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A whole new ball game

On New Year’s Day, Boise State entered a new era thanks to what transpired on a football field in Arizona.

In the wake of our football team’s astonishing victory over Oklahoma in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the following line from The Idaho Statesman's coverage best summed up the beginnings of this transformation: “The aftershocks reverberated around college football. Boise State football, Boise State University, Boise will never be the same. Nothing is impossible.”

Who could disagree after witnessing what coach Chris Petersen, his coaching staff, and their players achieved in front of a national audience that memorable night in Glendale? From the perspective of America’s football-watching public, the Broncos’ epic 43-42 overtime win over the favored Sooners is now considered one of the greatest college games ever played. It may even go down in film history as efforts are under way to produce a documentary and possibly a feature film.

But closer to home, the benefits of the Broncos’ 13-0 season, No. 5 ranking, and BCS win over one of college football’s most storied programs transcend the sport with even more dramatic and important implications. Since those exciting first days of 2007, Boise State has found itself experiencing “The Flutie Effect” — an unprecedented and widespread interest in a school spurred by a remarkable athletic accomplishment, much like what Boston College enjoyed in 1984 following quarterback Doug Flutie’s game-winning touchdown pass against Miami on the final play.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity few schools experience and the benefits far exceed a new piece of hardware in the trophy case:

• A spike in enrollment inquiries. Online inquiries from prospective students increased 135 percent and our Graduate College received 10 times as many application inquiries as it normally does in early January.

• An outpouring of community support. On Jan. 20 when the team was officially welcomed home as conquering heroes with a downtown parade and ceremony on the Statehouse steps, a crowd estimated at 20,000 braved 30-degree temperatures to cheer the players and coaches (page 32).

• Unprecedented media exposure. The coverage included a seven-page feature on the Broncos' win in the Jan. 29 edition of Sports Illustrated (page 17).

• Inspired donors. After the Fiesta Bowl, a mailing to donors that included a copy of a USA Today cover story on Boise State inspired California alumnus Doyle Heaton to send a $250,000 check in support of a new building for the College of Business and Economics.

• Additional merchandise revenue. In the month of December, the Boise State Bookstore recorded its best month ever for insignia merchandise sales at $752,000.

“Coach Pete” and his coaching staff and their players — with their gutsy and innovative play-calling in those frantic, frenzied closing moments of the Fiesta Bowl — have raised the bar for the entire university and prompted the rest of us to rethink how we go about our business.

When Kathy and I returned with the team from Arizona, we soon realized that everything was different. As approximately 200 e-mails of congratulations filled my computer screen, I thought, “Why shouldn't we as a university take a lesson from those coaches and players and examine what we are doing here day in and day out?”

It is time to take the handoff and run with it. Following the model provided by Coach Pete and his staff, I believe we at Boise State can take advantage of our newfound fame, think outside of the box, and come up with some “plays” in fund raising, marketing, student and faculty recruitment and other functions that are essential to running and improving upon a quality university.

The opportunity for next-level achievement has been presented to us courtesy of Bronco football. The challenge we face is to ratchet up our image as well as our levels of service, fund raising, communication and marketing — everything we do.

Our 30-second “Beyond the Blue” TV spot is a good start; it allows us to use the success of the athletic program to tout other on-campus success stories and publicize our efforts to increase graduate programming, improve the undergraduate experience, and recruit high quality faculty and students.

Many of these initiatives have been under way, but the Broncos’ victory in the Fiesta Bowl has accelerated our plans. We can’t stand still and must capitalize on our good fortune. And we will do it with the same determination and resolve that our campus partners in the past have mustered to get us to this critical juncture in our history.

— Bob Kustra, President
Boise State receives $12.5 million contribution from Micron Foundation for business building

The Micron Technology Foundation is the lead contributor for a new College of Business and Economics building at Boise State. The foundation will contribute $12.5 million for the planned state-of-the-art building that will be located at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and University Drive.

The building will serve as a gateway to the university from the west. Current budget projections are for a total project cost of $31 million.

"Boise State University has been a great partner in education, helping Micron and others achieve success through the success of its faculty and students," said Steve Appleton, Micron chairman, CEO and president. "Boise State is an institution that continues to increase its contributions to the community, the state of Idaho and the nation. We are pleased to participate in the university’s efforts to again reach new levels of excellence.”

The university plans to seek approval for the project from the State Board of Education this year. Pending approval and success in raising additional funds, construction could begin as early as spring 2008.

"We are delighted by Micron's generosity in helping us achieve our goals," said Boise State President Bob Kustra. "A new building to house the College of Business and Economics is a top priority for the university. A state-of-the-art facility is essential in order for us to continue to meet the needs of today’s business environment, and will not only help retain our excellent faculty, but will help attract the best and brightest new faculty in the coming years.”

The Micron gift includes $5 million in matching funds for additional donations to the business building. Final programming and detailed design for the building will begin in earnest upon State Board of Education approval.

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

University’s success story spurs $250,000 gift from alum

Inspired by momentum at his alma mater and the national media regarding the success of its football program, a Boise Junior College alum has pledged $250,000 toward a new College of Business and Economics building.

Doyle Heaton (diploma, business administration, ’61) responded to a mailing from the university that included a front-page USA Today article on Boise State and news of Micron’s multi-million dollar donation (above), with his pledge. “I want to give back to the community and give back to Boise State,” he says. Heaton also established scholarships in the College of Business and the Construction Management Department in 2005.

A room in the new building will be named the Doyle Heaton Seminar Room to honor his contribution.

“Impressive support such as this will enable us to take a great foundation and turn the college into one of the Northwest’s premier schools of business,” says Howard Smith, dean of the College of Business and Economics.

Heaton was a member of the first graduating class at Borah High School in 1959. He went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in business with an emphasis in building and real estate from the University of Denver in 1963 and did graduate work at UC Berkeley in real estate and finance. He has been building homes in northern California since 1965 and started Delco Builders and Developers in Walnut Creek, Calif., 32 years ago. He is company owner and president.
Interactive Learning Center due to open this summer

Highlighted by the scheduled June opening of the $14 million Interactive Learning Center, here is the latest on Boise State construction projects:

The 54,000-square-foot, four-story Interactive Learning Center includes multi-media labs, distance learning classrooms, a 3-D visualization classroom and an experimental classroom.

Work began last fall on a new parking garage at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive. The $11.4 million project will add 750 parking spaces and more than 9,000 square feet of office space. The project is expected to be completed in August.

The State Board of Education sold bonds in January to finance the new Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center/Department of Nursing Building and an expansion of the Student Union Building.

The plan to fund a Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center through student fees was approved in 2004; in June, the State Board was asked to consider a plan to include space for nursing education. As a result, building plans were modified to add approximately 20,000 square feet for classrooms, seminar rooms, practice labs (including an acute care simulation lab) and offices. This expanded design will support a 30 percent increase in the number of nursing graduates, thus helping to meet the state’s desperate need for more nurses.

The Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center portion of the building will include space for administration, health promotion, general and urgent care clinics, a pharmacy, a dental clinic and counseling services. Total projected cost is $25 million. The building will be situated directly behind the Student Recreation Center between Michigan and Vermont avenues.

The Student Union project will provide for expanded food services, bookstore, meeting rooms, study lounges and other student activity spaces, for an increase of 66,000 square feet. The 27,000 square feet in the existing facility will also be renovated. Total projected cost is $30.65 million.

The Athletic Department broke ground in February on the addition of skyboxes, a press box and suites to Bronco Stadium. The State Board of Education in January approved the issuance of bonds to finance the project. An academic projects fund will capture a percentage of project revenues for construction of academic projects in the future.

Design is also under way on the Center for Environmental Science & Economic Development (CESED) research building to house sciences and public policy faculty. Early planning is under way for a residence hall to meet the growing demand for student housing on campus.

Spring enrollment of 18,178 sets another state record

Boise State’s spring 2007 enrollment has set another record: 18,178 students — 147 more students than last spring. It is the largest spring enrollment in state history and marks the second consecutive time the university has exceeded 18,000 students in a spring semester.

The university’s Graduate College continues to grow, with a 14 percent increase in full-time graduate students and a 9 percent increase in graduate credit hours over last spring.

In addition, the number of full-time equivalent, or FTE, students at Boise State rose to 12,945, an increase of .9 percent over last spring’s enrollment. FTE is based on the number of credit hours students are taking.

Spring enrollment numbers would have been even greater if not for Boise State’s record-breaking fall graduation numbers. The number of graduating students last fall was up 125 students, an increase of 14.9 percent.

“This ongoing trend that we are seeing in the increases in our enrollment every semester is a clear indication of the strength, desirability and quality of our academic programs,” says Michael Laliberte, Boise State’s vice president for student affairs. “The significant growth in our graduate enrollment is a sure sign that we are heading in the right direction to meet the needs of our community with our new and developing graduate programs.”
BSU’S DEBATE TEAM PREPARES TO DEFEND NATIONAL CROWN; ORGANIZATION HONORS MOST

The Boise State debate and speech team continued its winning ways with a top score at a Clackamas, Ore., tournament in January. The win came despite the fact that the forensics team split up in order to send half its members to a tournament in St. Louis later that month. The move is part of coach Marty Most’s strategy to prepare the team to defend its national title at the biennial Pi Kappa Delta championship tournament in March. The Clackamas tournament marked the team’s 12th straight win.

In addition, Most was recently awarded the 2006 John Shields Award for Outstanding Contributions to Pi Kappa Delta. Most took over Boise State’s coaching position in 1988. Pi Kappa Delta is a national honor society for students of all majors who participate in forensics. Most received his award at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in San Antonio, Texas.

BOISE STATE RECEIVES AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Boise State was one of 76 universities nationwide to be recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for outstanding efforts to engage the community through partnerships, outreach activities and curricula that have a positive impact on the Treasure Valley and the university community.

The university was named a recipient of the Carnegie Foundation’s newly created Community Engagement Classification, placing it among the ranks of UCLA, Penn and North Carolina.

Other examples were the contribution of close to 20,000 hours of community service per semester by students in Service-Learning classes, the use of cultural and athletic facilities by community organizations, free tax consultations for local citizens provided by students, and the strategic planning and other organizational development provided to local non-profit organizations.

NURSING’S TAYLOR HONORED

Boise State nursing professor Pat Taylor was named 2006 Idaho Nurse of the Year for Academic Education by the March of Dimes, Idaho Chapter. Nurses from throughout Idaho were nominated in categories ranging from nursing management to emergency care. Taylor serves as the Nursing Department’s associate chair for student affairs.

MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING CARE

By Mary Ann Towle

This textbook by nursing professor Towle, written with co-author Elise Adams, provides need-to-know information and skills for nurses related to maternal and pediatric nursing. Maternal-Child Nursing Care is useful both as a textbook and as a later reference in an easy-to-read and understand format.

AHSAHTA PRESS

Boise State’s Ahsahta Press has released two books. In No One’s Land, written by 2006 Sawtooth Poetry Prize winner Paige Ackerson-Kiely, contains “haunted and compelling” poems, according to poet David Wojahn. Ackerson-Kiely’s work was chosen from among 500 entries. Susan Tichy’s Bone Pagoda focuses on a personal journey through Vietnam — the country, the war and the moral catastrophe signified by this word in American memory. Tichy writes about the infiltration of a small underground anti-war newspaper by a young man she dated who was later revealed to have been a spy for the CIA.

Gene Harris Jazz Festival set for April

The 10th annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival, presented by Boise State, will be held April 4-7 in downtown Boise. This year’s highlights include Club Night April 4 and main shows starting at 7:30 p.m. April 5 and 6 in Qwest Arena.

The April 5 event will feature performances by the Roger Kellaway Trio and Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band. The April 6 concert will be a tribute to the late Gene Harris with Jon Faddis and the Boise State Big Band, Luther Hughes, Ron Eschete, Niki Haris, Paul Kreibeck, Frank Potenza, Paul Tillotson, the Young Jazz Lions, the Cannonball/Coltrane Project and more.

The festival is named in honor of Harris, one of the world’s top jazz pianists who lived in Boise the last 23 years of his life and passed away from kidney failure in 2000. To purchase tickets and for more information about the festival, visit www.geneharris.org.
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Nursing master’s degrees approved; BSU now offers 75 graduate programs

Following approval in November by the State Board of Education, Boise State will offer a master's-level nursing program beginning this fall. Students may earn either a master of nursing or master of science in nursing degree, with an emphasis in public health. Not only will the program benefit the careers of nurses already in the field, but it will also prepare more nurses for teaching positions at Idaho universities and will enhance Boise State’s undergraduate nursing program.

The master of nursing and master of science in nursing with a public health emphasis bring the total number of graduate programs at Boise State to 75. The university offers 71 master’s degree programs and four doctoral programs — an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction and Ph.Ds in geophysics, geosciences and electrical and computer engineering. It also offers 95 baccalaureate programs.

Idaho’s nursing shortage is expected to become critical by the year 2020 as the Baby Boom population ages and retires. Seventy percent of nurses now licensed are age 40 or older, meaning that 60 percent or more of the state’s nursing work force could retire by 2026.

In a show of collaboration and support, Boise State signed a memorandum of agreement with Idaho State University in September to better coordinate the delivery of graduate nursing programs to Idaho students. The two universities have a shared emphasis in graduate programs in nursing in Southwest Idaho. Boise State currently has the largest nursing education program in Idaho and is the only program in the state to offer the public health emphasis.

Pam Springer, Boise State Department of Nursing chair, is eager to begin the program.

“The program is extremely flexible, allowing students to work and complete their master’s degrees part time,” she says. “It is exciting that Boise State and Idaho State can collaborate on the delivery of nursing education courses.”

The program adds to Boise State’s growing array of graduate programs and is one more indication of the university’s commitment to serve the state and region as a metropolitan research university of distinction.

JESSE JACKSON

Civil rights leader and political activist


“There’s something about that game [Boise State’s Fiesta Bowl win] that’s a metaphor for the American Dream.”
FINANCE RATING SERVICES GIVE BOISE STATE HIGH MARKS

Two independent financial ratings services have given Boise State their highest marks for its stable fiscal health. Boise State received an A1 rating from Moody’s Investors Service and an A+ rating from Standard and Poor’s Ratings Services for its $52.9 million series 2007A of general revenue and refunding bonds. The bond proceeds will be used to construct an expansion of the Student Union Building ($30 million) and a student health, wellness, counseling and nursing building ($22.9 million).

4 STUDENTS WIN PHOTO CONTEST

Four Boise State business students each won $1,200 cash and an all-expense-paid trip to Barcelona, Spain, as part of a contest sponsored by Micron Technology Inc. to showcase the photography potential of today’s camera phones (“Business students take their best shot,” FOCUS, Fall 2006).

Jared Neal, Matt Dalley and Kyle Nagel, all freshmen, and Vitali Fritz, an exchange student from Germany, traveled to Barcelona Feb. 13-17 and displayed their winning entries in Micron’s booth at the 3GSM World Conference.

Twenty Boise State students and 20 students from Drexel University in Pennsylvania (five four-member teams from each school) were chosen to compete in the Micron Mobile Theater Contest last fall. It challenged student teams to capture the extraordinary, inspirational and intriguing in single-frame shots and continuous video, using cell phones designed with Micron memory and image sensors.

4 RECEIVE DOCTORAL DEGREES AT WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Graduates and well-wishers gathered Dec. 15 in Taco Bell Arena to attend winter commencement ceremonies that saw 600 of Boise State’s new alumni accept their diplomas.

The ceremony included the hooding of four doctoral candidates — two earning Ph.Ds in geophysics and two earning Ed.Ds in curriculum and instruction. A total of 1,395 students qualified for graduation since May 2006, earning a total of 1,478 degrees and certificates.

In addition, six retired faculty members received emeriti status during the graduation ceremony. Dick McCloskey (biology), Janet Davis (library), Larry Reynolds (economics), Dan Huff (social work), Adrian Taylor (library) and Beverly Miller (library) were all honored. Collectively, the group served Boise State for 193 years.

NEWSMAKERS

• President BOB KUSTRAs quoted in a front page USA Today story on the success of the football team and its impact on the university. He was also quoted in an L.A. Times story analyzing the financial benefits of bowl games on participating universities. Kustra was also interviewed by The Chronicle of Higher Education for a story on the similarities between Boise State’s Fiesta Bowl win and George Mason University’s appearance in basketball’s Final Four.

• GENE BLEYMAIER, director of athletics, was interviewed by the Oklahoman for a story about the history of the blue football field.

• JIM BELTHOFF, biology, and graduate student THAN BOVES were quoted in an article on his study of dead barn owls along Interstate 84. The story ran in the Salt Lake Tribune and other media outlets.

• ALAN VIRTAA, Albertsons Library archivist, and TODD SHALLAT, director of the Center for Idaho History and Politics, were quoted in an Idaho Statesman story on Jesse Jackson’s remarks about Boise State’s 1950s football team. The story was picked up regionally and nationally.

• GREG HAMPIKIAN, biology, was featured in a New Scientist article, “The DNA So Dangerous That It Doesn’t Exist,” in January. The Associated Press interviewed Hampikian about his research and the story ran in a number of papers in the West. Hampikian was also interviewed by Genome Technology, Le Figaro (France) and Le Scienze (Italy) and other media about his research and his work as director of the Idaho Innocence Project.

• CHARLES HONTS, psychology, was quoted in a Seattle Post-Intelligencer story on the use of a polygraph test in the case of a slain mother and daughter.

• TED BAILEY, manager of Printing and Graphics Services, was featured in In-Plant Graphics, a national trade publication, about the Print Shop’s installation of a Xerox digital production press.

• CHERYL SCHRADER, dean of the College of Engineering, was quoted in a Lewiston Tribune story on Idaho’s engineering schools.

AL GORE

Former U.S. Vice President and presidential candidate


“If you just look clearly and honestly, without blinking, at the real [global warming] situation that we face, then politics really falls away.”
Education profs seek global perspectives

By Julie Hahn

Robert Bahruth talked about humanism with students and teachers in Taiwan. Claudia Peralta-Nash worked with bilingual educators in Peru. Stan Steiner is spending five months in Korea as part of an exchange program. And Diane Boothe had her presentation stolen by a monkey in the Peruvian jungle (more on that later).

Professors from Boise State’s College of Education have long been focused on providing the best education for their students in the Treasure Valley. But according to Boothe, the dean, the college is making every attempt to bring global perspectives to classrooms in Boise.

“We are asked to prepare students to enter an increasingly complex global society and it’s crucial to consider perspectives beyond our boundaries and become familiar with cultures and teaching methods from around the world,” Boothe says.

During the past year alone, educators from the college have traveled to places such as Ireland, Japan, Israel and beyond to establish connections with other universities, exchange ideas and experience other cultures.

Bahruth, a professor in the Department of Bilingual Education, has traveled to Taiwan several times since 1998 and often teaches courses on humanism at Sunyat-sen University. His visits to Taiwan also give him a chance to learn Chinese and enjoy good sashimi and sushi, he says. (“He never brings any food back for us,” Peralta-Nash, the chair of the Bilingual Department, complains good-naturedly.)

Bahruth is consistently impressed with the emphasis on education in Taiwan, he says, noting that so many people in Taiwan wear glasses “because they study themselves to blindness.” Bahruth would like the College of Education to develop a more formal relationship with Sunyat-sen University, and says that his colleagues in Taiwan want their students to experience a place like Boise, which is easier and safer for students to navigate than locations such as Los Angeles. A partnership with the university would expand on similar relationships already in place with institutions such as Chonbuk National University in South Korea, where Steiner, a professor of literacy, will work until July.

Boothe says the college is looking to strengthen and expand its partnerships. “We look forward to partnering with international universities and welcoming students and providing global, quality educational experiences,” she says.

Peralta-Nash traveled with Boothe to Peru last year. Peralta-Nash, who is from Uruguay, appreciates the global approach that educators and students in South America take to the classroom.

“There is no academic ivory tower,” she says. “There are more connections between the political, social, and education worlds.”

Those connections and high level of involvement permeate cultures such as Peru’s, she says, where everyone — from waiters to pizza deliverymen to street sweepers — are informed about the culture and politics. Peralta-Nash challenges her students in Boise to experience the world the way students in other countries do, by encouraging them to be informed about the world and to commit themselves to bettering the lives of other people, no matter their nationality.

“Part of my role is moving people to understand what role they play in the bigger picture in society,” Peralta-Nash says.

And about that monkey ... While Peralta-Nash and Boothe were in Peru, Boothe gave a presentation outside, on a basketball court with a metal roof.

“While I was presenting, a monkey ran through and grabbed part of my presentation and CD case,” Boothe says. Four or five people went after it, eventually tethering the little troublemaker to a chair.

Boothe managed to finish her presentation, casting a wary eye on her visitor.

“I could see it out of the corner of my eye, jumping up and down,” she laughs, shaking her head.
the Broncos’ EPIC JOURNEY

It started in December 2005 with Chris Petersen’s promotion from offensive coordinator to head coach and ended on New Year’s Day 2007 with a stunning and astounding 43-42 overtime win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl (pictured). FOCUS looks back at the 2006 Boise State football team’s 13-0 storybook season. (John Kelly photo)
yes,
IT REALLY HAPPENED

By Bob Evancho

At times, it still seems surreal — as if what we watched unfold on the evening of New Year’s Day didn’t really happen: Did we just tie the game on fourth-and-18 from the 50 with seven seconds left? Did Vinny just hit “Shoe” with that TD pass? DID IAN REALLY JUST SCORE ON A STATUE OF LIBERTY TO WIN THE GAME?!
By now, we all know it wasn’t a dream. And by now, the adjectives to describe that win and those moments have been exhausted. Weeks later, Bronco Nation has come back down to Earth.

Since Boise State’s sublime 43-42 overtime win over Oklahoma in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the mood of the Boise State faithful has slowly changed from unfettered exuberance to warm contentment, the kind that lasts for months.

But in that afterglow of Boise State’s win in the Bowl Championship Series, its No. 5 ranking and 13-0 season, there are other points to ponder — aspects to the victory over the Sooners that may take weeks, months and even years to come to the fore and for us to fully appreciate. Boise State President Bob Kustra’s column on page 5 and the article on page 17 delineate some of the early benefits the university has enjoyed on the heels of the Broncos’ monumental season. But what about the more long-term repercussions?

Could the 2007 Fiesta Bowl be Super Bowl III redux? Will the Broncos’ stunning win serve as the tipping point that eventually changes the way the BCS is structured — similar to aftereffects of the New York Jets’ 16-7 Super Bowl triumph over Baltimore in 1969? The Jets of the lightly regarded American Football League, led by star quarterback Joe Namath, were 18-point underdogs to the Colts of the NFL. But Namath led the upstart Jets to the win — an upset of historic proportions that validated the AFL and altered the landscape of pro football. Fast-forward to Jan. 1, 2007, with the Broncos as latter-day Jets playing on behalf of the nation’s mid-majors and
non-BCS leagues and the Sooners of the haughty BCS cartel representing the lordly NFL of the late 1960s. In terms of historical significance, some observers think the Broncos’ win has similar potential.

“What I’ve learned from BSU’s win — which sportswriters are calling the greatest college football game ever — is how wrong the establishment is,” wrote Idaho Statesman columnist Dan Popkey. “When we get to a playoff system — and we will, sooner or later — the Bronco victory will be a watershed event.”

In a lengthy feature on Boise State’s victory, Austin Murphy of Sports Illustrated said the game “helped the Broncos strike a blow for mid-majors everywhere … It served as a godsend for advocates of a playoff system. How many such upsets have gone unrealized, they ask, because the system has excluded worthy teams from non-BCS conferences? What might have happened if the Broncos had been given a crack at [national champion] Florida?”

Sure, it’s hard not to get carried away in the euphoria of the Broncos’ improbable triumph — especially given the manner in which they won — and only time will tell if their win over the Sooners will create the same ripple effect the Jets’ landmark victory did 38 years ago.

But in the words of Rodgers and Hammerstein: “You got to have a dream. If you don’t have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true?”
University reaps the benefits of
BRONCOS’ HISTORIC WIN

By Frank Zang

When Gov. Butch Otter opened his inaugural address on Jan. 5 by saying, “How ’bout them Broncos!” it succinctly captured the watershed moment that occurred in the history of Boise State University four days earlier.

Much like Doug Flutie’s “Hail Mary” pass in 1984 put Boston College on the map, Boise State’s thrilling 43-42 overtime win against Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, and the way it happened, has been a defining moment for the university.

Or, as Boise State President Bob Kustra puts it, “Everything is different now.”

In the 24 hours after the game, hundreds of congratulatory e-mails poured into the President’s Office, a movie producer inquired about optioning the exclusive story rights, and star running back Ian Johnson and his new fiancée, Bronco cheerleader Chrissy Popadics, were whisked to New York City for a Good Morning America appearance. That was only the beginning. The Broncos became part of pop culture, ranking high on the Yahoo and Google searches and appearing in comic strips for Tank McNamara and Mallard Fillmore.

The top 10 signs that “You’re Watching Too Much College Football” on the Late Show with David Letterman included, “Canceled family trip to Mexico, going to Boise State instead.” It’s true. In the week after the Fiesta Bowl, online inquiries from prospective students increased 135 percent with requests from Maryland, Maine, New York, West Virginia and beyond. Boise State’s graduate school received 10 times as many application inquiries as it normally does in early January.

The growing city of Boise has embraced its hometown university and a generation of blue and orange fans has been born. Business marquee signs throughout the Treasure Valley celebrated the season with declarations such as, “Coach Pete for President,” “Thanks Broncos For The Best Game Ever…We Believe,” and “French Dip Chips Coke $6…Way To Go BSU.”

The community outpouring was all the more evident on Jan. 20 when the Bronco coaches and players were officially welcomed home as conquering heroes. A parade down Capitol Boulevard in 30-degree temperatures attracted 20,000 people to honor the team. Lines began forming eight hours in advance of a football player autograph session. At the Boise State men’s basketball game against Hawaii that night, people stayed until
11:30 p.m. to have their photo taken with the Fiesta Bowl trophy.

One of the biggest coups occurred a few weeks later when the Broncos’ Fiesta Bowl win was the subject of a seven-page feature in *Sports Illustrated*. A photo of tight end Derek Schouman and the headline “The Boise State Miracle Game: How They Pulled It Off” shared the cover with Peyton Manning.

Beyond the unprecedented media exposure and enhanced fan base, the BCS-busting season has affected the university's bottom line. After the Fiesta Bowl, a mailing to donors that included a copy of a *USA Today* cover story on Boise State inspired California alumnus Doyle Heaton to send a $250,000 pledge in support of a new building for the College of Business and Economics (page 6).

In the month of December, the Boise State Bookstore recorded its best month ever for insignia merchandise sales at $752,000. The previous best month was $359,000 in December 2004 when Boise State played in the Liberty Bowl. Proceeds from Bookstore sales support student scholarships and operating expenses. The Bookstore shipped online merchandise sales to all 50 states with the highest sales volume in Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Texas. As a point of comparison, 10 years ago, the annual insignia merchandise sales from the Bookstore totaled $222,000.

And what the future holds is even more exciting, says Kustra.

“The really interesting thing about our position in history right now is that when it’s written one day, when we are larger than we are now and we have the academic and athletic reputation of a Pac-10 university, one might say these were the glory days,” says Boise State’s president. “These were the idyllic moments in our history when the size was right, when quality was right, and when we clearly had an opportunity to distinguish ourselves as a metropolitan research university. And we moved forward and beyond that.”

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GENE BLEYMAIER HAS BEEN ON A ROLL. From Pokey Allen to Houston Nutt to Dirk Koetter to Dan Hawkins, Boise State’s athletic director has made excellent choices in filling the head football coaching position. But Allen died of cancer in 1996 and the other three coaches used Boise State as a stepping-stone to jobs at bigger programs. So when Hawkins left Boise State for the head coaching job at Colorado following the 2005 season, Bleymaier was faced with hiring his fifth head coach in 13 years. It turned out to be his best decision yet. On Dec. 16, 2005, 41-year-old Chris Petersen, the Broncos’ offensive coordinator under Hawkins, was selected to lead the football program. “The Broncos have scored again,” said Boise State President Bob Kustra at the press conference announcing Petersen’s promotion. “We have named one of the finest football coaches in the country. We are truly blessed to be in this position to name Chris Petersen as our football coach. … No doubt, the dream lives on at Boise State. To me, that dream means a national ranking and breaking into the BCS.” Little did Kustra, Bleymaier and the rest of Bronco Nation know how quickly it would be a dream come true.
A REAL LAUGHER Quarterback Jared Zabransky shares a light moment with an official and a teammate during Boise State’s 45-0 season-opening win over Sacramento State. Opposite page: Ian Johnson races upfield against the Hornets through a hole opened by center Jadon Dailey (69).
IN HIS 20TH SEASON in college football’s coaching ranks, Chris Petersen made his debut as a head coach in impressive fashion on Aug. 31 as Boise State routed Sacramento State 45-0 in the 2006 season opener. The Broncos were off and running en route to their 13-0 season as they outgained the Hornets of the Division I-AA Big Sky Conference 427 total offensive yards to 82. The game was also an indicator of good things to come as sophomore running back Ian Johnson rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns in his first college start. But the night belonged to “Coach Pete,” as he is known, who spent the previous 19 seasons as an assistant coach with four programs. Petersen started his coaching career in 1987 as an assistant at the University of California, Davis, where he was a Division II All-American quarterback in the mid-1980s. From UC Davis, he went to the University of Pittsburgh and Portland State as quarterbacks coach and Oregon as wide receivers coach before he joined Boise State as the Broncos’ offensive coordinator in 2001.
“Ian showed flashes and signs [of brilliance] all last year,” Petersen told the Associated Press after the Broncos’ win over Oregon State. “The way we do things here is we play a lot of [running backs]. Ian didn’t get the touches he probably should have last year.”
AFTER A 17-10 WIN at Wyoming, Boise State returned to the friendly confines of Bronco Stadium and its Western Athletic Conference opener against Hawaii on Sept. 23. The Broncos survived a stellar performance by the Warriors’ star quarterback Colt Brennan, who threw for 388 yards and five touchdowns, to win 41-34. Although it was a struggle, the victory was BSU’s 48th in 50 games on the blue turf.

PIVOTAL PLAYS Hawai’i’s Colt Brennan was one of the nation’s top quarterbacks in 2006, and he put up some impressive numbers against Boise State in the Broncos’ 41-34 win. But the BSU defense and special teams came up with the big plays when they were needed. Above: Safety Gerald Alexander recovers a fumble by Brennan (15) on a crucial play in the fourth quarter. Left: Cornerback Orlando Scandrick separates Hawaii’s Kurt Milne from the ball on an extra point attempt. Scandrick returned the Warriors’ botched conversion 88 yards for 2 points.
THE BRONCOS VENTURED to Salt Lake City on Sept. 30 to take on Utah in what was supposed to be one of their toughest tests in their quest to go unbeaten and earn an at-large berth in the BCS. But it was no contest as No. 22 Boise State made a clear statement with a 36-3 blowout of the only team from a non-Bowl Championship Series league to reach BCS, which Utah did two years earlier. The Bronco defense limited Utah to 178 yards total offense in what was the Utes’ worst home loss in 17 years. By the end of the game, most of the Utah fans were gone and the blue and orange-clad Bronco fans had all but taken over Rice-Eccles Stadium, cheering Boise State to its fifth straight win.

BLOCK PARTY Left: Ryan Putnam springs Vinny Perretta with a perfectly executed block against Utah. Above: Derek Schouman stiff-arms Utah defender Steve Tate. Top: Linebacker Colt Brooks keeps an eye on Ute quarterback Brett Ratliff during Boise State’s 36-3 victory in Salt Lake City. Opposite page (clockwise from bottom): The Broncos hosted Louisiana Tech the following week with wide receiver Drisan James (11) catching two passes for 59 yards; Maneline Dancers get into the act; fans fill Bronco Stadium; Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band tuba players Mary Simpson and Matthew Burton.
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revenge ON THE BLUE

FOLLOWING A 40-28 win at New Mexico State and a 42-26 victory at Idaho, the stage was set for a Nov. 1 rematch at home against Fresno State. The Bulldogs soundly defeated Boise State 27-7 in 2005, handing the Broncos only their third loss in the WAC since they joined the league in 2001. Revenge was sweet as the No. 14 Broncos hammered the Bulldogs 45-21 to improve to 9-0. On Nov. 11 BSU edged San Jose State 23-20 when Anthony Montgomery kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired. The No. 13 Broncos’ final home game was Nov. 18, a 49-10 breather against Utah State.
BLUE BY THEM In his final home game, senior wide receiver Legedu Naanee had one run for 35 yards, three catches for 57 yards and a touchdown against Utah State. Opposite page top: Wide receiver Jerard Rabb pulls in a 4-yard touchdown pass from Jared Zabransky as Fresno State defender Marcus McCauley arrives too late. Bottom: Young fans cheer the Broncos on to another victory.
With a decisive 38-7 win over Nevada on Nov. 25, the Broncos finished the regular season 12-0, won their fifth straight Western Athletic Conference title and awaited an at-large berth in the BCS. Left: the champs celebrate with the WAC trophy in the winners' locker room. Right: Jerard Rabb (1) and Ellis Powers (18) don sombreros in anticipation of a trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

**PETERSSEN CLAIMS TOP COACHING AWARD**

Boise State's Chris Petersen capped off his first year at the Bronco helm with college football's top coaching honor: the 2006 Paul “Bear” Bryant College Coach of the Year Award. The honor is the first individual national award ever won by a member of a Boise State football team at the Division I-A level. Members of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association voted on the award.

Petersen's undefeated campaign makes him only the second coach in college football history to post a record of 13-0 in his first season as a head coach. The other was in 1888 when Walter Camp led Yale to a 13-0 record.

“Coach Pete” was also named the Region 4 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

Other Bear Bryant Award finalists included Bret Bielema of Wisconsin, Lloyd Carr of Michigan, Greg Schiano of Rutgers and Bob Stoops of Oklahoma.

Petersen wasn’t the only Bronco to earn individual honors:

- Sophomore running back IAN JOHNSON was named first team All-America by SI.com and CBS Sportsline.com, second team All-America by The Sporting News, and to the Associated Press’ third team. He finished first in the nation in points per game (12.6), total points (152), and touchdowns (25); second in rushing yards per game (142.8); third in yards per carry (6.2); fourth in rushing yards (1,714); and fifth in all-purpose running yards per game (147.4).
- Senior linebacker KOREY HALL was a second-team All-America selection by The Sporting News and the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year.
- Sophomore tackle RYAN CLADY was named second-team All-America by SI.com.
- Defensive back KYLE WILSON was named to The Sporting News Freshman Team.
- JOHNSON, HALL, CLADY, wide receiver LEGEDU NAANE, tight end DEREK SCHOUMAN, defensive tackle ANDREW BROWNING and kicker ANTHONY MONTGOMERY were first-team All-WAC selections while quarterback JARED ZABRANSKY, guard JEFF CAVENDER, linebacker COLT BROOKS, defensive back MARTY TADMAN and punter KYLE STRINGER earned second-team all-conference recognition.

As a team, the 2006 Broncos’ accomplishments were many, but four of them stand out: They won their fifth straight WAC championship, won the Fiesta Bowl, finished No. 5 in the final AP standings, and ended the year as the only unbeaten team in Division I.
(officially)  
FIESTA TIME!

THE SCORES

The 2006 Broncos compiled their 13-0 record with commitment from the start, class and consistency throughout the season, and courage and cunning at the end.

Aug. 30  Boise State 45, Sacramento State 0
Sept. 7   Boise State 42, Oregon State 14
Sept. 16  Boise State 17, Wyoming 10
Sept. 23  Boise State 41, Hawaii 34
Sept. 30  Boise State 36, Utah 3
Oct. 7    Boise State 55, Louisiana Tech 14
Oct. 15   Boise State 40, New Mexico State 28
Oct. 21   Boise State 42, Idaho 26
Nov. 1    Boise State 45, Fresno State 21
Nov. 11   Boise State 23, San Jose State 20
Nov. 18   Boise State 49, Utah State 10
Nov. 25   Boise State 38, Nevada 7
Jan. 1    Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42 OT

PARTY TIME  On the evening of Dec. 3 in Taco Bell Arena the Broncos were officially invited to play in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, making them only the second team from a non-BCS conference to earn an at-large berth to college football’s biggest postseason party. Above: Coach Chris Petersen and co-captains Colt Brooks (31), Jared Zabransky and Korey Hall (25) during the celebration. Top left: The players, watching the nationally televised BCS pairings on the Bronco Vision screen, react to the announcement that they will be playing Oklahoma. Top right: Petersen with Fox Sports Net’s Patrick O’Neal.
a win for the ages:

BOISE STATE 43, OKLAHOMA 42 OT

IT WAS A GAME, wrote Austin Murphy of Sports Illustrated, that “could not possibly contain another dramatic turn; could not pack — unless your team was Oklahoma — another iota of joy.” Three trick plays executed to perfection created “the most outrageous, implausible conclusion to a college football game since Cal’s kickoff-return team lateraled its way through the Stanford band 24 years ago,” Murphy wrote of the Broncos’ stirring Fiesta Bowl win. “In truth Boise’s win eclipsed even that piece of last-second magic. [The hook and ladder that tied the game], after all, was but the first of three acts in an absurdist play.” Final score: Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42 in overtime. A win for the ages.
The e-mails came pouring in after New Year’s Day — about 200 of them, says Boise State President Bob Kustra. “I responded to each one of them personally,” he says. “They reminded me that millions of people watched our team beat Oklahoma in amazing fashion. Those e-mails reminded me that what impressed those writers about our football team was not just the magic on the field, but the way the players and coaches conducted themselves off the field. The postgame interviews with the players — where they were articulate and classy and humble — were mentioned over and over again in these e-mails.”

They also served as a reminder, says Kustra, that the university must seize the moment and tell the world there is more to the university than blue turf and gracious winners on the football field. Following are excerpts from an interview with Boise State’s president a few days after the Fiesta Bowl:

Q: Can you talk some more about those e-mails you received?
A: These letters remind me that we have the opportunity here to build more than a state university; we have the opportunity to build a national university. If you take a look at most of the universities whose football teams are ranked in the top 25, they’ve developed these national reputations. Clearly, Boise State now has the opportunity to do some of the same things — if, of course, this incredible football program continues to succeed the way it has in recent years and we invest in our academic programs accordingly.
Q: Have you ever experienced anything like this Fiesta Bowl euphoria and its aftermath in your years as an educator or as a politician?

A: The closest I’ve ever come to it is the euphoria following an election when people will stop you on the street and congratulate you. But those experiences pale in comparison to what has transpired since the Fiesta Bowl. I can’t go anywhere without people stopping me and wanting to talk about the game. No matter where we go these days, that’s really all people want to talk about, and I’ve never in my lifetime had an experience like this. And as much as I enjoyed my political career, these last couple of weeks trump any experience I had during the 18 years I was in elected office.

It has become more than just football. I was in [a store] the other day and a gentleman came by and said, “Hey, great job at the university ... and I mean beyond the blue.” Here’s someone commenting on the Fiesta Bowl victory, but by the “beyond the blue” comment, I assume he was saying we are doing a great job with our efforts to increase graduate programming, to increase the reputation of our academic programming, and bring better students to our campus.

Q: What are your perceptions in regard to the higher education landscape in the state of Idaho?

A: What impressed me so much about our victory is how the entire state of Idaho came together in support of the Boise State University football team, and therefore Boise State University. In my few trips to the Legislature this week and last, I was just amazed how many legislators from all over the state wanted to come up and talk about Boise State and wanted to compliment me on the conduct of our coaches and players.

I was impressed with the way my colleagues at Idaho and Idaho State reacted. I got a bear hug from the president of Idaho State [Arthur Vailas]. We had a full-page ad from University of Idaho in the Statesman congratulating us. I think we’ve captured the imagination of all of Idaho and I think all of Idaho, like the rest of the nation, looked at the way those players and coaches conducted themselves at the Fiesta Bowl and made us all proud. Boise State has had a rocky history in getting accepted and gaining respect, whether it’s on the athletic field or academically. I think it’s time to assure our alums and our fans and boosters that Boise State has arrived. That was best evidenced when our new governor, Gov. Butch Otter, opened up his inaugural address with “How ’bout them Broncos!” That’s probably unprecedented in gubernatorial inaugural speeches in America.

FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP
RUNNER, VOLLEYBALL PLAYER ALSO STARRED FOR BOISE STATE

While many of the 22 seniors on the Boise State football team played key roles in the Broncos’ memorable 2006 season, they weren’t the only student-athletes who concluded stellar careers in fall sports. Two of BSU’s top performers in their respective sports — cross country runner FOREST BRADEN and volleyball player CAMERON FLUNDER — ended their senior seasons to considerably less fanfare than their fellow seniors on the football team, but with equally impressive accomplishments.

In his final cross country race, Braden earned All-America honors at the NCAA Championships when he finished 50th with a time of 31:56. Braden was also named the WAC’s Runner of the Year. In seven races his senior season, Braden recorded six finishes in the top six. He finished first in the Charles Bowles Invitational and the WAC Championships, becoming the first Bronco harrier in school history to win the conference individual title. Braden began his cross country career at Boise State in 2002, winning his first race at the Northwest Nazarene Invitational. Since that race, he posted six more individual victories, four appearances at the regional championships, three appearances at the national championships, and was named to the All-WAC first team three times. He will finish his collegiate career this spring as a member of the Bronco track and field team.

Flunder led the Bronco volleyball team to a 13-17 season and was a first-team All-WAC selection for the third straight year. Flunder received all-conference recognition during all four years of her BSU career, earning second-team honors as a freshman. The Broncos’ JACKIE STROUD earned second-team All-WAC honors. The senior duo shattered a number of records since their arrival as freshmen in 2003. Flunder is the Broncos’ all-time kills leader (1,497), and Stroud holds school records for digs in a career (1,477) and digs in a single match (41). Flunder also holds the Broncos’ second-best mark for kills in a single season, with 435 in 2004. With 507 digs this year, Stroud also holds the Bronco record for most digs in a single season.
New Foundation officers and directors elected

Bill Ilett (AS, ’65, arts and sciences; BS, ’67, accountancy) was recently elected chair of the Boise State Foundation board of directors. Ilett, president of Trans-Corp, a Boise truck-leasing company, was one of four new officers named to lead the board for the next two years (“Ilett keeps on trucking,” FOCUS, Fall 2006).

The other officers are vice chair Mark Lliteras (BS, mathematics, ’72), a senior vice president at Wells Fargo Bank; secretary Linda Yanke, president of Yanke Machine Shop; and treasurer Greg Brown (BBA, economics, ’74), a retired rancher from Buhl.

In addition, five directors were elected to three-year terms. They are George Iliff, a principal with Colliers International; James Kissler, chief executive officer of Norco Inc.; Jeffrey Russell (BBA, ’89), president of Impact Sales; Jesse Tam (BBA, marketing, ’75), president and CEO of Regal Financial Bank in Seattle; and Ron VanAuker, president of VanAuker Inc. The board also bid farewell to outgoing honorary directors Pete Richardson (BA, political science, ’79), Pat Sullivan (BA, marketing,’79) and Evelyn Loveless.

A nonprofit Idaho organization, the Boise State Foundation is the official fund-raising and gift-receiving department for Boise State. The Foundation was established in 1964 as a nonprofit corporation devoted entirely to the benefit of Boise State University.

The Foundation’s mission is to raise funds and support for the university academic departments and programs. It must also prudently manage all private funds donated to the university and act as an envoy and link between the university and its constituencies.

Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible. The Foundation funds are managed by professional fund custodians and investors whose performance is reviewed quarterly by a committee of the Foundation’s board of directors.
In October Boise State President Bob Kustra and his wife, Kathy, hosted a dinner honoring the past chairs of the Boise State Foundation. Between 1977 and 2006 the Foundation has been led by 10 chairs.

The first chair, James D. McClary, passed away in 2004. Of the other nine living chairs, six were able to attend the dinner and enjoy an evening filled with reminiscing and sharing stories with the current BSU Foundation Executive Board directors.

After dinner, framed photographs of each chair were unveiled in the conference room of the University Advancement offices, and Rika Clement, acting vice president for University Advancement, reflected on the accomplishments of the Foundation, thanks to its board leadership.

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A dinner honoring the past chairs of the Boise State Foundation elicited good times and fond memories. The guests included (from left) Allen Dykman, who served as chair from 2001-04; Patsy Fedrizzi, wife of Executive Committee member Rich Fedrizzi; Tom MacGregor, who served as chair from 1986-89; and Dykman’s wife, Dixie.
From the director: Building Bronco Nation

What a tremendous victory the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl was for our football team, and what an incredible boost for Boise State University! Alumni and friends traveled to Phoenix in unprecedented numbers to support the Broncos. Approximately 10,000 fans assembled in Tempe at the alumni pep rally held on New Year's Eve.

The Boise State Alumni Association is inspired and we have our own list of lofty aspirations aimed at building a vast and influential Bronco Nation:

New Alumni Center — This signature building will be the gateway to the east end of campus, providing much needed space to foster connections with our alums, the community and students.

We are currently in the midst of designing and raising the funds for the building.

Alumni Legacy Scholarships — Our plan is to increase the number of legacy scholars from the current two full scholarships a year to 50 annually by 2012.

Bronco Legislative Network (BLN) — We are establishing the BLN to better inform, organize and leverage the influence of our alums and friends regarding public policy affecting Boise State and all of higher education in Idaho.

Membership, Chapters and Networks — Our aim is to enlarge Bronco Nation by increasing membership by 25 percent and to formally recognize 20 new chapters or networks by 2012.

Given the success the university is experiencing both academically and athletically, it is a great time to join Bronco Nation.

— Mark H. Arstein ('90), Executive Director
http://alumni.boisestate.edu
Preparations for Boise State’s Auction 2007 are in the final stages, and supporters of the university are encouraged to reserve May 5 on their calendars.

The year 2007 marks the 75th anniversary of Boise State, and Auction ’07 has been designated as one of the university’s signature events to recognize BSU’s diamond jubilee. In honor of the founding of Boise State — then Boise Junior College — in 1932, the theme of Auction ’07 will be “The 1930s.”

The biennial social event is sponsored by the Bronco Athletic Association and the Boise State Alumni Association, with Micron Technology Foundation as the presenting sponsor. Festivities will include a silent auction (sponsored by The Idaho Statesman), a live auction (sponsored by Orion and DCS Communications) and dinner at the Boise Centre on The Grove. May’s event will mark the 13th Boise State Auction. The first 12 have raised a combined $2.8 million.

Alumni, boosters, businesses and individuals are encouraged to attend this 75th anniversary signature event. Donations of items, cash and/or services to the auction are also being accepted. All proceeds from Auction 2007 will benefit student scholarships.

The Auction 2007 Executive Committee is comprised of members from the Boise State Alumni Association and Bronco Athletic Association board of directors. Executive Committee members include Pam Casey and Brian Yeargain, co-chairs, Diana Ballenger, Gloria Beattie, Greg Chavez, Donna Conner, M.J. Goss, Kathy Haumann, Ward Hooper, Carl Nicolaysen, Bonnie Schwenkfelder and Diane Weible.

For more information, to make a donation, volunteer your help, or reserve your ticket or table to the event, contact Valerie Tichenor, director of special events, at (208) 426-2570 or vtichen@boisestate.edu. Information and reservations for the auction are also available online. Go to Broncosports.com and click on the Auction 2007 logo.

WANTED: Your stories about Boise State’s buildings

The next issue of FOCUS will feature an in-depth look at the buildings, both present and past, on the Boise State University campus. We are seeking remembrances from our alumni about their experiences tied to these buildings for an article in FOCUS.

If you fell asleep in the library, got engaged in the Quad, washed dishes in the Student Union, took a life-changing class in the Education Building, got stuck in an elevator, remember how the campus used to look, or have any other anecdotes about your experiences with the university’s buildings, please share them with us. The FOCUS editorial staff will compile the information in an article for the alumni magazine.

Please send your stories to communications@boisestate.edu. Include your name, when you attended BSU and the year you graduated, your major, where you live and what you do, and a phone number where we can reach you.

Deadline for submissions is March 31. If you can send it sooner that would be great. FOCUS reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity and brevity.

For more information, contact Janelle Brown at (208) 426-1790 or jbrown2@boisestate.edu in the Office of Communications and Marketing.
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Visit alumni.boisestate.edu for up-to-date alumni happenings.
Visit boisestate.imodules.com to update contact information and communicate with other alumni.

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Receive the Alumni Connection. This e-newsletter will provide you with alumni and university news and events.
Email bsualum@boisestate.edu with your current email address to be entered into a drawing to win a $100 gift card to the Bronco shop!

Quarterly
Receive the award-winning, alumni magazine Focus in your mailbox.

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

Loyle Washam, Boise, ’49
Bruce Storey, Reno, Nev., ’65
Richard Borders, Boise, ’66
Linda Silvers, Boise, ’67
Steven Jensen, Boise, ’70
Gary Silvers, Boise, ’70
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C. Gaye Bennett, Boise, ’81
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Ronald Rowland, Boise, ’82
Eric Von Stromberg, Boise, ’83
Nancy DeWitt, Fairbanks, Alaska, ’84
Michael Monteferrante, Wichita, Kan., ’84
Anna Sabate, St. Augustine, Fla., ’87
Michael Fantaski, Boise, ’88
David Comer, Boise, ’90
Brett Job, Meridian, ’90
Cory Smith, Meridian, ’90
Robert Drewes, Westminster, Colo., ’91
Todd Hill, Meridian, ’91, ’97
Jeffrey Stoppenhagen, Meridian, ’92
Brian Nave, Boise, ’95
Helen Price, Middleton, ’95
Connie Comer, Boise, ’96
Charles Simpson, Boise, ’96
Dong Henderson, Eagle, ’97, ’06
Basilio Hernandez, U.S. Army, ’97
Angelica Hernandez, U.S. Army, ’97
Casandra Sipes, Boise, ’97
Sam Lowder, Salt Lake City, ’99
Randy Helland, Boise, ’02, ’04
Robert Horton, Boise, ’02
Bradley Saito, Boise, ’02
Deborah Fantaski, Boise, ’03
Karen Stratton, Boise, ’03
Ronald Bryant, Boise
Donald Hague, Boise
Diane Harrell, Eagle
Kelly Helland, Boise
Paul Hosefros, Boise
Lisa Job, Meridian
Steve Kubinski, Boise
Alan Panas, Meridian
Joan Panas, Meridian
Thomas Sipes, Boise
Bette Storey, Reno, Nev.
Dorothy Washam, Boise
Fiesta Bowl helps Varsity B Club reunite, excite former Broncos

The Boise State football team’s appearance against Oklahoma in the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on New Year’s Day created a large and jubilant celebration for the Varsity B Club. Many Varsity B members took advantage of their affiliation with the organization and purchased pre-release tickets for the bowl game between the Broncos and Sooners in Glendale, Ariz.

The Varsity B Club was started in 2004 to welcome back and reconnect former Boise State athletes with the university. Former coaches, sports administrators, support staff, band members, and dance and cheer squad members are also eligible for Varsity B membership.

According to Varsity B coordinator Michel Bourgeau (BBA, management, ’85), the Fiesta Bowl pregame tailgate party was festive, but it was nothing compared to the excitement in the stands that evening when Boise State defeated Oklahoma 43-42 in overtime.

For information on the Varsity B Club, go to www.broncosports.com, then click on the “Inside Athletics” tab, or call Bourgeau at (208) 426-5440.

Alum Sales gains political prominence in Montana

Scott Sales says that he’s trying to get used to the attention.

Sales (BBA, operations management, ’82) is the new speaker of the Montana House of Representatives. His fast ride to one of the most powerful positions in Montana politics has been watched with interest in his adopted state and has forced the Republican from Bozeman to take a crash course in dealing with the media.

“I used to count myself lucky if I got in the paper four or five times a session,” Sales says. Now, he says, he answers media calls almost every day.

Sales didn’t expect to have a career in politics. Born in Douglas, Wyo., he grew up in Boise and attended Borah High School. After graduating from Boise State he worked for Extended Systems and transferred to Bozeman after the company opened an office in Montana.

Sales decided that he wanted to stay in Montana when Extended Systems merged with another company; he sold off his interest, giving him financial options, he says. He continued with a few business side projects, took some time off and eventually became interested in working on an election campaign. His curiosity led him to a GOP Central Committee meeting. He entered the room as a potential volunteer and walked out a candidate.

Sales says that he had always kept up on current events, but he “didn’t know the slightest thing about running.” Despite his learning curve (and the fact that his district isn’t heavily Republican) he won the election. Now he presides over a House with 50 Republicans, 49 Democrats and one Constitutional Party member.

“It’s extremely interesting and I’ve enjoyed it immensely,” he says.

— Julie Hahn

Alumni Association Calendar of Events

MARCH
14 — Boise State Night at the Idaho Stampede, Qwest Arena, Downtown Boise

APRIL
24 — Top Ten Scholars Banquet
28 — Student Alumni Association School Pride Day

MAY
2 — Student Alumni Association Recognition Banquet
5 — Auction 2007, Boise Centre on The Grove
12 — Spring Commencement
23 — Alumni Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting
**Coin commemorates 2006 football season**

A limited-edition commemorative coin that celebrates the Boise State football team’s 13-0 season and Tostitos Fiesta Bowl victory has been “minted” by the Bronco Athletic Association.

The coin commemorates the 2006 season, which included the Broncos’ fifth straight Western Athletic Conference championship, their first perfect season as a four-year program, and one of the greatest bowl games in college football history.

Proceeds from the sale of the coin will benefit Boise State student scholarships.

The price of one coin is $21.20 and includes tax. Coins can be purchased at the BAA offices, located in the Allen Noble Hall of Fame next to Bronco Stadium, or they can be mailed for an additional $5 per shipment.

To order a limited-edition coin, contact the BAA at (208) 426-3556.

**DVDs offered to new Lifetime Members**

Alumni and friends who become lifetime members of the Boise State Alumni Association will receive a special gift for signing up: a free copy of each of the two DVDs that features the Bronco football program’s memorable 2006 season.

One DVD features the official complete-game broadcast of the Fox network’s coverage of the Broncos’ 43-42 overtime victory over Oklahoma in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

The other, titled “Perfection” and produced by the Boise State Athletic Department, contains highlights of the Broncos’ entire undefeated season, including the Fiesta Bowl. The lifetime membership offer through the Alumni Association is good while the DVD supplies last.

Current Alumni Association members can purchase the 2007 Fiesta Bowl DVD at a discounted price of $19.95. To place an order online through the Alumni Association, visit http://boisestate.imodules.com/niestadvd.
Our policy is to print as much “In Touch” information as possible. Send your letters to Boise State Alumni Association, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1035, or send e-mail to bsualum@boisestate.edu. In addition, if you know someone who would make a good feature story in our “Alumnotes” section, contact the office of University Communications at the same address.

1970s

SUSAN KOEHLER
ERNEST, BBA, business economics, ’75, business administration, ’77, is retiring as the vice president of administrative services for Intermountain Gas. Ernest joined the company in 1980 and served in several capacities.

JAMES C. WOODS, BA, visual art, ’75, recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences Professional Achievement Award, was honored at Idaho State University’s spring commencement.

JAMES R. HADLEY, BA, advertising design, ’78, senior art director at ES Drake Advertising, was selected for the Mercury Award. The honor names the best travel guide in the nation by Travel Industry Association of America.

THOMAS V. MUNSON, BS, political science, ’78, opened the law firm Penland & Munson. The firm’s practice includes civil litigation and personal injury claims.

RUSSEL TREMAYNE, BA, history, ’78; MA, secondary education-history, ’82, was honored as College of Southern Idaho’s Academic Instructor of the Year at the school’s commencement ceremony. He has taught history at CSI since 1999 and recently published A History of Twin Falls Canal Company, 1905-2005.

1980s

LARRY L. LAVERY, BS, finance, ’84; BA, political science, ’85, has been an actor in California for the past 20 years. He recently completed work on his 80th film.

PATTI E. SLAUGHTER, AS, health information technology, ’84, was the recipient of Bakersfield Memorial Hospital’s 2006 Values in Action Award. Slaughter is the director of health information management at the hospital.

TROY A. CLEMENTS, BBA, marketing, ’86, has been hired to handle fund raising and promotion with the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley.

LYNDA J. KUWAHARA, MBA, ’86, was the recipient of the Team Player Award from Idaho City Merchants for her work in the community. Kuwahara is a family nurse practitioner, owns Basin Community Health Center, and has provided care to Idaho City area residents since 1997.

SUSAN K. EBY, MPA, ’87, has left nearly 30 years of work in the health-care field for the world of art. In August 2006 she was named the director of environment operations at the Saint Louis Art Museum and will be involved with an upcoming multi-million dollar museum expansion project.

TOM BAKER, BA, music, ’88, has embarked on a career as a composer and performer, forming a group called the Tom Baker Quartet. Baker has been part of the Seattle music scene since 1994, serving as artistic director of the Seattle Composers’ Salon and co-founder of the Seattle Experimental Opera.

NADINE (LORDS) BALL, BA, elementary education, ’88, is currently teaching her 18th year of second grade at Ucon Elementary in Idaho Falls. She earned a master’s of Education from Idaho State University in December.

CHERYL DENISE CHARLTON, BS, physical education, ’89, the principal of Ellis Elementary in Chubbuck, has been named director of human relations for the Twin Falls School District.

MELANIE RAE FALES, BA, visual art, ’99; MA, art education, ’06, was named interim executive director
for the Boise Art Museum. She began her career at the Boise Art Museum in 1996 as an art educator and became associate curator of education in 2000.

TODD WINSLOW, BA, visual art, ’89, was ordained a minister and accepted a position as a full-time pastor for Real Life Ministries in Post Falls.

1990s

MOLLY BAKER, BA, criminal justice administration, ’91, has developed and made a self-contained soft-sided solar oven, which is designed for camping, backpacking and home.

ALEX STUART LaBEAU, BA, communication, ’91; MPA, ’00, joined the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry in September. LaBeau was an Alumni Association board member from 2000-2005 and served as president from 2004-2005.

DERREK L. GAFFORD, BBA, accountancy, ’93, was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Labor Read Inc. He had previously served as vice president of finance and accounting for the company.

YVETTE M. BAILEY, BBA, general business management, ’93, joined the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce as operations administrator. Bailey has 10 years of operations experience in a variety of industries.

STEVEN J. MEADE, BS, criminal justice, ’95, has been appointed executive director of the Idaho Board of Bar Examiners. Meade has 10 years of legal experience. He began working for the association as general counsel in 2002.

MARK ELLIOTT WOODALL, BS, physical education, ’96; BSC, civil engineering, ’00, has been named project manager for Lemley International, a Boise-based construction and program management firm.

2000s

ANTHONY PAUL TARANTINO, BFA, graphic design, ’00, has been appointed marketing and advertising creative lead for bodybuilding.com. He has more than eight years of art and graphic design experience and six years in Web media creative development.

BRIAN GIBEAULT, BFA, graphic design, ’01, joined Rizen Creative, a Boise-based, full-service marketing firm, as a graphic designer.

CARLA RENAE OWEN, BBA, accountancy, finance, ’04, has been appointed internal auditor at Idaho Independent Bank. Owen has one year of auditing experience and seven years of banking experience. Prior to joining IIB, she was an auditor for Eide Bailly.

JENNIFER GRACE SEAMONS, BBA, accountancy, finance, ’06, was promoted to assistant vice president, community development, for the Idaho district of Key Bank.

Weddings

RYAN WAYNE KERFOOT and Amy R. Ellis (Boise), August 2006.

Deaths

BARTON “BART” ANDREW BRASSEY, AA, arts and science, ’42, a former president of the Alumni Association, died on Oct. 29 at the age of 83. Brassey served two sessions in the Idaho Legislature as a state representative in the 1950s.

SANDRA HARTUNG BRAUN, BS, physical education, ’80, died Nov. 11 at the age of 48. After graduating from Boise State she went on to receive her master’s in counseling from the College of Idaho in ’87. Braun began her teaching career at Parma Junior High School and taught for the BSU Upward Bound program.

RICHARD DEAN BROOKS, BS, geology, ’80, died Nov. 18 at the age of 53. After graduating from Boise State he received an associate of applied science degree in electronics and computer engineering technology.
LARRY DEAN CROWLEY, BA, English education, '91, died Oct. 15 at the age of 54. Crowley taught reading at North Junior High for a number of years.

RONALD VANCE DICK, BA, criminal justice, '94, died Sept. 3 at the age of 40. After graduating from Boise State and fulfilling an internship with the Idaho Department of Corrections, he became a probation/parole officer.

TAMARA “TAMI” LYNN FRANKS, BM, music education, '94, died Sept. 6 at the age of 38. After graduating from Boise State Franks became a music educator and taught at Bishop Kelly High School, and for the Kuna School District at Hubbard Elementary.

CORETHA YVETTE (McCRAY) HARBOUR, BA, visual art, '75, died Oct. 29 at the age of 53. Harbour lived in Atlanta for 26 years as an employee at BellSouth.

ALBERT “BERT” W. HILL, BA, history, '69, died Oct. 26 at the age of 60. Hill taught at Taft High School in Lincoln City, Ore., where he also coached wrestling and football for 12 years. After earning his master’s degree, he moved back to Boise in 1981. He established Albert Hill Appraisal Services and worked as a commercial appraiser.

WILLIAM JOSEPH JOHNSTON, diploma, music education, '50, died May 19. Johnston is also a graduate of the University of Idaho and Washington State University. He taught music and English in various western state schools for more than 40 years, retiring from Midvale School.

MARK ALLEN JORDINE, BS, physical education, '80, died Sept. 12 at the age of 49. Jordine wrestled at Boise State and later became the head wrestling coach at Borah High School in Boise for more than four years. He was also an assistant coach at Timberline High School for four years.

ROBY THOMAS KIRBY died Nov. 15 at the age of 58. Kirby, a Vietnam War veteran, was Boise State's first full-time electrical instructor in the Center for Workforce Training. He helped develop the electrical program in the Sellsand College of Applied Technology, and received the 2003 Center for Workforce Training Instructor of the Year award.

BRANDON GENE LAMBERT, BA, history, '99, died Sept. 22 at the age of 30. Lambert also attended the University of Idaho, where he received his master’s degree in English as a second language.

FLORENCE M. MILES, the first chair of Boise State’s Department of Nursing, died Jan. 20 at the age of 88. She worked with the Idaho State Board of Nursing in 1955 when Boise Junior College was granted permission to start a nursing program, and later became director of that program, which started as a three-year curriculum. She devoted 25 years of service to Boise State until her retirement in 1980.

MELVIN ALONZO POST, AA, arts and sciences, '54, died Nov. 12 at the age of 72. He was the longtime equipment manager for Boise State athletics. Post also worked in the Pittsburgh Pirates’ minor league system and as a salesman for Dillon Auto Sales and Kieffner Sporting Goods. Post joined Boise State in 1970.

NEDRA KATHERINE RICHEY, BA, elementary education, '71, died Oct. 18 at the age of 57. Richey was a teacher in the Boise School District for many years.

WILLIAM CARL “BILL” SCHAFFER III, died Nov. 26 at the age of 55. Schaefer, a Nampa native, worked for Central Receiving at Boise State from 1999-2006. He was a graduate of Nampa High School and attended Boise State. He also served with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Idaho Air National Guard Fire Department.

MONTE J. SILLMAN, diploma, arts and sciences, '61, died Oct. 11. After graduation, Sillman moved his family to Mountain Home, where he worked for Metropolitan Life. He moved to Boise in 1964 where he worked for Mountain Bell and later for Ustick Realty.

JOSEPH PERRY SILVER JR., AA, arts and sciences, '47, died Aug. 12 at the age of 82.

DONALD VOGEL, former president of the Bronco Athletic Association, died Dec. 31 at the age of 82. He served as BAA president for the 1992-93 term. In 1994 he was inducted into the BAA Hall of Fame and received the Bronze Bronco Award. A veteran of World War II, he worked for First Security Bank of Idaho for 43 years.
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