06,** has been promoted to vice president of Process Plus with Que Financial, a Boise-based company specializing in management of self-pay accounts for health-care patients. Grant brings six years of experience with Que Financial to the position. He serves as training chairman for the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee.

**JILL SILVEY, MPA, ’06,** has accepted a job with the Bureau of Land Management in Vale, Ore., where she will be the assistant field manager for the Jordan Field Office.

**Weddings**

**HEIDI PRIMM and Jeff Gale (Kimberly), June 2006**

**COURTNEY PHINNEY and Shane Moore (Spokane), September 2006**
MELODIE EVANS and W. Kim Poulsen (Nampa), October 2006
JENNIFER SUITTER and Philip Winters (Boise), October 2006
JILL LEONTINE MUFFLEY and William Edward Algood (Twin Falls), December 2006
SARA CURRID and MICHAEL ROSE (Houston), December 2006
CRYSTAL VAN PEURSEM and NATHAN STUTZKE (Sandpoint) July 2007

Deaths

FOUNTAIN L. BROWN, BS, geosciences, '74, died April 3. Brown earned a private pilot’s license and enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served for the U.S. Army for 25 years. After leaving the military, Brown attained a teaching certificate from Boise State and taught for 17 years for Meridian Middle and High School before retiring.

MARY DAVEY, AS, nursing, '73, died March 21.

WILLIAM S. GROVES, BA, elementary education, '68, died March 29 at the age of 61. Groves served in the Idaho Air National Guard.

SUSAN HORN, a former Boise State employee who worked at the university for 20 years, passed away in her home in Seattle. She worked at the Albertsons Library and in the Student Union reservations office.

CLARINE E. JOHNSON, BA, elementary education, '68, died March 22 at the age of 93. Johnson started the first special education class in the Meridian School District in 1965 and retired with honors in 1972.

MELVIN L. JOHNSON, BA, social work, '72, died April 4. Johnson worked for the state of Oregon in Portland and the Department of Health and Welfare in Salem until his retirement.

BONNIE KILLIAN, a 28-year employee with Boise State, passed away from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, on May 23 at the age of 56. She had retired as management assistant for Parking and Transportation Services before her death.

JANICE C. BAYLOR MEKALA, LPN, '79, died April 8 at the age of 49. Mekala’s 25 years in the nursing field included positions with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa, and Boise nursing homes.

KELLY J. NEBEKER, AS, nursing, ‘04, died April 16 at the age of 44. Nebeker received her registered nursing license and worked in the health-care field.

MAXINE L. NILL, AA, education, ’37, died April 14 at the age of 91. Nill and her husband owned two neighborhood grocery stores before purchasing the Boise Bench Commission Auction in 1950.

VICTOR PACANIA, host of Boise State Radio’s popular Saturday late morning/early afternoon Private Idaho Show passed away June 23 at the age of 54 following an 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Pacania’s Private Idaho Show had been a fixture on KBSU for almost 30 years.

ERMA PERKINS, MA, education, ’76, died March 17.

JAMES H. PETERSEN, BS, biology, ’75, died March 22 at the age of 53. Petersen earned a Ph.D. in marine ecology and worked as director for the U.S. Geological Survey’s Columbia River Research Laboratory, operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and received numerous professional awards.

JOHN R. ROHDE II, BA, history/political science, ‘84, died April 10 at the age of 46.

JERRY W. ROSENCRANTZ, BA, social science, ’93, died April 3 at the age of 62. Rosencrantz was a counselor for the Vallivue School District.

GARY L. ROSS, AAS, horticulture, ’94, died April 16.

J. PERRY SILVER JR., AA, arts and sciences, ’47, died August 12. Silver was the first three-sport (football, basketball, baseball) letterman in one year at Boise Junior College. He spent a lifetime in service to the community and was a member and officer of many professional organizations.

JESS SWAN, who was the quarterback of the 1932 Boise Junior College club football team, died in December 2006. He threw the first touchdown pass in Bronco football history. He later attended the College of Idaho.
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