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Today's Boise State University is building on past success and setting the pace in a changing academic world. Leading that charge is a diverse array of faculty members from longtime professors to those fresh out of doctoral programs. They are researchers, writers, performers, lecturers and philosophers — more than 950 full- and part-time teachers dedicated to keeping Boise State on the leading edge of higher education. Pictured on the cover (clockwise from upper left) are Richard Klautsch, theatre arts; Susan Shadle, chemistry; Giselle Wyers, music; Tom Trusky, English; Marcellus Brown, music; and Yonnie Chyung, instructional and performance technology. Photos by John Kelly.

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Not your father's Boise State

With a nod to General Motors and the creative folks who came up with "This isn't your father's Oldsmobile," allow me to borrow from that slogan and inform you that this isn't your father's Boise State.

By the time you read this, the start of the 2004-05 academic year will be just a month or so away, and the changes taking place on our campus are many — some of which are significantly improving and enhancing both the way we are perceived by prospective students and the public, as well as the way we do business.

This issue of *FOCUS* looks at how Boise State's faculty — faced with a world of cultural, technological and economic advances — is changing the university in the classroom and lab by understanding and addressing the challenges in front of them and those that lie far in the future. Their collective work is reshaping the university to meet the needs of current and future students. And helping our students to succeed is the most important thing we do.

While the articles contained in this issue illustrate the strides Boise State has made to advance academic quality and help our students gain the needed skills for 21st century jobs, I would like to point out two other important changes taking place on our campus to meet our growth, capacity and access issues.

The first and most obvious is a 63 percent increase in living space on campus with the completion of two major student housing projects (page 4). The two new residence halls near the Boise River — which will be christened Keiser and Taylor halls after former BSU President John Keiser and retired Student Affairs Vice President David Taylor — will be ready for occupancy when the fall semester starts in August. The new residence halls, which will hold a total of 336 students, have been incorporated into the area surrounding Morrison and Driscoll halls to create a quadrangle "village" that will, among other advantages, maximize access to the river via pedestrian archways.

The apartments, constructed on the site of the old University Courts apartments, will hold 304 students in single-student areas and will also have 100 two-bedroom units primarily for families. The complex will include community center space, study areas, a convenience store and play areas for children.

Clearly, both new student housing projects — funded through revenue bonds backed by housing receipts — will enhance an even stronger sense of community on our campus and serve as a showcase for newcomers.

But our efforts to ensure that new students feel welcome, are prepared for the academic rigors ahead and know how to become more involved and connected with the campus don't stop there.

A new student orientation program that will be implemented with the start of the 2004-05 academic year will allow students to choose between three programs, each designed to fulfill different needs. Freshman Adventure, Transfer Catalyst and the Express are tailored to meet the needs of traditional-age students, transfer students and adult learners, respectively. There are a total of 27 offerings prior to the start of fall classes, including Saturday and evening sessions.

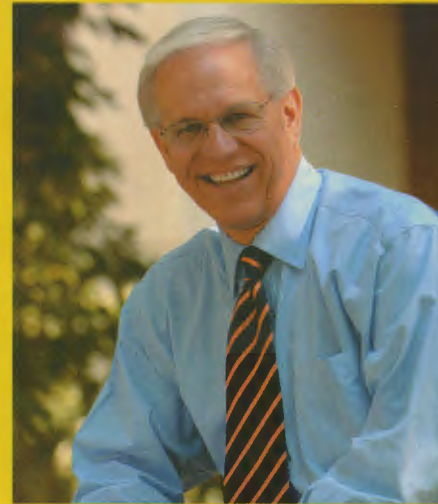
Participation in any of the new programs will provide an opportunity for students to meet with academic advisers, explore campus, and, most notably for students, register for classes early. The full-day Freshman Adventure program will also offer a separate track for parents. Each program will be facilitated with the help of 28 Boise State student leaders who can provide advice and counsel from a student perspective.

In addition, events are slated for August and September to provide new students with support and opportunities for involvement. Bronco Welcome will include more than 50 activities, including an all-campus barbecue, a student organization fair, a pep rally and academic seminars, to name just a few.

Anyone who is interested in more information on New Student Orientation should check out the recently revised Web site at orientation.boisestate.edu, e-mail the orientation office at orientationinfo@boisestate.edu or call (208) 426-1679.

Our enhancements to new student orientation are based on best practices on college campuses today. They are designed to increase student retention and to assure success for all our students at Boise State University.

— Bob Kustra, President





JOHN KELLY

MOVIN' ON UP: With the completion of two major student housing projects this summer, including this new residence hall along the Boise River, living space for BSU's on-campus residents will increase 63 percent.

Three new centers approved

Three new centers have been approved by the State Board of Education, including one in the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, another in the College of Arts and Sciences, and a joint project between SSPA and the College of Health Sciences.

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF IDAHO HISTORY AND POLITICS applies the methods and insights of history to political and ecological problems facing the region and state.

Organizers hope to broaden the community-based scholarship of a non-academic audience and use historic downtown Boise as a laboratory for the study of changes in the urban landscape.

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AGING addresses the needs of the Baby Boom generation — 25 percent of whom will be

senior citizens by 2020.

The center will coordinate research that enhances policy development and program improvement and will facilitate training to caregivers. Several retired citizens and scholars will participate in various activities and studies.

A new **BIOMOLECULAR RESEARCH CENTER**, approved earlier this year, will enhance biomedical research at Boise State by providing infrastructure, facilities and support for interdisciplinary projects.

The BRC will also provide new opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to conduct research and support collaborations with other universities and research centers in the region.

The BRC involves faculty in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, materials science and electrical engineering.

Michael Hoffman awarded first honorary doctorate

Boise State awarded its first-ever honorary doctorate degree during the spring Commencement ceremony on May 15. The recipient, Michael Hoffman, is an accomplished filmmaker, a graduate of the Boise State theatre arts department and a Rhodes Scholar.

Hoffman earned his bachelor of arts degree from Boise State in 1978 and his master's degree at Oriel College in Oxford in 1979. He has enjoyed a successful career in Hollywood as a film director.

Hoffman's films include *The Emperor's Club*, for which actor Emile Hirsch was nominated for a 2003 Young Artist Award, *Midsummer Night's Dream* in 1999, *One Fine Day* in 1997 and many more.

Hoffman was selected not only on the merits of a solid career, but also for his continuing involvement with the Boise and Boise State communities. He is currently serving

on Boise Mayor Dave Bieter's transition team, helping to create stronger relationships between the city and its various arts organizations.

Upon receiving the award, Hoffman said: "You come to know that the goal of a life well-lived is not the abstract notion of success that many of us hold, half-articulated in our heads. The goal is really always to be learning, to learn without ceasing. Ask yourself whether it's really possible to conceive of success without learning, without engagement. ... Thank you for this honor. Thank you to Boise State University for educating me well, teaching me to believe in myself and to embrace the world."

Boise State graduated 1,676 students, a record number, during the 73rd Commencement ceremony. About 355 graduated with honors.



Michael Hoffman, center, receives BSU's first honorary doctorate from Provost Daryl Jones, left, and President Bob Kustra during Commencement ceremonies in May.

ALTELL HINCK

BSU gains provost, loses advancement VP

Boise State gained a new high-level administrator but lost another this summer with the hiring of **SONA ANDREWS** as provost and the departure of **RICK SMITH** as vice president for university advancement.

Andrews (right), vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was named provost and vice president for academic affairs in May. She replaces Daryl Jones, who retired at the end of June after 18 years as a professor and administrator at Boise State ("Neel leaves BSU; Jones to retire," *FOCUS*, Spring 2004). Andrews will assume her new position at Boise State on Aug. 1.



"[Dr. Andrews] will be a tremendous asset as we work toward our goals of increasing our research capability, adding new graduate programs and increasing the quality of the undergraduate experience," says BSU President Bob Kustra.

Andrews taught at the University of Minnesota in the 1980s and gained most of her administrative experience at UWM, where she served as assistant vice chancellor, associate vice chancellor and vice provost.

Smith (below), vice president of university advancement for three years, was named national executive director of the American Youth Soccer Organization in early June.



"Rick has taken institutional advancement, and fund raising in particular, to new heights at Boise State," says Kustra.

"He has developed a first-class professional staff of development officers assigned for the first time to our colleges, increased contributions from our donors, raised the Boise State profile in the Boise State alumni and donor communities and positioned the university to conduct a capital campaign in the near future."

MARK DUNHAM, Boise State's director of government relations, will serve as interim vice president of university advancement until a successor is named.

Two other administrators were named to leadership positions by the university in the early summer.

WALTER SNYDER, a geosciences professor at Boise State who is currently working for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., has been named the new executive director of the university's Environmental Science and Public Policy Research Institute (ESPRI).

Snyder will officially assume his new position in January.

MARGARET MILLER, former chair of the Department of Counselor Education, has been named interim dean of the College of Education. Miller assumed her new position in June following the retirement of Joyce Garrett, who served as dean of the College of Education for the past four years.

University says 'benvenuto' to 3 international partnerships

Boise State may be located in Idaho, but its connections literally reach around the world. During the past few months, the university has signed formal agreements of understanding with major universities on three continents.

UNIVERSITY OF CAGLIARI, ITALY:

Officials from the University of Cagliari traveled to Boise to sign an agreement with Boise State to encourage cooperation between the two schools for research and teaching in geosciences.

Cagliari University, located on the island of Sardinia, enrolls more than 40,000 students. The agreement follows the establishment in 2002 of a BSU summer geology field camp in Sardinia that has attracted students from universities throughout the U.S. The camp, designed as a capstone experience for geosciences students, has

also involved faculty from the University of Cagliari and other Italian universities.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, CANADA:

An agreement between BSU's Canadian Studies Program and the University of Calgary will allow for more and better student and faculty exchanges.

The agreement encourages cooperation between students and faculty at both universities, including research and the exchange of faculty lecturers and educational programs.

The University of Calgary enrolls more than 28,000 students and has sponsored research of nearly \$170 million annually.

ASIA UNIVERSITY, TOKYO:

Boise State signed a student exchange agreement with Asia University to allow BSU students to study Japanese language and culture at the Tokyo school for a semester or academic year. In return, Asia University students with advanced English language skills will study at Boise State for an academic year.

The two schools have partnered for 14 years with an English as a second language and an American culture program for Asia University students on the BSU campus.



Stephen Randall, social science dean at the University of Calgary, at Boise State in April.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Environmental health majors Annie Jenott and Logan Freeman were selected as winners of the National Undergraduate Research Project sponsored by the National Environmental Health Association. Jenott and Freeman presented their work at an NEHA conference in Anchorage, Alaska, in May.

Jenott's research was on food safety in restaurants and Freeman's research was on disaster planning in the event of a SARS outbreak.

BOISE STATE MUSIC PROFS HONORED BY ASSOCIATION

Two members of the Boise State music faculty were recently honored by the American Choral Directors Association. Jim Jirak and Giselle Wyers earned performance honors at the Northwest Division ACDA Conference in Boise in March.

Each submitted recordings of their work as choral directors for the past three years and were chosen to have their choirs perform for the regional conference. Wyers directs the Boise State Meistersingers and Jirak directs the Boise Master Chorale.

DEBATE TEAM CAPTURES ANOTHER REGIONAL TITLE

BSU's debate and speech team won a second consecutive regional forensics championship at the Tournament of the Great West Region with 231 team points, shattering regional records for points scored and margin of victory.

The regional championship capped one of the most successful forensics seasons in school history. The 2003-04 Talkin' Broncos won three of the six tournaments they attended, finished second at two others and placed third at the National Collegiate Honorary Tournament.

The team finished the season tied for 24th in the National Parliamentary Debate Association's final rankings.

On campus ...

E.O. Wilson

Pulitzer Prize-winning biologist

"The Future of Life," Distinguished Lecture Series, Apr. 14, 2004

"We have to de-politicize the environment ... It's a matter of having respect for both sides. There are win-win solutions out there. Let's find them."



Boise State profs pen noteworthy nonfiction

Lewis and Clark's Bittersweet Crossing

By Carol MacGregor

This book for young readers tells the story of how the Nez Perce Indians helped Lewis and Clark cross the rugged Bitterroot Range of the Rocky Mountains. The book includes a



color map of the expedition route, a glossary and a list of study questions. Written by adjunct history professor MacGregor, the book is illustrated by Gaye Hoopes, a retired Boise State art professor.

Criminal Justice Case Briefs

By Craig Hemmens

This set of three books — *Significant Cases in Criminal Procedure*, *Significant*



Cases in Juvenile Justice and *Significant Cases in Corrections* — provides a summary and analysis of leading cases in a particular area of criminal justice.

Criminal justice administration chair Hemmens was lead author on all three books.

Japan: An Illustrated History

By Shelton Woods

History professor Woods' book spans

6,000 years of geologic, political and social events that shaped this nation and its people. The book details several key events in the history of this richly cultured country, including the devastating results of World War II and Japan's emergence as a democracy and economic superpower.



Managing Relationships in Transition Economies

By Nancy K. Napier and David C. Thomas

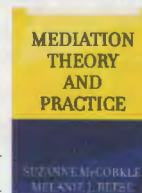
Napier, director of international business programs, and her co-author examine the sometimes dramatic and unpredictable transition from socialist or communist economy to market economy in various countries.

Mediation Theory and Practice

By Suzanne McCorkle and Melanie J. Reese

This textbook provides a thorough introduction to the ever-expanding world of mediation.

McCorkle, director of the conflict management program, and Reese, an instructor in the applied academics department, blend theory with practical application to teach mediation skills.



Morrison Center celebrates 20 years

April 7 marked the 20th Anniversary of the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts at Boise State. In conjunction with this celebration, the Center announced its new education and outreach program, ENCORE! (Explore Never-ending Creative arts Opportunities Related to Education) and presented Morrison Center Honor Medallions to four individuals who have made notable contributions. The honorees were banker/philanthropist **RALPH COMSTOCK** (whose award was accepted by his widow Bea Comstock), Boise State music professor **DEL PARKINSON**, retired architect **ERNEST J. LOMBARD**, who designed the Morrison Center, and Boise Philharmonic conductor **JIM OGLE**.

Beginning with the 2004-2005 academic year, the ENCORE! program will offer a series of four performances presented by national touring companies, specifically targeted at children.

Distinguished Lecture Series speakers announced

The first female president of Ireland will speak this fall at Boise State, and a world-renowned conductor will speak next spring semester as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Both lectures begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom and are free and open to the public. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come basis.

• On Oct. 19, Mary Robinson (right), former president of Ireland and former United Nations high commissioner on human rights, will speak on "Social Responsibility and Ethical Globalization."

Robinson served as president of Ireland from 1990-1997. She is credited with developing a new sense of Ireland's economic, political and cultural links with other countries and cultures.

As an academic, legislator and barrister, she has always sought to use the law as an instrument for change, arguing landmark cases before the European Court in Luxemburg. She now chairs the Council of Women World Leaders.

• On March 15, 2005, Christopher Hogwood, director and founder of The Academy of Ancient Music, will speak. Hogwood conducts repertoire ranging from baroque to contemporary, always with the philosophy of revealing the original sound-world of the composer.

Hogwood has gained international recognition for his performances and has conducted many of the world's great orchestras. This season he takes up the post of principal guest conductor with the Verdi Orchestra Milan.

Hogwood has a celebrated catalog of more than 200 recordings for The Academy of Ancient Music, including the first complete Mozart symphonies on period instruments.

The student-funded Distinguished Lecture Series brings to campus speakers who have had a significant impact in politics, the arts or the sciences.

More information on Boise State's Distinguished Lecture Series can be found at news.boisestate.edu/dls.



CROWD PLEASERS: Jazz legend Dave Brubeck played to a sold-out audience on the final night of the seventh annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival. Vocalist Rebecca Parris was also among the event's major draws.

Newsmakers

Boise State faculty members continue to receive significant media attention beyond the Treasure Valley. Here are some examples.

- A story that ran in *The Arbiter*, BSU's student newspaper, about Filipino Awareness Month at Boise State caught the attention of *Global Nation*, a newspaper from the Philippines. The story quoted **RO PARKER**, Cultural Center coordinator.
- **JIM WEATHERBY**, public policy and administration, was quoted in a *Wall Street Journal* story on Boise's designation as a top city for retirees.
- **RON PFEIFFER**, kinesiology, was quoted in a *Twin Falls Times News* story on golf swing injuries. Also, research by Pfeiffer and Boise orthopedic surgeon and adjunct faculty member **KEVIN SHEA** on knee injuries in women and girls was discussed in an article that ran in the *Orange County Register*, *The Idaho Statesman*, the *Lakeland Ledger* in Florida as well as other publications. Pfeiffer was also interviewed on the same topic by a reporter from the *Atlanta Journal*.
- Boise State students on a service-oriented "spring break" to San Diego were featured in a story in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* on the surge of volunteerism among college students.
- **GARY MONCRIEF**, political science, was quoted in an April *Washington Times* story on term limits. He was quoted in an Associated Press story about term limits in the Michigan House and in the *Christian Science Monitor* about how and why many states are working to repeal term limits.
- Kinesiology professor **CAILE SPEAR** was quoted in a CNN.com/Associated Press story about the evolution of the federal Food Guide Pyramid. The article also appeared in *USA Today*, *The Hartford Courant*, CBS News, *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Newark Star Ledger*, *The Salt Lake Tribune* and many other news sources.
- **CATHERIN WAGNER**, English, was quoted in *The Baltimore Sun* in a tribute to her high school English instructor.
- A review of French professor **WILL BROWNING's** translation of Réjean Ducharme's book, *Go Figure* ran in the *Toronto Globe and Mail*.
- **JOHN FREEMUTH**, political science and Andrus Center fellow, was quoted in a (Salem, Ore.) *Statesman Journal* story about the escalating cost of fighting wildfires.

STUDENTS EARN AWARDS

At a regional conference of engineering schools from the Northwest and Canada, Boise State mechanical engineering students took home nine awards, including first place in the high profile Ingersoll-Rand Competition recognizing the overall work of their American Society of Mechanical Engineers chapter.

Their Micro-Baja car, designed by Zach Bailey, Brad Bitz and Mike Myers, earned second-place honors, and several other students were recognized for their individual presentations and research.

KLICK WINS TOP AWARD

Stephen Klick (BS, mechanical engineering, '04) has been selected to receive the Charles T. Main Award, given by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The national award recognizes a student from among U.S. engineering colleges who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and public service through involvement with a student ASME chapter.

Klick will officially receive the award at the ASME's international congress and exposition in November in Anaheim, Calif.

LINCOLN WINS MARKETING EDUCATOR OF YEAR AWARD

The Marketing Educators' Association named Boise State professor Doug Lincoln Marketing Educator of the Year for 2004.

Founded in 1978, the MEA is the premiere international organization for faculty development for marketing professors. The Marketing Educator of the Year award is the most prestigious award granted by the MEA and represents excellence in teaching marketing.

STUDENT RECEIVES BSU'S FIRST GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Amber M. Hibberd, a Boise State chemistry major from Meridian, was recently named a Goldwater Scholar by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Hibberd is the first Boise State student to receive the prestigious national scholarship awarded to top mathematics, science and engineering students from across the U.S. The scholarship covers tuition, books, fees and room and board up to \$7,500.

This year's 310 Goldwater Scholars were selected from a field of 1,113 students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Retiring faculty helped to

Boise State's retiring faculty leave a rich legacy of innovation and inspiration. Here's a brief look at those who retired in 2004:

Promoting education about HIV/AIDS and other emerging diseases to health professionals, students and Idaho residents has been a highlight of biology professor **RUSSELL CENTANNI's** career. Centanni taught microbiology,



pathogenic bacteriology, immunology, food microbiology and molecular genetics to more than 7,000 Boise State students during his 31-year career. His awards include the

Carnegie Foundation Idaho Professor of the Year award, the Idaho Academy of Sciences Distinguished Science Communicator award and the Foundation Scholars Distinguished Service award.

MARVIN COX, communication, taught more than 40 different courses in his career, focusing mainly on rhetoric, listening, public speaking, and narrative criticism. Cox taught at Wichita State, the University of Kansas — where he coached the national championship debate team — and Emporia State University before joining Boise State's faculty in 1977. Cox, who served as department chair for 10 years, helped develop summer communication classes taught in Idaho wilderness areas and worked with international students to develop a course in international dialogue.



ROBERT "BOB" ELLIS has logged 33 years in the Chemistry Department, teaching courses in biochemistry and general chemistry. He received the College of Arts and Sciences Teaching award in 1994, Distinguished Faculty Member award in 1993, and was honored by a Top Ten Scholar as most influential professor. Ellis has been a consultant to Magic Valley Labs in Twin Falls, and is active with local environmental organizations.

During his 27 years at Boise State, **JAY FUHRIMAN**, bilingual education and English as a Second Language, was instrumental in obtaining grants to start many programs, including the undergraduate and graduate bilingual education programs, College Assistance Migrant Program, and the high school equivalency and Upward Bound programs.



Fuhriman conducted yearly field experience in El Paso, Texas, and took students to a five-week summer course in Morelia, Mexico, for many years. He was named the Elementary Education Department Teacher of the Year, was honored as an outstanding faculty member by a Top Ten Scholar and received the Idaho Association for Bilingual Education Award for outstanding service.

Dean of Education **JOYCE GARRETT** has more than 21 years experience in higher education, including four years at Boise State, but her commitment to students goes back to 1969 when she started as a public school teacher.

During her tenure she oversaw the completion of a five-year strategic plan, the reorganization of the college to include smaller, more focused departments and the addition of Bilingual, Literacy, Special Education, Early Childhood Education and Educational Technology departments. She also oversaw the college's national accreditation and its partnership with Chonbuk National University in South Korea. Garrett was recognized for outstanding contributions to the public schools, 4-H Clubs of America and the Association of Teacher Educators.



CHUCK GUILFORD, English, came to Boise State in 1981 after teaching at Northern Illinois University and Kansas State University. Guilford's textbook,



set successful course for Boise State

Beginning College Writing, was published by Little Brown, and a chapbook of his poems, *What Counts*, was recently published by Limberlost Press. He also created two writing Web sites, Paradigm Online Writing Assistant (www.powa.org), and poetryexpress (www.poetryexpress.org). He was project director for the Boise State Writers and Artists Series in 1988 and 1990.

LEE HALL has taught automotive technology at Boise State since 1979. He developed a competency-based curriculum for the automotive technical certificate, helped revise the diesel curriculum and designed the curriculum and implementation for the associate of applied science in automotive technology. Hall, who is an ASE certified master technician in automobile, medium heavy truck and school bus, served on many vocational education committees and received awards for outstanding support of Student Services and dedication to Boise State University.

ROBY KIRBY was Boise State's first full-time electrical instructor in the Center for Workforce Training. He helped develop the electrical program in the Selland College of Applied Technology, which now serves more than 300 students. He received the 2003 Center for Workforce Training Instructor of the Year award. Kirby was an electrician for 40 years as an apprentice, journeyman, foreman, superintendent, and Idaho state inspector before coming to Boise State in 1997.

ROBERT LUKE began his career at what was then Boise Junior College in 1968 as an assistant professor in the Department of Physics, Engineering and Construction Management. In his 36 years he has taught nearly every course in the physics curriculum, along with math and radiological physics courses, and served as department chair for more than half his tenure. Luke helped set up the physics major, the College of Health Sciences and the Radiologic Sciences Department. He was a founding member of the campus chap-



ter of Phi Kappa Phi, and was recognized by two student initiates as their most influential professor.

LAMONT LYONS taught at Boise State for 27 years. He was chair of the Teacher Education Department from 1981-84 and associate dean of the College of Education from 1984-89. He taught many foundations courses, from undergraduate through doctoral level, including his favorite, the graduate level philosophy of education course. Lyons has worked with many doctoral students on their dissertations, and has presented papers at conferences in Toronto, Beijing, London and Spetses, Greece. He received the ASBSU Outstanding Faculty award, Foundation Scholar Teaching Award and Phi Delta Kappa Innovative Teacher Award.



Economics professor **RICHARD "DICK" PAYNE** came to Boise State in 1970 and was chair of the Department of



Economics from 1976 to 1984. He received the College of Business and Economics Outstanding Teacher award in 1999, Teaching Excellence award in 1992 and Outstanding Business Instructor award in 1987. Payne received the 2004 David S. Taylor Service to Students award for lifetime achievement, was chosen Professor of the Year in 1991 by Alpha Kappa Psi and was honored by several Top Ten Scholars.

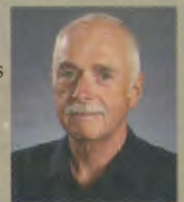
WENDEN WAITE arrived at Boise State in 1976 as an education professor and leaves as the director of the Office of College School Partnerships and Field Experiences. He has been involved in elementary and special education, helping to develop the first computer lab in the College of Education and serving as area coordinator of special education and department chair for elementary education and specialized studies. He was state president of the Council of Exceptional Children, a board member of



Collaborative Assistance for Professional Educators, and a consultant to the Association for Retarded Citizens, Community Partners and Tomorrow's Hope. He was chosen Teacher of the Year by the state Association for Retarded Citizens.

From Libya to Thailand to Mount St. Helens, **SPENCER WOOD** has brought the world of geology and geophysics to Boise State students, engaging them in research projects and fieldwork since 1977, including investigations of the Borah Peak earthquake and the groundwater geology of the Boise area. He also has involved students in geologic mapping of the western Snake River Plain, Cuddy Mountain and Weiser areas, and in new projects in archaeology and watersheds in northern Thailand. Wood is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Basin Superfund Site Assessment and Remediation Committee for the National Academy of Science, is working on a book on the geologic highlights of Idaho and has continuing research projects in Idaho and north Thailand (page 14). Several students have honored him as geosciences Professor of the Year.

In 1976, **DOUG YUNKER** began teaching at Boise State and chairing the Department of Social Work. He helped develop and was coordinator of the Boise State Interdisciplinary Studies in Aging program, worked to bring HIV/AIDS prevention courses to Boise State and took part in the International Department of Labor consultation efforts in Bulgaria. He was the associate director of Mountain States Group for many years and worked with the City of Boise Division of Housing and Community Development. Yunker received the Idaho chapter of the National Association of Social Workers' 2003 Social Worker of the Year award. He was chair of the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses and Board of Social Work Examiners, director of Planned Parenthood of Idaho, and board member of the Salvation Army.



— Anna Fritz

COLLEGE OF ED REACCREDITED

Boise State's College of Education has met the rigorous standards set by the teaching profession and the public for continuing accreditation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The largest college of education in Idaho, Boise State received renewed accreditation this spring following an extensive review of its programs by the Idaho State Department of Education and an on-site visit by a national team of specialists who examined practices and procedures in six areas: candidate competence, assessment, field work, diversity, faculty qualifications and resources.

NCATE, one of two accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, currently accredits professional education units in 575 institutions, which produce two-thirds of all new teachers in the nation.

CHURCH CONFERENCE TO LOOK AT OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY

The 21st annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs will look at the role and office of the United States presidency.

Slated for Oct. 7 and 8, this year's conference is titled "The American Presidency: Principled Leadership in a Time of Turbulence" and includes two panels: "Character and Competence" and "Presidential Leadership in Time of War." More information on the conference will be posted at <http://sspa.boisestate.edu>.

BSU HOSTS CAMPUSWIDE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

About 100 Boise State undergraduates displayed their research at the Undergraduate Research and Professional Practice Conference in April. Representing disciplines from across the campus, the students performed, gave poster presentations and answered questions about their research in various locations in the Student Union. Several students were recognized by their departments or colleges for outstanding research achievements.

This year marked the first time the conference encompassed the entire university. BSU provides undergraduates with the opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research with professors in a wide range of subject areas.



On campus

Rabbi Harold Kushner

Best-selling author

Guest lecture "Living a Life That Matters," April 20, 2004

"Expecting the world to treat you with justice because you are an honest person is like expecting the bull not to charge you because you're a vegetarian."

Castle treasure found in junk box

The box of tattered books and catalogs purchased for \$10 at a Caldwell estate auction didn't look like anything out of the ordinary. But what Pat Coey and Patti Bowyer, owners of The Early Attic antique store in Idaho City, found upon closer inspection was a lost treasure — four undiscovered books illustrated by Idaho's self-taught autistic artist James Castle.

The books' authenticity has been confirmed by Tom Trusky, BSU English professor, Idaho Center for the Book director and Castle book expert.

Coey and Bowyer purchased the box for the catalogs, which contain the type of old advertisements that sell well in antique stores. At first glance, the contents looked "pretty rough," Coey says. "We thought a kid had drawn in the book. We're lucky we didn't throw it in the wood stove."

On closer examination, something didn't look quite right — the number of drawings, the detail, the rough frame around the sketches. Although neither one of them was familiar with Castle's work, they both remembered hearing about him and his penchant for found objects. A thought began germinating in their heads — What if these drawings were the work of James Castle?



It took several more months before their suspicion was confirmed. During that time, the books were displayed in their shop, labeled as "possible works by James Castle" and tagged at \$3,500, a price Coey said was "off the top of our heads." The price has since been rescinded.

Trusky estimated the value of one of the books, a U.S. history textbook from Idaho Territory days, at more than \$25,000. "The young artist has altered the

book that once belonged to his aunt, Agnes Scanlon, illustrating it with scenes from his parents' Garden Valley general store and post office, circa 1915," Trusky says.

How the books got to the auction is a mystery — the

family that sold them has no recollection of any ties with Castle or his family. But for Coey and Bowyer, the find is every antiquer's dream come true.

"When [Trusky] told us how much they were worth, our jaws just fell to the floor," Coey said. "I've been doing this for a little over 30 years and this is the first time I've found anything that could potentially be worth a lot of money. This is everybody's dream, but you never think it's going to happen to you."

The four books join a rare collection of 20 Castle works known as Icehouse Books, the earliest and only datable Castle works known ("Silent Genius," *FOCUS*, Spring 2000).

On loan to the Idaho Center for the Book for a traveling Castle exhibit, the books, now known as The Early Attic Collection of the Works of James Castle, are being stored in the climate-controlled archives at BSU's Albertsons Library. They will be unveiled at an international conference this fall on the East Coast.

— Kathleen Craven

HP awards honor human rights work

Electrical engineering professor Said Ahmed-Zaid (right), was recently named recipient of the seventh annual Hewlett Packard Award for Distinguished Leadership in Human Rights.

Ahmed-Zaid, who was president of the Islamic Center in Boise at the time of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was recognized for his caring leadership at a time of extreme tension for the Muslim community in the Treasure Valley and for his vision that people of all faiths and backgrounds can live together.



SOURCES: HEP/BOISE STATE

Additionally, Boise State Honors College student Justin Terry (above left) received the Hewlett Packard Scholarship for Leadership in Human Rights.

Terry, a junior communication major, co-chairs the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration, serves on the Human Rights Education Center board of directors, and has worked with many social justice and human rights agencies.

Yanke family gift helps with expansion

A gift by the family of Ron Yanke, a long-time Boise businessman, philanthropist and supporter of Boise State who passed away in February, will allow the university to purchase much-needed building space for administrative offices.

Boise State purchased the 25,423-square-foot Capitol Village shopping center at the corner of Boise Avenue and University Drive. The property, valued at \$6.61 million, was sold to Boise State for \$5 million by Yanke's family, with the \$1.61 million difference as a gift to the university.

"This generous donation by the Yanke family is indicative of Ron's love for Boise State," says Rick Smith, Boise State's former vice president for university advancement.



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SUMO WRESTLING — ROBOT STYLE: Mechanical engineering student Katy Roeske gets “Fem-bot” ready to do battle against “Medusa,” prepped by electrical and computer engineering student Jon Axtman, in the third annual College of Engineering Sumo robot competition in May. Ten teams of students in mechanical engineering professor John Gardner’s mechatronics class designed autonomously controlled robots. Robot Sumo is popular in Japan.

Corporate sponsorship changes The Pavilion to Taco Bell Arena

As *FOCUS* went to press, Boise State officials announced an agreement that changes the name of The Pavilion to Taco Bell Arena.

At its June meeting, the State Board of Education approved the sponsorship agreement with Meridian-based ES-O-EN Corp., a franchisee with 56 Taco Bell restaurants in Idaho, Oregon and Utah. The sponsorship with the athletic department is a 15-year agreement that will pay the university a total of \$4 million in cash and in-kind contributions.

Among the visual effects to take place, Taco Bell will have its logo on the exterior of all four entrances of the arena and on the sidelines of the basketball floor.

Included in Taco Bell’s annual cash payment of more than \$208,000 is funding earmarked for the creation of an annual scholarship for a permanently endowed Taco Bell Scholarship Fund. Taco Bell will also provide more than \$52,000 annually for in-kind marketing and advertising.

The 12,000-seat arena was completed in 1982 at a cost of \$17.5 million.

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SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wallin wins national javelin title

Swedish native Gabe Wallin became Boise State's fourth national **TRACK AND FIELD** champion when he won the men's javelin at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Austin, Texas, in June.

Wallin (right), who transferred to BSU from the Stockholm School of Economics, won the title with a school-record throw of 264-feet, 9 inches — the ninth-best distance ever by a collegian. He joins Curt Flisher (1960 national junior college 220-yard low hurdles), Jake Jacoby ('84 NCAA outdoor high jump) and Eugene Green ('91 NCAA indoor triple jump) as a national track champion.

Wallin's fellow javelin thrower Keron Francis, triple jumper Kenny Johnson and high jumper Miruna Mataoanu also earned All-America honors at the NAAs. Francis was fourth in his event with a throw of 243-2, Johnson finished sixth in his event with a 53-3 1/2 effort to earn All-America status for the second straight year, and Mataoanu finished fifth in the women's high jump with a school-record leap of 6-1. The Bronco men finished tied for 15th place in the team standings.

In the NCAA Indoor Championships in

March, Forest Braden and Abbey Elsberry earned All-America honors with ninth-place finishes — Braden in the men's 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:06.83 and Elsberry in women's 20-pound weight throw with a mark of 67-11. In June Elsberry also became the first student-athlete in school history to twice be named a first team academic All-American.

TENNIS player Guillaume Bouvier reached the round of 16 in the NCAA Singles Championships to earn All-American honors. Bouvier was the first Bronco singles player and the fifth overall to earn All-America status in tennis. Bouvier was an All-Western Athletic Conference first-team selection in singles and doubles and Thomas Schoeck was named All-WAC first-team doubles and second-team singles as the Bronco men ended the season with a 24-8 record and reached the semifinals in the WAC tournament. Jemima Hayward was named to the women's All-WAC first team in singles and doubles; Erin Polowski made the first team in doubles; and Alissa Ayling and Megan Biorkman were named to the all-conference doubles second team.



CARRIE QUINNEY

Junior Graham DeLaet put together the best season in Boise State **GOLF** history by earning first-team All-WAC honors, setting a school-record stroke average of 71.2 (breaking his own mark from the previous season), winning four tournaments (for a school-record career total of seven) and qualifying for the NCAA West Regionals.

'Da' 3 Bears: Dinwiddie signs with Chicago, joins ex-Broncos

The Chicago Bears are likely to have a huge following in Boise this fall.

With the signing of free-agent quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie (right), who set the NCAA career record for passing efficiency while starring for BSU the past three years, the Bears now have three former Bronco standouts on their roster.

In addition to Dinwiddie, the former BSU players are running back Brock Forsey, who was selected by

Chicago in the fifth round of the 2003 draft and played in nine games last year, and fullback Bryan Johnson, who was traded in the off-season to Chicago

after spending the past four seasons as a member of the Washington Redskins.



CARRIE QUINNEY

Dinwiddie was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2003 after leading BSU to an overall record of 13-1 and its second straight undefeated league title. He finished his college career completing 622 of 992 passes for 9,819 yards, 82 touchdowns and only 21 interceptions for a passing efficiency rating of 169.89.

Forsey started in two games for the Bears last year. Johnson played in 49 consecutive games for the Redskins and started 23 games the past two years.

2004 Bronco Football Schedule
(all times are MDT):

Sept. 4	Idaho	6:05 p.m.
Sept. 11	Oregon State	6:05 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Texas-El Paso	7:05 p.m.
Sept. 25	BYU	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 2	SMU	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Tulsa	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 23	Fresno State	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 30	Hawaii	6:05 p.m.
Nov. 13	at San Jose State	3:05 p.m.
Nov. 20	Louisiana Tech	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Nevada	2:05 p.m.

Note: Dates and times subject to change due to TV commitments.



Legend of 'Lost City' sparks Thai research

BY JANELLE BROWN

Legend has it that more than 1,500 years ago, a city in northern Thailand called Yonok Nagabandu collapsed and sank into the ground. Now, 15 centuries later, Boise State University researchers are investigating whether the ancient tale has any basis in fact.

Boise State geosciences professor Spencer Wood, along with research professor Lee Liberty and graduate students Eric Rothwell and Sarah Goldstein, traveled to Thailand earlier this year to conduct several geophysical studies, including investigating the site where the city allegedly disappeared. Their studies, conducted in collaboration with the geophysics program at Chiang Mai University and the Cultural Center of the Rajabat Institute, may eventually shed light on whether the so-called "lost city" actually existed.

"It's just a legend, but it's an intriguing one," says Wood. "There's a lot of precision in the story that has

caused the city's buildings to collapse. Later that night, the big sound occurred again. Then, in the morning, the sound came a third time and the city sank into the earth and became a great pond. The event was witnessed by an old widow who lived on high ground away from town and who did not partake in the feast of the great white fish.

The legend is inscribed in ancient Thai script on palm leaf manuscripts (above). While references to a huge white fish and an old widow are mysterious, the tale's key element – an earthquake – is plausible, Wood says. During a sabbatical in 1995, Wood conducted studies in Thailand that documented an active earthquake fault near the site of the legendary buried city. His findings were published in the 2003 issue of *Annals of Geophysics*.

Wood and his team returned in January 2004 and began new studies that could be used to help deter-

mine if a lost city is buried beneath the flood plain. Using a geophysical instrument called a magnetometer, Liberty first conducted tests at an excavated temple site. His tests confirmed that the instrument could be used to image brick structures, such as those that might have existed at Yonok Nagabandu.

The Boise State team conducted further seismic survey tests, and then traveled to the remote swamp in northern Thailand where the city allegedly sank in 476 A.D. They examined the site to decide what geophysical instru-

ments could be used to image beneath the swamp's sediments. The team also obtained core samples to a depth of 11 feet. The samples are now being radiocarbon-dated to estimate the depth at which material from 1,500 years ago might be buried.



Geosciences professor Spencer Wood, left, and graduate student Eric Rothwell use an auger to bore into swamp sediment at the alleged site of the lost city of Yonok Nagabandu in Thailand.

been handed down from one generation to the next."

According to the legend, a white fish more than 7 waa (42 feet) in length was caught in the river and given to the king, who in turn divided it among the people of the city. After the feast, a very loud noise

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SPENCER WOOD

GEOSCIENCES DEPARTMENT HOSTS MAJOR MEETINGS

Approximately 1,000 geoscientists and students from throughout the West gathered at the Boise Centre on The Grove in early May for technical presentations, symposiums, field trips and workshops as part of an annual regional meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA). The conference was hosted by the Department of Geosciences at Boise State University.

APPLIED TECH COLLEGE FORMS HONOR SOCIETY

The Seland College of Applied Technology honored the following seven outstanding students by making them charter members of the Boise State chapter of the National Technical Honor Society: Sean Clay Blankenship, computer service technology; Brian Coleman, drafting; Joseph Dryden, electronics; Jennifer Ellsworth, child care; Julia Free, culinary arts; Dustin Hinkel, broadcasting; and Gerald Starbard, small engines.

STUDENTS RECEIVE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH DOLLARS

Five Boise State University students and six students from other Idaho universities received \$5,000 National Institutes of Health fellowships to conduct biomedical research at Boise State this summer in collaboration with university faculty in biology, chemistry, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Boise State students who received Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) fellowships are Brady Catherman, Matthew Kai Elliott, Mark Headly, Amber Hibberd and Rohn McCune. Also working with Boise State faculty are Desiree Barton, Kendra Coonse and Burke Hays, Albertson College; Michael Lynn Gurney, BYU-Idaho; Brian Fife, Northwest Nazarene University; and Viola Fucsko, University of Idaho.

CENTER GETS MIGRANT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRANT

Sixty migrant high school sophomore and junior students from Idaho will spend 12 days on the Boise State campus later this summer as part of the Migrant Student Leadership Institute sponsored by the Idaho Department of Education.

Boise State's Center for Multicultural and Educational Opportunities is the recipient of a grant from the DOE to run the leadership institute. According to Scott Willison, director of the Boise State center, the program is designed to address the unique challenges faced by migrant students, who are confronted by issues of mobility, social isolation and interrupted schooling — all shown to negatively affect their success in school.

The students will stay in the university's residence halls and participate in a variety of activities that support leadership development, goal-setting and lifelong learning skills.

BOISE STATE TO HOUSE NURSING WORKFORCE CENTER

Anticipating a shortage of nurses in the near future, two nursing organizations have come together to form a new organization and a research center aimed at recruiting, educating and retaining nurses. The Idaho Alliance of Leaders in Nursing (IALN) represents the merger of the Idaho Organization of Nurse Executives and the Idaho Commission on Nursing and Nursing Education.

The IALN is setting up the Idaho Nursing Workforce Center, which will be located within the Department of Nursing at Boise State. The center will collect data for the state of Idaho on the nursing work force and provide expert consultation on nursing work force issues.



Tharaporn Bundarnsin, left, a geophysics graduate student at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, joins BSU graduate students Eric Rothwell and Sarah Goldstein on an outing.

The Boise State researchers plan to publish their findings and work with their Thai counterparts to seek grants to conduct a geophysical survey of the swamp. Wood plans to return to Thailand in September, during the height of the monsoon season, to study the feasibility of conducting a magnetometer survey from wooden boats while the swamp is flooded.

Someday their work may lead to definitive answers about the lost city. But each incremental step also is valuable because it increases geophysical understanding of the area and gives researchers and students opportunities to apply their knowledge to real-life problems. Both Goldstein and Rothwell conducted other research while in Thailand, including a three-month study headed by Goldstein at the Pang Khum Experimental Watershed.

"It's been very helpful to learn to use new geophysical tools and to visit a different culture with a different hydrology system," says Rothwell (BS, Geology, '01). "It's been a fascinating experience."

Night Shift

Computers team up after dark

BY BILL SCHNUPP

The lights go out, everyone leaves the office, and the computers shut down for the night. That's the routine for most college campuses and offices nationwide. But at the College of Engineering at Boise State University, classroom computers snap into action and work all night on complex programs.

This may sound like a scene from an animated movie where the appliances and electronic devices come to life when their owners are out of sight. In reality it's an actual computer grid, implemented by electrical engineering professor Elisa Barney Smith and network administrator Angus McDonald. Rather than sitting idly in sleep mode all night, the 78 computers that currently make up the grid, called Condor, work in concert running various problems and tests.

"Think of it as a task in which an office manager divides up work among the office staff," says McDonald, who supervises Boise State's Condor system. "When the staff is finished, the manager collects the various parts and compiles them into a single finished product."

Barney Smith's mathematically intensive analysis for her research on optical character recognition (OCR) systems provides an example of Condor's application. She and her team are studying how the characters in documents are degraded by photocopying, faxing and other reproduction meth-

ods. Degradation such as rounded corners or slight blurring can make it difficult for OCR systems to correctly recognize characters and convert them to digital form, a process that's essential for accurately archiving all kinds of records, from government documents to medical research. Barney Smith's team is developing computer models to predict degraded characters and identify them more accurately. Each round of testing requires about 200 hours of computer computations.

Enter Condor. Rather than spend 200 hours running on a single computer, the Condor grid subdivides the analyses and cuts the time down to four to 20 hours, depending on the availability of computers in the grid.

Condor has also benefited Boise State financially. In an era of budget restraints, Condor is a creative way to maximize use of capital equipment. Funding that could have been used to purchase a super computer with Condor's capacity was made available for other projects. Condor operates without anyone on site to supervise it. Once a project is initiated, the grid runs it through to completion automatically. If someone needs to use one of the computers for another reason, that portion of the job is redirected to another computer in



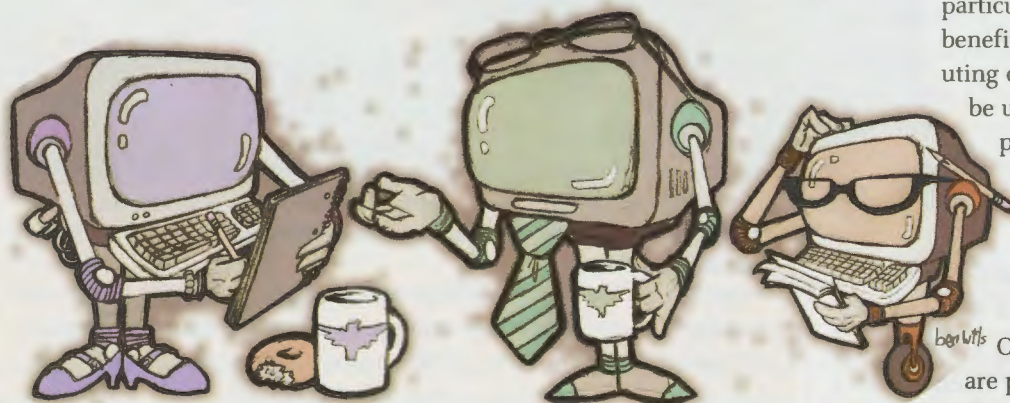
the grid.

Condor evolved from a system first developed in 1988 by a University of Wisconsin team of software engineers, headed up by computer science professor Miron Livny. The Condor concept was brought to Boise State by Barney Smith. Last year she attended an Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers seminar where Brooklin Gore of Micron Technology described how Micron implemented a Condor grid with 200 computers to perform analytical computations and run manufacturing reports. Barney Smith, computer science professor Tim Andersen and mechanical engineering professor Paul Dawson proposed a similar grid at Boise State. McDonald had the grid up and running by fall.

"The nice thing about the Condor grid is that we can always add more computers to it," says McDonald. If a particular problem is one that can benefit from subdividing and distributing computing power, Condor can be upgraded by adding more computers.

In the future, designated computers in labs across campus could become part of one big grid, says McDonald.

His vision is not far away. Other departments on campus are planning to join the Condor grid soon.



Melville scholar hunts for 'whale' of a discovery

BY KATHLEEN CRAVEN

In the basement of a library in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1999, Boise State English professor Steven Olsen-Smith, with Dennis C. Marnon of Harvard's Houghton Library, made one of those "Aha!" discoveries that is every researcher's dream. Pulling a book from the shelf, they realized they'd made a "whale" of a discovery. What they found was a battered copy of Thomas Wharton's *History of English Poetry* filled with notes in the hand of Herman Melville, the author who penned *Moby Dick*.

"It was like a lightning strike. I recognized what we had immediately," recalls Olsen-Smith (right), a Melville scholar.

It's moments like this that fuel the decades-long quest to recover as many as possible of the 1,000 texts that once made up Melville's personal library. Begun in the 1940s by Olsen-Smith's mentor Merton J. Sealts Jr., the project has so far added about 75 titles to the 210 surviving books on Sealts' original list. Olsen-Smith first met Sealts while working on his dissertation at the University of Delaware. Shortly before his death in 2000, Sealts asked Olsen-Smith to continue tracking the missing titles. Since then, Olsen-Smith has added more than 20 entries. Another 700 or so still remain to be traced.

"Some of the titles I've added to the checklist of books Melville either owned or borrowed are still missing," Olsen-Smith says. "Some were cited by Melville in an annotation, so I tracked down the author, title and edition of the book noted." He records these books in a list, then publishes them as a regular supplement to *Melville's Reading*, the list originally published in 1948 by Sealts, and sends them to rare book dealers.

Often, finding the books is just the beginning of his work. Before Melville was rediscovered as a major American author, many book dealers erased Melville's scrawled notes to clean the books up for sale. Olsen-Smith's job is to use special lighting, magnifying glasses and other tools to try to discover indentations on the page or traces of graphite that will help him reconstruct those notes. His efforts have yield-

ed early drafts of passages Melville went on to publish in *Moby Dick*, illustrating connections between his readings and the creative process.

One example is footnotes found in a copy of Thomas Beale's *Natural History of the Sperm Whale*, where scientific facts from the text were used to create poetic simile in the novel.

Melville would likely be astounded at the amount of time and effort being sunk into recovering his scribbled thoughts.

Although he is regarded by many today as the great American novelist, he died in relative obscurity after enjoying a short-lived early success. Self-taught after a reversal of family fortune put an early end to his formal education, he dreamed of achieving true literary greatness. After his first few books received acclaim, he set out to break free from literary tradition. *Moby Dick*, with its attacks on religious orthodoxy, was a critical disaster.

"Writing *Moby Dick* was probably the worst thing [Melville] ever did, because it ruined his life and career," Olsen-Smith says, noting that it also brought material hardship to his family. Yet the book is now enjoying a renaissance Melville may never have imagined.

"*Moby Dick* follows the tradition of Western literary values, but also contains a great deal of innovation in applying those standards," Olsen-Smith says. "It's an epic poem in prose devoted to democratic principles of human dignity and equality."

That epic poem is today loved by millions, who see the hero, Ahab, as an egalitarian Everyman.

"Melville is one of the few authors known and loved outside the university audience. He appeals to a variety of different people from a variety of different backgrounds," Olsen-Smith says. "That is the most reliable index of his continuing appeal and significance."





BY KATHLEEN CRAVEN

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

**Innovative faculty set the pace
for change at Boise State**



When Boise Junior College alumni visit their old stomping grounds, they find much that is familiar — strong academic programs, knowledgeable and caring professors, a vibrant arts scene and an administration dedicated to creating the best possible learning environment. But in place of the intimate junior college setting they once knew, they find a growing university replete with award-winning students and faculty, cutting-edge technology, groundbreaking research and innovative community partnerships.

In short, today's Boise State University is building on past success and setting the pace in a changing academic world. Leading that charge is a diverse array of faculty members from longtime professors to those fresh out of doctoral programs. They are researchers, writers, performers, lecturers and philosophers — more

than 950 full- and part-time teachers dedicated to keeping Boise State on the leading edge of higher education. One way they are pursuing excellence is by following university President Bob Kustra's mandate to become a "metropolitan research university of distinction." To do this he says, "we must be collaborative,

entrepreneurial and competitive." For many, this has served as a rallying cry to step away from the norm and approach education from a new angle.

"This is a different university now," says Pennie Seibert (below), psychology department chair, longtime professor and brain researcher. "I think it's really exciting that we have a president who is offering the leadership we need to be a metropolitan research university. I think we need that to be more in touch with today's society."



Seibert's department has transformed the former Applied Cognition Research Institute into the Center for Applied Psychological Science, a name that better encompasses the many domains involved. One piece of this will be the Family Studies Research Initiative, which incorporates research in several departments including communication, health studies, kinesiology, nursing, psychology, counseling and social work.

This emphasis on applied research, Seibert says, allows for a more hands-on teaching approach and gives students a chance to see how the theories they are learning are actually used in the community. "What we're doing is trying to make what we teach so much more relevant to our students," she says.

This real-world approach to teaching is a cornerstone for many disciplines on campus. To help steer students in that direction, fourth-year choral music professor Giselle Wyers is part of a team that put together a questionnaire for students around the country. The purpose was to more clearly define who today's music students are and what issues they face.

"This helps us stay on the cutting edge in terms of how things are changing," Wyers says. At Boise State, that's especially important in light of the constant challenge of providing a

Teachers flock to weekends-only grad program

It's challenging enough to pursue a graduate degree when that's your sole focus. But when you're holding down a full-time job and evenings are crowded with home and work responsibilities, going back to school can seem an impossible dream.

Boise State University is addressing that issue with an innovative new approach aimed at educators — a weekends-only program launched last January by the Department of Literacy in the College of Education.

ate students, says Stan Steiner, chair of the Literacy Department.

"This new program makes it a lot easier for busy teachers to work toward a master's degree," says Steiner (below). "The weekends-only format is intensive, but it also has many advantages. Our students have been very enthusiastic."

Students in the program attend class on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Each course is taught a total of three weekends spread over two months, and the course content is identical or equivalent to that offered in traditional semester-long classes. While most students are pursuing master's degrees, the courses are open to all educators.

For teachers like Cathy Strough (BA, Education, '76), the weekends-only program has made working on a master's degree both doable and enjoyable. After spending a weekend engaged in coursework, Strough says she returned to her classroom at Fruitland Middle School with fresh ideas and renewed energy for her job.

"It's an excellent concept, and every professor I've had has been great," says Strough. "I've learned an amazing amount, and it's revolutionized my teaching."

For more information on the weekends-only program, contact Steiner at 208 426-3962 or ssteine@boisestate.edu.

— Janelle Brown

The program, originally offered entirely at the Canyon County Center in Nampa, enables students, most of whom are public school teachers, to earn a master of arts degree in

education with a reading emphasis in just two years.

The weekends-only program has been so successful that the College of Education has now expanded it to the university's main campus in Boise. In addition, the university is laying plans to offer the program to any community in the region that can guarantee a cohort of 20 gradu-



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somewhat traditional choral experience to a fairly nontraditional student population.

In order to keep her students motivated, Wyers offers them a number of leadership and peer-to-peer teaching opportunities. Both of these approaches give students a taste of what awaits them as future music educators as well as providing a sense of ownership in their educations.

In the Master of Fine Arts writing program, which brings in accomplished poets and novelists from around the country to speak to students, an added bonus is that the literary guests spend time with students and get a feel for their work. When they leave, they take the good word back to their colleagues in other regions.

"It's another way the program is getting a reputation," says Martin Corless-Smith, an English professor who works with MFA students.

For dance and theater majors, this type of interaction with the professional community is old hat — although the recent growth in Boise's performing arts community has provided more and better opportunities for involvement than ever before.

"Theater has never been about operating in our own little cocoon. It's about operating in the center of a very active performing-arts environment," says theatre arts department chairman Richard Klautsch. "It's essential to keep that relationship going. Everyone is working off campus performing, doing research or working on publications."

Klautsch notes that these off-campus learning opportunities also promote President Kustra's call to strengthen and increase community partnerships. "We already have a close relationship with local professional arts groups," Klautsch says, "and the work of these professional companies would diminish as well without our participation."

Mirroring the growth of these com-

First residential college to open in fall

Students who want to move in on a business career can do so — literally — at Boise State.

The university will open its first residential college this fall to 32 business students, giving them the chance to live and work with other business students and a resident faculty member.

The COBE (College of Business and Economics) Community will be located on the fourth floor of the new Keiser Hall just north of Taco Bell Arena.

Rob Anson, a professor of networking, operations and information systems who has been with Boise State for 14 years, will be the COBE Community's first faculty in residence. He and his wife Cindy (both at right), who works in the academic affairs office at Boise State, will move into a two-bedroom apartment in Keiser Hall in July.

Anson has taught semesters in Norway and in Vietnam and sees his move into the residence hall as a sabbatical of sorts, but close to home. He also views it as an opportunity to deepen relationships with students to help them grow intellectually and socially.

Bill Lathen, COBE dean, says that's the goal of the residential college — to enhance business

students' experiences in all areas.

Students will get involved with on- and off-campus recreation and cultural outings and community service opportunities, share ideas informally with regional business leaders and faculty, develop a supportive network of friends and future colleagues and plan and lead activities with other students and faculty.



The residential college adds a new dimension to student life at Boise State, says housing director Craig Thompson. The program was modeled after successful residential colleges at various universities around the country, including Northwestern, Western Washington and Yale. Plans are in the works for more residential colleges at Boise State.

— Sherry Squires

munity partnerships is the growth of Boise State itself. The university's student body has morphed from the small, mostly traditional group of learners who studied at BJC 40 to 50 years ago to an 18,000-plus student body from across the Northwest and beyond, including more than 50 for-

eign countries. These students come with a new set of expectations, from high-tech teaching tools to a wide range of internship opportunities. And as the "MTV Generation," they won't settle for a lecture-only teaching style. Instead, they expect to be engaged in active learning.

Criminal Justice: A growing field of study

Created in 1968 in combination with the Sociology and Anthropology departments, the Department of Criminal Justice Administration has seen many

in addition to police academy training. Hemmens says a lot of majors view their study as part of a career path — either to a criminal justice job such as a police, corrections or parole officer — or to law school.

Due in part to the popularity of television shows like *CSI*, the department has evolved into one of the most popular on campus, with 500 declared majors.

With only eight faculty members, half of all classes are taught by adjuncts — police officers, lawyers, corrections officers and others. Having experts in the classroom with hands-on experience has been a plus for students, Hemmens says, noting that it provides a good mix of theory and practice.

But Hemmens isn't worried about being overwhelmed by all this popularity.

On the contrary, he says the department's growth has been positive, leading to new opportunities to learn. "The content of what we teach has changed, but not our basic courses," he says. "There have been tremendous advances in the field as far as technology and theories of criminology. We just know so much more about how to affect public policy."

— Kathleen Craven

"I've said before that what we do is 50 percent theatrics, but now I think it's more than 50 percent," says Russell Centanni, a recently retired biology professor who was named the 2000 Idaho Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation. But finding the right blend of activity and lectur-

ing without crossing over into "entertaining" can be tough.

Keeping students engaged in learning is a huge challenge, agrees chemistry professor Susan Shadle.

"Students can sit through a brilliant lecture and not learn anything from it," she says. "Particularly in

chemistry, until I sit down and do hands-on activities with them, they don't really process the information."

Shadle is working on adopting a new approach to teaching known as Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL), a learning style that includes hands-on activities and mini-lectures to help students stay focused and on track. Under this system, students work in self-managed teams on guided activities. Even before incorporating this system into her classes, Shadle encouraged student group activities since peers, having just mastered a concept themselves, can often explain things in a different light than can a professor.

But all this is not enough. Boise State students also need to learn to recognize and appreciate diversity — especially if they plan to pursue a career beyond Idaho.

"To prepare students for the future, you need to expose them to more than just math and science," says engineering professor Said Ahmed-Zaid (right), adviser to the Muslim Student Association and winner of Hewlett Packard's human rights award (page 11). "They need creativity." That, he says, comes from getting to know people who broaden your horizons and open your mind to a new way of looking at the world.

To encourage that, the university has instituted a new "diversity class" requirement for graduation. It also actively recruits students from other states and countries, thus diversifying the university's pool of students.

"The university has the potential to bring diversity to Boise," says Ahmed-Zaid. "But Boise is not going to change overnight."

Today's students also face pressures not commonly seen in earlier generations. "Students live warp-speed lives," says Tom Trusky, a poetry and book arts professor who in his 34 years at Boise State has three times been named Idaho



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Professor of the Year (page 10). "They have more demands on their time for pleasure, profit and education. They just have more opportunities available to them."

All these factors combine to create a different kind of learning environment. As Trusky puts it, "There is a corporate attitude where students feel they are the customer. My professors were like gods to me and I wouldn't approach them because I was just a worm. Students today want their professors to be more accessible than that. It's not bad for professors to be reminded that students are human and have rights and that we need to meet their expectations."

Trusky has learned to rely heavily on the Internet to both keep up on the latest in his field and to communicate with his students. Through e-mail, Trusky is accessible at all hours of the day, and students can not only pose questions, but also send scans and other attachments to clarify their concerns. The result, says Trusky, is a better relationship with students.

"This is still a commuter school. Before, students had to phone in or drive in to talk to a professor. Now they can do it all electronically," he says. "I spend a lot more time teaching with computers, and students are definitely getting a better deal."

And technology is opening other doors as well. A program called Vector Works will allow theatre design students to create and plot out intricate scenic and lighting designs for productions and may be useful in printing out musical compositions as well. For MFA students, new Web-based journals greatly increase publishing opportunities. Some even allow for user interaction, creating new venues for writers that go beyond the *cold-drill* undergraduate literary magazine or even the critically acclaimed Ahsakta Press, Boise State's not-for-profit literary publisher.

But as important as all these elements are, it's really the ability to pro-

vide students with cutting-edge programs and information that keeps Boise State at the forefront of higher education.

"My content is what has changed the most over my 31 years as a professor here," says Centanni, a recog-

nized expert on immunology issues, especially HIV (page 8). "My research has been to keep on the cutting edge of my subject." That means accessing current research and constantly reworking lecture notes and assignments to keep classes fresh and up-

Service-Learning expands students' horizons

Once a seldom used path into the community, the Service-Learning program at Boise State has become a superhighway, affording students growing opportunities to link their coursework with their communities.

Service-Learning at its core takes academic concepts outside of the classroom walls and into nonprofit agencies to help address community needs. From engineering to nursing, theater to psychology, any class can incorporate a Service-Learning component.

Several students in a history class this past year researched bullying and worked with the Idaho Human Rights Education Center to integrate the information into a cartoon poster to reach kids. The group then met with teachers, counselors and students at North Junior High in Boise to distribute the posters and share the message.

Nick Hopson, a social work student, partnered with Boise Parks and Recreation. Hopson mentored teens during Late Night Fridays, a weekend activity program at the Fort Boise Community Center. After he finished his formal commitment he chose to return as a volunteer.

More than 500 students completed their Service-Learning projects this past semester. After performing 15-40 hours of academically based commu-

nity service, many students, like Hopson, became so engaged with their partner agencies that they stayed on.

Service-Learning's innovative teaching method also results in a greater interest in classroom discussion by



students, closer connections with their faculty and increased awareness of community issues. It also dovetails with Boise State's participation in The American Democracy Project, a commitment to encourage civic engagement and educate students to be tomorrow's citizens.

Boise State Service-Learning continues to evolve as the needs of its growing student population change, says program coordinator Kara Hartmann. She and other Service-Learning staff have gained national recognition for the use of technology in administering the program and for faculty development.

Boise State students amassed about 12,000 hours of community service this past semester.

— Sherry Squires

to-date.

"We need to make sure we're not just teaching to the test," Centanni says. "The real world is the test."

Another field that is benefiting from change is health sciences, where advances in the treatment of diseases and an expanded outlook on community-based care has created new opportunities for nurses and other health-care professionals.

Providing clinical experiences outside the traditional hospital setting has been both challenging and rewarding for faculty members.

"We go where the people are, as long as there is a health issue," says nursing professor Vivian Schrader, who is charged with coordinating clinical experiences for students. "I look for places in the community like prisons, hospitals, care homes and places where we can do community assessments. We've had to think outside the box."

In the end, it's the faculty members themselves who keep Boise State moving ever forward. Their enthusiasm for their chosen profession allows students to achieve more than they could alone.

"My idea is that there should be a letter E in the grading system for energy, enthusiasm, excitement and expertise," says Centanni. "If the faculty can't convey enthusiasm, how will students achieve it?"

Bridging the gender gap in nursing, engineering

BY PATRICIA PYKE

Jeff and Elizabeth Weese may seem like a typical professional couple balancing the responsibilities of two kids and two careers — one as a nurse and one as an electrical engineer.

However, says Jeff, "We kind of have a gender reversal. My wife is a female engineer and I am a male nurse. We like to joke about that." Both are minorities in their professions, with women representing about 10 percent of U.S. electrical engineers and men holding 5-7 percent of the nursing jobs.

Boise State is working to boost those percentages so that more people, regardless of their gender, can practice professions that match their strengths and interests.

"Initially I didn't consider nursing as a career, particularly with the stigma of being a male nurse," says Weese, who earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Boise State in 2003 and is now an ER nurse at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

For him nursing was a second career. After he and Elizabeth earned degrees from Colorado State in 1993 — his in biology — they moved to Idaho when Elizabeth took a job with Hewlett Packard. Jeff worked for several years in emergency medical services. Seeking a health-care career with greater opportunities, he entered the BSU nursing program in 2000 with only a handful of other guys.

"I learned that nursing was much more dynamic than I thought," he says, citing the varied and extensive job opportunities in nursing — ER, critical care, pediatrics, anesthesia, teaching, neurotrauma, nurse practitioner, administration and more.

With rising demand in health-care professions, the lure of a good career is propelling men like Weese across the gender barrier and into a profession once considered feminine. In the class entering Boise State for the fall semester, 25 percent are men, up from 13

Boise State offers first Arabic language class

Boise State University will offer its first Arabic language class (four credits) this fall through the U.S. Arabic Distance Learning Network, a consortium of regional universities committed to expanding opportunities for Arabic language and culture study and to promoting better relations with the Arab world.

Within two weeks of being announced, the class was full, says Teresa Boucher, chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department at Boise State.

"When you look beyond the needs of the local community and you look globally, this makes sense," Boucher says.

Students will receive instruction from a distinguished professor of Arabic at the University of Washington through interactive video technology. Abdul Mohamad, a native Arabic speaker originally from Iraq, will also teach portions of the class on the Boise State campus. Additionally, the class will provide students a segue to the rich cultural heritage



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percent two years ago.

That's a remarkable number, considering some U.S. nursing programs have no men at all, says Eldon Walker, the only male faculty member in the Boise State nursing program and a critical care nurse at St. Luke's.

"I think the Boise State Department of Nursing is very open to men," says Walker (right). "There are a lot of men in the Treasure Valley community in the nursing field. I think there are good role models out there."



Walker believes men can do the job just as well as women, but in a different way.

For example, he says, male nurses express their caring more by "being competent with their skills and having a good knowledge base" than by openly showing emotion.

Having men in the classroom adds other viewpoints and ideas to class discussions, Walker says, which benefits both men and women.

Those sentiments are echoed by Cheryl Schrader, dean of Boise State's

College of Engineering, where the underrepresented gender is not men, but women.

"When you have a team working together to problem solve, the best solutions come from a diverse group of thinkers," says Schrader, an electrical engineer and one of only a handful of women engineering deans in the United States.

To help foster diverse perspectives, the college is in the process of hiring three more women faculty, bringing the number of women professors to 10, out of 52 total. "We do have top-notch women faculty, leaders in their respective disciplines," says Schrader.

About 14 percent of Boise State students majoring in traditional engineering fields and computer science are women. Certain programs seem to be enclaves for women, notably the materials science graduate program, which is approaching 50 percent women due in no small part to the mentoring efforts of department chair Amy Moll and her colleagues.

Moll (right) says the interdisciplinary nature of materials science, which studies the properties, structure, processing and performance



of materials in all kinds of engineering, is particularly interesting to women, who tend to seek collaboration.

"It's not a trait that men don't have," says Moll, "but in general I think that women are more likely to be more collaborative, more likely to listen to other folks' ideas and pull in other disciplines, which is where a lot of engineering and research is going."

For example, says Moll, bioengineering applications of materials science are particularly appealing to young women.

"There are statistics, I think, that say that [women] are more driven by whether they are going to have an impact on society," she says.

Curriculum changes being implemented at Boise State are aimed at

helping students at all levels see the relevance of engineering and its vital contributions to the economy and society — from manipulating biomolecules to fight disease, to creating

circuitry for better cell phones or designing alternative fuel-powered vehicles.

In an economy increasingly affected by globalization, creative and innovative contributions by engineers of both genders and all backgrounds is essential.

"The profession benefits because there is a great need for engineers to maintain national competitiveness," says Schrader. "This need will not be filled unless those traditionally underrepresented — women and ethnic minorities — enter the profession at a rate greater than ever before."

and history imbedded in the language.

Students who have completed a year at Boise State have the option to continue their Arabic studies through a semester or academic year of study abroad at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco.

Sabine Klahr, director for International Programs at Boise State, says Arabic language programs are rare nationally, largely because universities lack funding to hire an expert. "The network allows us to offer a quality program in a less expensive way," she says. "Our graduates need international experience, some knowledge of other cultures."

Boise State's participation in the network is coordinated by the International Programs office, Division of Extended Studies, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and Academic Technologies.

— Sherry Squires

Endowed nursing chair to continue DeMeyer legacy

When Boise Junior College began its nursing program nearly 50 years ago, Jody DeMeyer, a young nursing instructor who came over from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, was instrumental in founding the new BJC program. DeMeyer (right) went on to a 50-year career as a leader in professional nursing as both an administrator and educator in Idaho and other western states.

Although DeMeyer passed away this March, future generations will continue to benefit from her passion for excellence in nursing education (obituary, page 42). She has left a gift in excess of \$1 million to Boise State University to the JoAnna "Jody" DeMeyer Endowed Chair for Nursing, which will be the first endowed chair in nursing in the state of Idaho.

The JoAnna "Jody" DeMeyer Endowed Chair for Nursing will provide a continued source of revenue for Boise State's Department of Nursing to recruit nationally recognized nursing professors who are outstanding in their respective fields.

Boise State's nursing education program is the largest in the state with 523 current students. DeMeyer recognized that the continued development and improvement of the Boise State nursing department's education of professional nurses is a key component to meeting the health care needs of Idaho residents.

As an Idaho native, DeMeyer's intention was to "expand, enhance and perpetuate the hallmark of nursing excellence in education, practice and leadership at Boise State University among students and faculty," according to a statement she prepared before her death. She envisioned the endowed chair to "advance the professional nursing programs at

Boise State University, the professional nursing community and the health care needs of the community at large."

In speaking about DeMeyer's generosity, Dr. James Girvan, dean of the College of Health Sciences, says, "Jody dedicated her life to improving the health of people everywhere, especially in Idaho. The Jody DeMeyer Endowed Chair for Nursing is a direct reflection of her enthusiastic vision for inspiring students and educators to always seek quality and excellence. Needless to say, we are indebted to her beyond meas-



ure for this unselfish gift that will enhance nursing education at Boise State University and the community at large in perpetuity."

After retiring from her position as vice president for patient care services at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, DeMeyer successfully recruited a group of business leaders, educators and health care professionals to found the Boise State University Friends of Nursing. This group has raised \$4.5 million for nursing scholarships and library resources, and continues its efforts today.

Boise State officials are working with DeMeyer's longtime friend and colleague, Dr. JoAnn T. Vahey, to establish the endowed chair.

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2004 Chaffee Awards honor Fedrizzis, Carleys

The Boise State University Foundation awarded the annual Chaffee Associates awards to Rich and Patsy Fedrizzi and John and Joan Carley. The Chaffee Associates, named after Boise State's first president

Eugene Chaffee, is the Boise State Foundation's premier giving society. The Fedrizzis were presented with the 2004 Chaffee Associates Spirit Award, which is

given to Chaffee Associates who provide university-wide support and have the vision and dedication to enhance the university by sharing their resources and talents across campus.

Supporters of Boise State since 1986, Patsy and Rich Fedrizzi have given their time and support to help with the annual Phonathon, the Bronco Athletic Association and the Radiological Sciences Department. They recently helped fund the expansion of a new athletic weight room.

Rich is past president and a current member of the BAA and a current member of the Foundation board.

The Carleys received the 2004 Chaffee Associates Dedication Award, which is given to recognize Chaffee Associates who share not only their financial resources, but also their time, wisdom and countless volunteer hours in service to Boise State.

John (arts and sciences, '55), who retired as president and chief operations officer of Albertson's in 1996, received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1992. He and Joan have endowed several scholarships for Boise State business students.



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Boise State President Bob Kustra, left, and former Vice President for University Advancement Rick Smith, far right, with Patsy and Rich Fedrizzi at the Chaffee Awards ceremony. John and Joan Carley were unable to attend the ceremony. Their son, Scott, accepted their award.

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Alumni association announces new board members

The Boise State Alumni Association elected new board directors and officers at the organization's annual meeting earlier this year.

Officers and directors meet quarterly to govern the association's operations.

Serving one-year terms on the executive committee are:



- President — **ALEX LABEAU**, '91, '00, executive director, Idaho Association of Realtors.

- First vice president — **BRIAN YEARGAIN**, '95, partner, Little Morris CPA.

- Second vice president — **SUSIE SCHUMACHER**, '85, '00, revenue integrity manager at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

- Treasurer — **TRAVIS JENSEN**, '94, senior manager, audit, KPMG LLP accounting firm.

- Secretary — **TOM BEITIA**, '84, '87, financial adviser, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

- Past president — **SUSAN BAKES**, '84, manager at Resources Connection.

"The success of our Alumni Association depends on the involvement of many loyal alumni, and I am extremely confident that this group of alumni leaders will do a terrific job of representing our thousands of Boise State alumni," says Lee Denker, Alumni Association executive director.



Alex LaBeau was elected president of the Alumni Association board.

Directors nominated by the incoming president and elected to serve one-year terms are Alecia Baker, '85, '97; Gloria Beattie, '97; Jess Byrne, '99, '04; Merrit Swartley, '94; and Tim Tyree, '93.

Kevin Churchman, '88, was elected to serve a two-year term through 2006, filling in for Jensen, who moved to the executive committee.

Directors elected for three-year terms through 2007 are Howard Adkins, '53; Robert Bakes, '52; Jim Coulson, '56; Wally Lee, '81; Andrea Mihm, '99, '02; and Jade Riley, '98.

Ex-officio board members named are Dan Betts, '97, Kappa Sigma chapter; Logan Freeman, Student Alumni Association president; and David Morriss, ASBSU president.

George Mendiola, '69, was elected to serve a three-year term through 2007 on the nominating committee.

Alumni chapters plan activities, possible expansion into Denver

Boise State alumni can be found in all 50 states and many foreign countries. Alumni chapters provide an exciting mix of cultural, athletic, recreational and academic-related activities.

Call Lee Denker at (208) 426-1698 with questions about chapter activities in your area, or see the chapter notes from selected areas.

SEATTLE/PUGET SOUND

Seattle area alumni met recently at Ivar's Salmon House on Lake Union to plan for future Puget Sound Alumni Chapter activities.

Fall activities are being scheduled for Eastside, South Sound and the Seattle Metro. All Boise State alumni in the area are invited to participate. Chapter contact: Dennis Ward, '73, Olympia. (360) 791-5518. warddlee@com-cast.net.

SPOKANE/COEUR D'ALENE

Chapter members held a preliminary meeting in Spokane in April. Future correspondence will be sent to alumni living within the area.

To get involved, contact chapter leader Jim Coulson, '56, at (509) 924-6363.

TWIN FALLS/MAGIC VALLEY

Dozens of Magic Valley alumni gathered for "Alumni After Hours" at Rock Creek on May 24. Future meetings and activities will be planned. Contact any member of the Magic Valley alumni committee for further information: Todd Blass, '82; Darren Kyle, '92; Tara Martens, '94; Magan Ruffing, '99; or Shari Stroud, '78.

IDAHO FALLS

The Snake Bite in Idaho Falls was the setting for a lunch meeting in May to discuss forming an alumni chapter in the area. Potential events include game watch parties, after work socials and more.

Contact members of the chapter steering committee with ideas or to get involved: Cindy Aber, '99; Douglas Ball, '76; Joshua Jackson, '97; and Todd Mary, '83.

DENVER

Alumni in Denver are exploring the possibility of forming a chapter. For more information, contact Brandon Copeland, '02, (303) 986-5794, or Kenny Trueax, '01, (720) 394-0953.



'Alumni at the Arts' debuts this fall

To complement its annual schedule of alumni involvement opportunities, the Alumni Association has teamed up with the Wells Fargo Broadway in Boise series to offer "Alumni at the Arts," which includes discounted tickets in preferred seating areas to national touring productions at the Morrison Center.

These tickets will be available to alumni before they go on sale to the general public and will be discounted at least 10 percent.

An e-mail announcement includ-

ing a password and a link to an online ordering page will be sent out prior to each show. The association will host a special reception for alum-

ni who attend performances on designated nights. Discounted alumni tickets will be available for purchase

approximately 8-10 weeks before each show date.

To ensure that you receive ticket purchase information, contact the Boise State Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698.

The Producers — Sept. 16
Rent — Oct. 6
Smokey Joe's Café — Nov. 18
Lord of the Dance — Jan. 20
The Full Monty — March 18
Mark Twain Tonight! — May 13
Cats — June 8

Service award honors association founder, supporter Marie White

Marie White, who earned an arts and sciences degree from Boise Junior College in 1942 and joined with 12 other alumni in 1966 to found what would become the Boise State Alumni Association, was honored with an Alumni Service Award at the association's annual meeting in May.

She has been a steadfast supporter of Boise State and the Alumni Association through the years, attending alumni events, annual meetings, athletic competitions and countless other activities out of love for her alma mater.

White has established two scholarships through the Boise State Foundation, one in the name of her late husband, Joseph White, and one in honor of her daughter, Carol Mulder, who also served on the association's board of directors. She is also active in the community, donating her time to organizations such as FreeMED, Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House,

the Meridian Visitors' Center and her family church.

The Alumni Service Award was created in 2003 to honor alumni who



Association secretary Tom Beitia, Marie White, and past president Susan Bakes.

have consistently provided exemplary service to the university community, enhancing the stature, success and well-being of the Alumni Association.

All graduates of the university are eligible for nomination. Nominations may be submitted any time throughout the year. For more information about submitting a nomination, call (208) 426-1698.

Alumni Association Calendar of Events

July

1 — Spokane alumni event, Boise Hawks vs. Spokane Indians baseball game. The Grotto at Avista Stadium, Spokane. 6:30 p.m.

August

5 — Kappa Sigma alumni chapter meeting, El Korah Oasis, 12th and Idaho, Boise, 5:30 p.m.

18 — Alumni Association board of directors meeting, Alumni Center, 4 p.m.

21 — Kappa Sigma alumni chapter Boise River float, Ann Morrison Park, 1 p.m. Contact Pat Kendall, 939-4195

September

2 — Kappa Sigma alumni chapter meeting, El Korah Oasis, 12th and Idaho, Boise, 5:30 p.m.

4 — Idaho vs. BSU BroncoBash tailgate party, Alumni Center, 4 p.m.

11 — Oregon State vs. BSU BroncoBash tailgate party, Alumni Center, 4 p.m.

16 — Alumni at the Arts, *The Producers*, Morrison Center, 7:30 p.m.

25 — BYU vs. BSU BroncoBash tailgate party, Alumni Center, 4 p.m.

27-Oct. 2 — Homecoming Week.

October

1 — Founders Leadership Society reunion.

2 — Homecoming parade, Broadway Avenue and University Drive, 3 p.m.

2 — Class of 1954/Golden Graduate reunion.

2 — SMU vs. BSU BroncoBash tailgate party and Homecoming chili feed, Alumni Center, 3 p.m.

6 — Alumni at the Arts, *Rent*, Morrison Center, 7:30 p.m.

7 — Kappa Sigma alumni chapter meeting, El Korah Oasis, 12th and Idaho, Boise, 5:30 p.m.

For more information on events, visit our online calendar at alumni.boisestate.edu.

ALUMNI FOOTBALL TAILGATE TRADITION CONTINUES

Put on your orange and blue Bronco gear and head over to the Alumni Center again this football season. BroncoBash tailgate parties will be held two hours before each home football game except for Homecoming, which will start three hours before kickoff.

Food, beverages and Bronco merchandise will be available for purchase. Each event will feature entertainment, the Boise State cheerleaders, the Blue Thunder Marching Band and more.

Another exciting Reno weekend is also being planned. The Reno BroncoBash is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 27, at the El Dorado Hotel Convention Center.

Contact the Alumni Association for tickets. Travel packages including airfare, hotel, BroncoBash ticket, game ticket and game transfers are available. Call Global Travel at (208) 384-1114 and ask for Keith.

GOLDEN GRADUATES REUNION SET FOR HOMECOMING

All members of the class of 1954 will be invited back to campus for a 50-year reunion during Homecoming week.

A pregame reception is planned along with special recognition during halftime of the Homecoming football game. Events are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2. Call the Alumni Association for further details.

IDAHO LEGISLATORS NAMED HONORARY BOISE STATE ALUMS

Two Idaho legislators — Sen. Brad Little of Emmett and Rep. Lee Gagner of Idaho Falls — were named recipients of the Boise State University Alumni Association Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. Boise State University President Bob Kustra lauded both legislators for their support of higher education and their common-sense approaches to higher education funding.

“Sen. Brad Little and Rep. Lee Gagner are to be commended for their leadership in education issues while being progressive stewards of tax dollars,” says Kustra.

“Both recognize the importance of higher education to Idaho’s economy, and they have consistently supported Idaho’s colleges and universities while seeking innovative ways to address fiscal needs. I am pleased the Boise State Alumni Association has recognized their leadership by awarding them honorary alumni status.”



Corey St. Clair muscles his way to strongman status

BY BILL SCHNUPP

Not much gets in Corey St. Clair’s way; if it does, he simply picks it up and moves it. For the past four years, St. Clair (above) has dedicated himself to becoming a professional strongman. By placing first in more than half of his competitions so far and pulling a 15,000-pound truck 100 feet in less than 40 seconds, he is well on his way.

St. Clair (BS, kinesiology/health promotions, ’01) first considered attempting a strongman competition when “I saw Bill Kazmaier at World’s Strongest Man on television in ’97 or ’98,” he says. “A buddy of mine saw it too and said I should just go and do it, so I did.”

St. Clair did, indeed, placing 13th in the 2000 Central USA Strongman Challenge in Kokomo, Ind. Not bad for a guy walking in from the street with no competition experience.

However, 13th place was not a strong enough finish for St. Clair, so the next year he achieved a first-place victory in the Big Sky’s Strongest Man competition in Missoula, Mont.

“I’ve always liked individual

sports,” he says. “There is no one to blame but yourself. You get out of it exactly what you put into it.”

If that’s the case, St. Clair puts in more than his fair share: Tuesdays and Thursdays he hits the weights for two-plus hours. His Saturdays are devoted to event training, in which the strongman practices competition events like the Axle Overhead Press and the Farmer Carry. The rest of the week, he works with clients at St. Clair Strength and Fitness in Meridian.

St. Clair’s story is one of success; through his hard work and dedication he realized his goals, allowing nothing to block his path. In October he achieved professional strongman status.

What advice does he offer aspiring strongmen and women?

“Just go out and compete no matter how weak or strong you are. Work hard, because you won’t get anything out of it unless you want to,” he says.

For more on Corey St. Clair, go to www.stclairstrength.com, or e-mail him at stclairstrength@yahoo.com.

BSU's 2004 Distinguished Alumni: That '70s group

On the Boise State campus in the 1970s — when shag hairdos, rock music and political activism were in vogue — were four students destined to become leaders in their communities and professions and winners of the Boise State Alumni Association's 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards. Mark W. Lliteras (BS, mathematics, '72), Christine Donnell (BA, elementary education, '73), Trisha Bennett (BA, history, '74) and William C. "Bill" Glynn (MBA, '79) were honored at an Alumni Association banquet in April.

"I'm the first person in my family to graduate from college," says Bennett. She enjoys telling her children that the history degree she earned from Boise State made her available for employment in anything from waiting tables to fixing chain saws — both of which she did.

Her Boise State degree also helped prepare her for a career influencing national forest policy as a legislative aid and director in Washington, D.C. Bennett is now the government affairs liaison for Bennett Forest Industries, a lumber company and 70,000-acre tree farm she and her family own in Grangeville, Idaho.

In his 30-year career Lliteras has distinguished himself not only as a driving force in commercial banking, but also as an active community leader. He doesn't just belong to organizations, he's known for digging right in and contributing in many ways. He serves on the Idaho Bankers Association Executive and Public Affairs Council and has been active with the American Bankers Association in addition to the Ada County Cancer Society, the Discovery Center of Idaho, the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. He is currently the senior vice president and manager of the Southern Idaho Commercial Banking Office for Wells Fargo.

Donnell, who recently retired as superintendent of the Meridian School District, led the district through a robust period of growth during her six years at the helm. A model of determination, early in her career Donnell took 11 years to complete her first college

degree while raising her young family, teaching with a provisional certificate, and driving from Fruitland to Boise to take classes and do student teaching for 12 weeks at Campus Elementary. Donnell has also served on many boards of directors of community agencies, including PAYADA (Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse), Success by Six, United Way, the Boys and Girls Club of Ada County and others.

Glynn has contributed to the economic development of Idaho through extensive community service, as well as in his role as president and director of



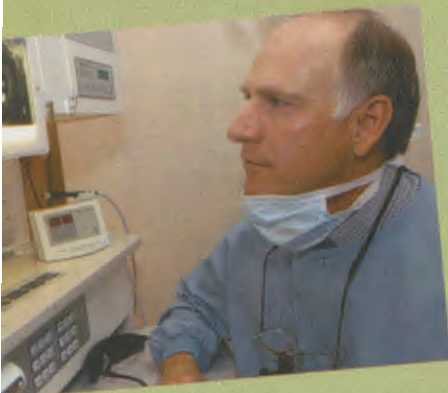
Mark Lliteras, left, Christine Donnell, Trisha Bennett and Bill Glynn.

Intermountain Industries and Intermountain Gas Co. He is the former chairman of the board for the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

In 2001 the Chamber of Commerce honored Glynn with a Community Service Award. His contributions have included serving on the President's Long Range Planning Community Task Force at Boise State and the Bronco Athletic Association board, chairing the Bishop Kelly Foundation, and currently serving as director of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Board, Salt Lake City branch.

Alumni Awards

Do you know Boise State alumni who are worthy of recognition for career accomplishments or service to Boise State? To submit a nomination contact the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698 or visit alumni.boisestate.edu.



WILLIAM CALHOUN (pre-dental, '79)
Dental school/degree: University of Washington, DDS
Practice: William W. Calhoun, DDS/Bay Pointe Dental, Boise



MICHAEL DOLBY (business management/human resources, '87)
Dental school/degree: University of the Pacific, DDS
Practice: Harrison Dental, Boise



WAYNE L. CLAIBORNE (pre-dental, '82)
Dental school/degree: University of Washington, DDS
Practice: Wayne L. Claiborne, DDS, Boise

GRADUATES GO ON TO DENTAL CAREERS IN VALLEY

It's all smiles for alumni

BY LARRY BURKE

In what has become a familiar ritual, each spring a select few of Boise State's best and brightest graduates joyously receive word of their acceptance into dental school. Fortified by a strong dose of science courses, these high-achieving students then test their Boise State backgrounds against the rigors of the difficult dental school curriculum. Most meet the challenge and emerge as dentists a few years later. Many of these Boise State alumni have returned to the Treasure Valley and established practices from Meridian to Boise. Some — like H. David Croft (BS, biology, '67), Michael Smith (BS, pre-dental, '70) and Ron Reagan (BS, pre-

"The instructors, classes offered and learning environment at BSU were outstanding ... I was very well-prepared."

— William Calhoun

med, '63) — have been stalwarts on the Idaho dental scene for decades, while others such as Kenneth Van Kirk (BS, biochemistry, '98) and Kurt Markuson (BS, biology, '99), have newly minted degrees.

What most share in common is an appreciation for their preparation at Boise State, where a cadre of teachers and advisers laid a solid academic foundation, and perhaps more importantly, provided the personal attention necessary to nurture the students into mature scholars capable of competing with their peers in dental school.

"I was lucky to have individual attention because the class size was small back in the 1960s," says Croft, who has practiced in Caldwell for 32 years and was recently elected vice president of the Idaho State Dental

Association.

Science professors like Don Obee, Harry Fritchman and Joe Spulnik molded the first generation of students and then passed the baton to professors like Charles Baker, Russ Centanni, Eugene Fuller, Jack Dalton

and Richard Banks. Glenda Hill, who directs the office of pre-professional studies, mentors current students.

"I literally breezed through dental school courses that fellow classmates struggled with," says Boise dentist John Kalange (BS, pre-dental, '83). "My BSU background prepared me to be highly successful from the first day of dental school."

"The chemistry and biology departments were outstanding. Numerous professors were outstanding ... I would match them against any school in the nation."

— Wayne Claiborne

"Harry K. Fritchman was the best instructor I had in nine years of higher education."

— Ron Reagan



LINDA RUPPEL (chemistry, '81)
Dental school/degree: Medical College
of Virginia, DDS
Specialty: Prosthodontics
Practice: Linda Ruppel, DDS, Boise



JOHN T. KALANGE (pre-dental, '83)
Dental school/degree: Creighton University, DDS
Specialty: Orthodontics
Practice: Creekside Orthodontics,
Boise

KENNETH C. VAN KIRK (bio-
chemistry, '98)
Dental school/degree:
University of Iowa, DDS
Practice: Meridian and
Middleton Dental



TERRY BRADY (general arts and sci-
ences, '68)

Dental school/degree: Northwestern University,
DDS

Practice: Pennsylvania Dental, Boise

KELLY CARLEN (human resource management,
'93)

Dental school/degree: University of Nebraska
Medical Center, DDS

Practice: Gentle Dental Care, Nampa

JAMES K. POULSEN (pre-dental, '70)

Dental school/degree: Creighton University, DDS
Specialty: Orthodontics

Practice: Poulsen and Jacobs Orthodontics, Boise

KURT J. MARKUSON (biology, '99)

Dental school/degree: University of Louisville,
DMD

Practice: Riverwood Family Dental Care/Cascade
Family Dentistry, Meridian

HOWARD W. MYLANDER (pre-dental, '63)

Dental school/degree: University of Oregon, DMD
Practice: After several years in Boise, now with
Baker Dental Group, Baker, Ore.

RON R. REAGAN (pre-med, '63)

Dental school/degree: University of Oregon, DMD
Practice: Boise Dental Center

MICHAEL SMITH (pre-dental, '70)

Dental school/degree: University of Oregon, DMD
Practice: Boise Family Dentistry

JOHN T. WILSON (assoc. of science, '65)

Dental school/degree: University of Oregon, DMD
John T. Wilson, DMD, Boise

Adds fellow dentist Linda Ruppel (BS, chemistry, '81), "My background granted me a better and more useful education than most other students from big schools in the East. Professors like Fritchman and Centanni expected the best from students, which in turn made future dental classes easier to survive."

Biology professor emeritus Baker says the Boise State

acceptance rate into dental school has been exceptional.

"Some of the most intense and educationally demanding courses, even at the graduate level, were taken in my undergraduate days at BSU."

—Terry Brady

In fact, during his 30 years of advising the university's pre-dental students, only one was not accepted into dental school.

And the tradition continues. This spring at least three more Boise State students have been selected for dental school.

"We asked a lot of these students," says Baker. "We established a rigorous program; it was like basic training in the military. Those who made it through were going to be accepted into dental school. Harry Fritchman once described our students as 'gold-plated.' Their success has certainly proven that to be true."

H. DAVID CROFT (biology, '67)
Dental school/degree: University of
Detroit, DDS
Practice: H. David Croft, DDS
Family Dentistry, Caldwell



Our policy is to print as much "In Touch" information as possible. Send your letters to the Boise State Alumni Association, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1035, or send e-mail to bevanch@boisestate.edu. In addition, if you know someone who would make a good feature story in our "Alumnotes" section, contact the office of News Services at the same address.

40s

MARGARET MAY (ADKINS) WARRICK, AA, general arts and sciences, '47, was recently honored for her years of service as an organist for the First United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City.

50s

WILL "BILL" LONG, AA, general arts and sciences, '56, retired from his position as school counselor after more than 33 years of service in the Boise and Homedale school districts. He is currently in real estate.

70s

SANDRA K. (HUTT) ELINSON, BA, English, '70, is the new vice president of institutional advancement at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center in New York City.

LAURA KINGSFORD, BA, biology, '71, has been named dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at California State University, Long Beach. Kingsford was in her third term as chair of the Biological Sciences Department before being named interim dean in July. She will be chief academic officer of the college and direct its instructional, curricular, fund raising and support programs.

STANLEY D. WOOD, BA, general business, '72, retired from the Boise Police Department at the rank of captain. In 1987 he was promoted to lieutenant, and in 1990 he was reassigned as the commander of the Vice/Narcotics Unit in the Criminal Investigation Unit. Wood was promoted to captain in 1993 and was assigned to the

Administrative Support Division. In 2000 he was promoted to deputy chief, where he served as the commander of the newly formed Operations Bureau until his retirement.

GREGORY E. MOON, BA, criminal justice administration, '74, is the city of Weiser's chief of police. Moon worked nearly 13 years as a probation officer before beginning his career with the sheriff's office in Weiser.

SCOTT T. CHRISTENSEN, BBA, general business, '75, recently became a civil designer for Leavitt & Associates Engineers Inc. Christensen has more than 20 years' experience in his field and is now responsible for providing design assistance to the company's civil engineers. One of his recent projects is Roosevelt Park, a subdivision in Canyon County.

THOMAS K. EDWARDS, BS, geology, '75, recently retired from his position as a hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

TIMOTHY L. ROSENVAL, BBA, general business, '75, retired from a 29-year career with the Boise Police Department.

Rosenvall served as a school resource officer, public information officer, patrol lieutenant and captain of the department's community outreach division. Rosenvall will assess the Ridge to Rivers trail system for the Boise Parks and Recreation Department to see if creating a volunteer and ranger program, like the one successfully created for the Boise Greenbelt, would benefit users of the trail system.

RONALD DEAN SARGENT, MBA, '77, was elected to the board of directors for the Idaho Youth Ranch. Sargent is the co-owner and manager of Samas LLC, a real estate development firm. He coached the United States women's alpine Olympic team in '72. Sargent was part of Bank of America's senior management team for 17 years and has recently been active in the Treasure Valley real estate market.

ADELL (RIDDLE) HARRIS, BA, elementary education, '78, retired from teaching after 38 years of service.

DAVID KENT HIGGINSON, BBA, finance, '78, has accepted the position of vice president of small

business relationships for Key Bank in Twin Falls. Previously, Higginson served as a vice president, commercial relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank and has over 25 years of experience in the profession. Higginson is also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle.

JILL LEANN (MECHAM) HOWELL, AS, nursing, '78, an administrator at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Jerome, was appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to a four-year term on the Idaho Board of Nursing. She was designated the administrator of St. Benedict's long-term care unit in 1999, and under her direction the department has received the L. Jean Schoonover Excellence in Caring Award for three consecutive years.

LORA JEAN PELOW, BA, art, '78, has accepted a position as the new America Reads volunteer coordinator in Lewiston.


80s

TERRY S. ROBB, BBA, management, '80, has been awarded a partnership in Post Insurance. He is vice president and manager of Construction Bonding Specialist, a division of the company. Prior to joining the agency, Robb spent 19 years as the surety manager for Reliance Surety Company in Boise.

MICHAEL ZUZEL, BA, communication, '82, was hired as director of communications for Boise Mayor Dave Bieter. Zuzel has worked at the newspaper, *The Columbian* in Vancouver, Wash., since 1984. He started as an education reporter and features writer and worked his way up to editorial writer and columnist.

JOAN E. (BROOKS) TRAIL, BBA, accounting, '82, recently became the factory controller at Glanbia Foods' Gooding plant. She earned a master of business administration from

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Bridging the Divide Over Western Environmental Conflicts"
10:30 am Business Bldg Room 105


Stampede in the Streets
Homecoming Parade, 3pm south on Broadway
and west on University

Bronco Round Up: Tailgate Party, Alumni
Reunion and Chili Feed, 4pm Alumni Center

Homecoming Game
Broncos vs. SMU Mustangs, 6:05pm
tickets through Select-a-Seat

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Tulane University and is a certified public accountant. Previously, she served as group controller for Simplot's Land and Livestock Group in Grand View as well as at Boise Cascade as a controller for the company's Alabama operations.

BARBARA JO STENSLAND, MBA, '83, was selected the ABWA New Dawn Chapter's Woman of the Year. An active member since 1999, Stensland has served as chapter president, vice president, program chair and fund-raising chair. Stensland is the deputy director at Aid For Friends, a nonprofit organization that serves homeless and low-income families. Previously, she worked as a contract consultant for 13 years at INEEL.

MARK BOYLAN, BA, communication, '83, received a master of business administration degree from Hood College in Frederick, Md.

FRANK S. FINLAYSON, BBA, finance, '84, is the senior vice president of corporate project development for Washington Group International and was recently recognized as a Boise State College of Business and Economics' outstanding alumni. Finlayson is a board member of the Washington Foundation and began his career with Morrison Knudsen.

PATRICIA L. McALLISTER, BA, English, '86, has been presented with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service in Orlando Fla. This award was created to reward the exceptional performance of public affairs specialists.

MARILYN MCCARTHY (MANNING) GRISHAM, MPA, '87, has been promoted to the position of chief officer of probation and pretrial services for the U.S. District of Idaho. Prior to this appointment, she served as a U.S. probation officer, a senior U.S. probation officer, drug and alcohol treatment specialist and a pre-sentence investigator, as well as a supervision officer. During

her service to the District of Idaho, Grisham was selected by the administrative office to assist in developing the Criminal Monetary Penalties monograph. She was also selected to assist the Department of Justice in developing policies for the Mandatory Victim Restitution Act. She has served on various committees, including the Gender Fairness Committee.

JOHN MARSHALL STARR, BBA, real estate, '87, has joined Colliers International as a land brokerage services sales agent in Boise. Previously, Starr worked as director of land acquisition for the Hubble Group's land development branch and Providence Development Group. He also worked for the Idaho Housing Agency as its commercial loan underwriter.

FRANCES JEANETTE JONES, BA, social work, '89, is the new president of the board for the Idaho Black History Museum. Jones is also a licensed clinical social worker in private practice.

CARI ANN (SCHELHORN) KASTER, BBA, general business, '89, was promoted to vice president for the Buhl branch of First Federal Savings Bank. This new role is in addition to her current role as branch manager. Kaster has worked in the industry for 18 years, the last five with First Federal.

THOMAS CRAIG LEONARD, BBA, finance, '89, has been named sales manager of the year for Liberty Mutual. Leonard started with Liberty Mutual in Boise and currently manages the company's Los Angeles territory.

CANDICE DAWN ALLPHIN, BBA, management, '89, was recently recognized as one of Boise State's College of Business and Economics' outstanding alumni. Allphin is vice president of US Bank. After graduating from Boise State, she earned a second degree from the Pacific Coast Banking

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3. Support future alumni

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2. Reconnect with current alumni

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School at the University of Washington. Allphin is also a member of the Idaho Bankers Association executive board, secretary of the BSU Foundation board, a former president of the board for the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and a past president of the board of directors for the Boise State Alumni Association.

90s

MICHAEL NORMAN JEROME, BFA, art, '91, is a new residential installation manager for Moonlight Landscape in Meridian.

DEBORAH H. CHRISTIAN, BBA, business, '85, MA, curriculum and instruction, '92, was awarded the Educator of the Year award from the Payette Chamber of Commerce. Christian teaches word processing and office technology at Payette High School. In addition to her teaching duties, Christian served for 17 years as adviser to the Business Professionals of America. Other honors include Payette Chamber Educator of the Year in 1995, Adviser of the Year from Idaho Business Professionals of America in 1991, the S.J. Millbrook Award for Teaching Excellence in 1998 and 1991, the Golden Apple Award in 1994, and the University of Idaho Teaching Excellence award in 1990.

BETH ANGEL (STARK) COFER, BA, English, '92, MA, communication, '94, has been hired as a marketing coordinator for Project Mutual Telephone in Rupert. Cofer has worked as an account executive at Clear Channel Communications in Twin Falls, a marketing editor at the Radio Advertising Bureau in Irving, Texas, and as a prepress manager at Marketing Support Management in Dallas. Her responsibilities will include coordinating marketing research and campaigns, writing, proof read-

ing, and promoting and marketing new and existing products.

KENNETH J. (K.J.) BABCOCK, BA, history, '93, has been promoted to the rank of major in the United States Army. An ROTC graduate, Babcock was commissioned a second lieutenant. He has been an assistant battalion supply officer for the First Armored Division at Fort Riley, Kan., then was assigned as a commanding officer for the 125th Quartermaster Battalion at Fort Riley, Kan. Currently, Babcock is serving as the operations officer of the 505th Quartermaster Battalion in support of American armed forces in Okinawa, Japan.

SUE EVANCHO, MBA, '93, is the credit manager of Selkirk Metalbestos in Nampa, where she has been employed since 1984.

SARA Y. WEST, BS, geology, '93, has joined Trout Architects as a marketing coordinator. She is an active volunteer in the local school district, and has also coordinated several large fund-raising events in the community. After graduating from Boise State, West earned a master's degree from the University of Idaho.

AMY ELIZABETH MILLER, BS, management, '94, joined the LandAmerican Transnation sales and marketing team. Miller came to LandAmerican Transnation from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where her focus was special events, government relations and marketing.

KIMBERLY DAWN (EVANS) ROSS, BA, English, '94, is a new associate for the Idaho Falls based law firm of Moffatt Thomas. After graduating from Boise State, Ross received her doctorate with honors from the University of North Carolina's School of Law. Prior to joining Moffatt Thomas, Ross was an associate attorney in Bozeman, Mont., and practiced commercial litigation, construction litigation,

tion, real estate law, employment law and intellectual property transactions. Ross clerked for Montana Supreme Court Chief Justice J.A. Turnage and for North Carolina Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court William L. Stocks.

SHANNON LEE (O'BOSKY) STOEGER, BBA, finance, '94, was recently promoted to vice president and assistant manager at the Garden City office for Farmers and Merchants Bank. Previously, Stoeger was a commercial loan officer and she is currently attending Pacific Coast Banking School.

LISA RAE (GERBER) DRESDNER, MA, English, '94, defended her dissertation with distinction at Loyola University in Chicago and received her Ph.D. in English. She has been promoted to assistant professor of English at Norwalk Community College in Norwalk, Conn.

BYRON LEE McLEAN, BS, psychology, '94, estab-

lished his own law firm, McLean Law Office, in Spokane and specializes in personal injury cases in Washington and Idaho. McLean obtained his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1998.

DAWN J. (BUSHMAN) JUSTICE, MPA, '95, has been chosen as the new president/CEO of the Idaho Bankers Association. Justice has more than seven years of lobbying experience, working with Idaho legislators and regulators on business issues. She has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University.

BRIAN JON YEARGAIN, BBA, accountancy, '95, has been promoted to the position of partner with Little-Morris LLP. Yeargain has over 10 years of experience providing tax planning and consultation for closely held businesses. Yeargain is the first vice president for the Boise State Alumni Association's

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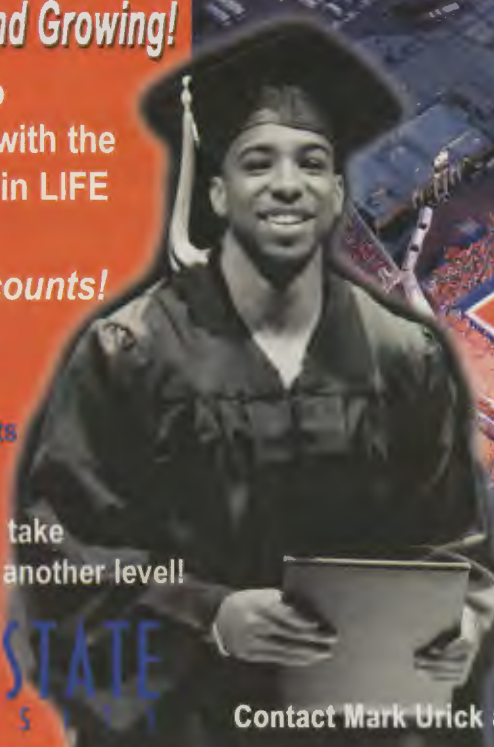
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BONNIE PEACHER, BFA, art, '96, had two paintings, "Nature Inspired" and "Travel Pleasures," accepted into the seventh Rocky Mountain Biennial regional art exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Fort Collins, Colo. The exhibition ran earlier this year.

BRIAN EARL WORTHAM, BBA, international business, '96, has been recognized by Boise State's College of Business and Economics as an outstanding alumni. After attending Boise State, Wortham received his master of international management from Thunderbird-The American Graduate School of International Management. He is a participant in Washington Group's financial development program as well as a former senior internal auditor for Mattel Inc.

TYSON D. TAYLOR, BBA, management, '96, is a senior power trader for the Sierra Pacific Power Company.

STEPHANIE ANN MARTIN-ARAGON, BBA, production management, '97, is a project manager for WETA, a public television station in Washington, D.C.

CALLEY ANNE SLAGLE, BBA, management, '97, has joined Holland Realty's Nampa office. Previously, she was marketing director for Corey Barton Homes.

JADE RILEY, BA, political science, '98, has been appointed to one of three senior staff positions for Boise Mayor Dave Bieter. Previously, Riley headed the Idaho Democrats and was a manager for the Bureau of Land Management. While at the BLM in Shoshone, Riley was responsible for logistical coordination of federal and state wild land firefighting for about 5 million square miles in south-central Idaho, northern Nevada and Utah. He is currently a member of the Boise State Alumni Association's board of directors.

JAMES WILLIAM CLYDE, BBA, marketing, '98, works for Holland Realty, where he specializes in residential new construction.

JENIFER JEAN BUSICK, AS, health information technology, '99, has been promoted to home delivery manager for The Times-News in Twin Falls. Busick joined the company as a district manager in circulation and has six years of experience in the newspaper industry.

MELISSA RIOS NORRIS, MBA, '99, has joined the team at Sel-Equity Real Estate. She has expertise in business ownership and consultation, economics and international business operations. She has a bachelor of arts from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

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TERISA M. HOWELL, AAS, administrative office technology, '00, TC, business technology, '00, received the Eagle Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award. She is an office manager for the Ada County Sheriff's Eagle substation and works closely with at-risk youth. She also volunteers at the Eagle Food Bank and is a Girl Scout leader in the Eagle schools.

KAREN MARIE MOORE, BBA, finance, '01, joined Farmers & Merchants State Bank as a loan officer. Moore has more than 12 years of banking experience.

TONI A. ORTH, BS, political science, '01, successfully completed the certified legal assistant examination, which entitles her to the CLA professional credential. Orth is among 42 legal assistants in the state of Idaho who have attained this goal. She also earned a certificate of paralegal studies from Boise State's American Bar Association-approved program and works at the legal department of Albertsons Inc.

ALISHA HILL, BS, social science, '02, is a private banker for Wells Fargo's Apple Street branch. Hill joined Wells Fargo as a phone banker for the Boise Phone Bank. Prior to joining the company, Hill worked in marketing for Met Life and Estate Planning Legal Consultants. She is a member of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of directors for Opera Idaho.

JASON WESLEY JAMES KINDELBERGER, BA, social science, '02, has completed basic peace officer training and graduated from the Idaho Peace Officers Training Academy in Meridian. He is employed by the Boise Airport police.

BENJAMIN JAMES QUINTANA, BA, communication, '03, is a membership representative for the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce. His responsibilities include membership sales, membership retention and sales of

other chamber products and services. Quintana has more than five years of wireless phone sales experience in the Boise area.

SHANNON LIND, MBA, '03, is a private banker for Wells Fargo. Lind has prior financial service experience as a sales and investment specialist with US Bank and as a registered sales assistant with Smith Barney. Lind is a member of both the Boise Metro and Eagle chambers of commerce.

DUSTIN REED ROBINSON, BA, criminal justice administration, '03, joined the Boise County law enforcement team. He will serve as a road deputy in the Idaho City area after completing training at the Idaho Peace Officers Training Academy. Robinson previously worked as a law enforcement dispatcher in Bonneville County. While attending Boise State, Robinson completed an internship with the detective division of the Nampa Police Department.

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RICHARD ALLEN MICHAUD, BS, mechanical engineering, '03, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Officer Training Command in Pensacola, Fla. During his training, Michaud received extensive instruction in many specialized subjects, including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management.

JON CECIL, MPA, '03, wrote the article "Growth Management in Idaho: Confronting the Dilemma of Mixed Use Development" for a recent issue of *The Western Planner*, a journal of information and ideas for planners, their boards and commissions. Cecil's MPA from BSU included an emphasis in environmental and natural resource policy and administration. He is a planner with the development services department of Ada County, mainly reviewing land use development proposals. He previously worked for the

Environmental Finance Center at Boise State.

MELISSA RAY, BS, mechanical engineering, '03, has been granted a National Science Foundation graduate fellowship. This highly competitive award will allow Ray to begin graduate school in the fall at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she will perform research in wind and other renewable energy technologies.

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CORINNE CRAIGHEAD and Brett E. Butcher (Pasco, Wash.) April 3.

DEATHS

LINDA DOROTHEA (SIGLOH) ACHESON, BA, accountancy, '78, died Jan. 1 following complications from an injury. She was 47. After passing her CPA exam, Acheson worked as an accountant and controller for the next 20 years. In 1978 she moved to Portland and in 1987 helped develop Little Springs Farm in Sherwood, Ore., where she operated a dressage facility with horse boarding, clinics and lessons. Acheson became a certified dressage judge and helped develop the U.S. Dressage Federation instructor certification program in the Northwest. She competed in many regional horse shows, was active with the Oregon Dressage Society and was a regional delegate to the U.S. Dressage Foundation.

DALE L. BOLINSKE, BS, nursing, '92, died in February in Kuna at age 54. Bolinske served as a Navy medic during the Vietnam War. He earned a degree from North Dakota State University and then continued his education at Boise State. Bolinske was an RN in the VA Hospital in Boise, where he worked with Vietnam veterans.

PAT BULLINGTON, wife of the late Richard Bullington, former BSU executive vice president who served as acting president in 1977-78, died April 21 at age 83. A former elementary school teacher with a degree from

Arizona State, she was an active participant in a number of Boise State organizations during her husband's 21 years with the university. She was the first woman to serve on the board of directors of the Bronco Athletic Association, a position she held for six years. She was the chair of the university's Scholarship Committee and spearheaded numerous fund-raising drives for BSU. During her affiliation with the university, a scholarship was named in her honor. Her husband passed away in 2002.

GORDON SANFORD CONNELL, BBA, accountancy, '88, died Feb. 24 at the Oregon Health Science University in Portland. He was 63. Connell grew up around Shoshone and worked on the family farm. After obtaining his degree, he worked for the Idaho State Tax Commission in Boise.

WILLIAM ROBERT "COOP" COOPER, CC, small engine repair, '87, died Feb. 5 at age 78. In 1968, Cooper moved to Boise, where he started Cooper's Backhoe and Trenching Service. Following his retirement in 1983, Cooper earned his degree from Boise State and then opened a small engine repair business.

JOANNA "JODY" DEMEYER, a founding faculty member of the Boise State nursing program and one of the founders of the BSU fund-raising affiliate Friends of Nursing, died in March at age 74. She left a gift in excess of \$1 million to BSU to establish the first endowed chair in nursing in Idaho. Friends of Nursing has raised \$4.5 million for nursing scholarships and library resources. Hired as a nursing instructor by the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1954, DeMeyer was instrumental in transitioning nursing education to Boise Junior College in 1955. She taught in BJC's nursing program from 1956-59 and went on to a distinguished career as a nursing educator, hospital administrator and community leader.

WILLIAM "BILL" CARPENTER HEAZLE, AA, general arts and sciences, '47, died Jan. 13 at the age of 85. During World War II, he spent three years in the South Pacific with the Army's Infantry Division. After his military hitch, Heazle earned degrees from Boise Junior College and the University of Oregon, then returned to Boise and became a certified public accountant. Heazle joined an accounting firm, which became Marshall, Gill, and Heazle. He served as a part-time faculty member at Boise Junior College, president of Toastmasters No. 61, and received a distinguished service award from the Idaho Arthritis Foundation. Heazle was also instrumental in developing Riverview Homes and served as president of its board for 34 years.

ROBERT BRUCE HIBBS, BA, Spanish, '79, died Feb. 10 at the age of 47. While a student at Boise State, he participated in a yearlong program in Onate, Spain. Hibbs was also a gifted bicyclist and participated in racing. He worked at George's Bike Shop for 25 years.

IDOLA R. HOBDEY, BA, elementary education, '69, died March 21 at the age of 94. In 1930, she received a life diploma from the Idaho State Normal School in Albion. From 1930 until 1932 she taught at schools in the Fairfield area. In 1933, Hobdey moved to Boise where she co-owned and operated grocery stores on Broadway and Fairview. She was a past president of Eagles Auxiliary No. 115 and a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 8 and the Retired Teachers Association. Hobdey also worked at the C.C. Anderson and Cash Bazaar department stores before returning to teaching in 1961, which she continued doing until her retirement in 1974.

KEITH EVAN HOWELL, AS, general arts and sciences, '57, died April 15 in Emmett after a brief illness. He was 72. Howell played football for Boise


Junior College and participated in the 1950 Junior Rose Bowl. Later that year, Howell joined the Air Force and served four years, mainly in Germany. He worked for Emmett Ford as a service manager until 1973 when he started the auto mechanics program at Emmett High School where he taught until 1993. Howell also coached the Emmett High golf team.

WILLIAM "BILL" RAYMOND JENNINGS, AA, general arts and sciences, '51, died Feb. 12 at his home in Fruitland. He was 79. He entered the Army in 1943 and was a tail gunner on a B-17 during World War II. Jennings attended Boise Junior College, and then worked for the Idaho Fish and Game Department at the Grace Fish Hatchery for two years. For the next 10 years he worked as a conservation officer in Power and Payette counties. Jennings then returned to school and became an educator in the Payette School District, where he taught for 22 years.

GARY LEE JOHNSON, BA, communication, '72, died Jan. 22 at his home in Boise. He was 55. After earning his degree from Boise State, he taught at West Junior High School in Boise. In 1975, Johnson moved to Borah High to teach debate and speech. While at Borah, he was a Boise education parliamentarian and a member of IHSAA. His debate teams were state Class A champions five times.

ALBERT "AL" ROLLAND KLEIN, BA, elementary education, '73, died Jan. 5 at his home in Boise. He was 83. He served in the Army in Europe during World War II. After working for the Boise Fire Department for 27 years, he returned to school and earned his degree from Boise State College. Upon graduation, Klein taught at Lowell Elementary School for 10 years, retiring in 1984. He was involved in the Boy Scouts of America and was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1983.

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JAMES McCLARY, AS, '59, died June 13 at age 86. McClary retired as chairman of the board of Morrison Knudsen in 1978 after 45 years with the Boise-based construction giant. He served on the Boise Junior College board of directors for several terms and was its chair when Boise College became a state-assisted school in 1965. He was one of the five founding members of the BSU Foundation and served as its president from 1970-81. He received Boise State's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1988, and in 2002 he was recognized as one of the university's "Outstanding 70" alums in *FOCUS* magazine.

ERIC JOSEF MUNCH, BFA, visual art, '99, died March 17 of complications from diabetes. He was 36. He earned undergraduate degrees from both Boise State and the University of Idaho. At the time of his death, Munch was working for the Denver Art Museum and pursuing a graduate degree in art history from the University of Montana.

LINDA KAY NICHOLS, BBA, marketing, '87, died Feb. 19 at age 54. Nichols joined the Navy after graduating from high school in Minnesota. She later moved to Boise and worked at JC Penney's after earning her degree from Boise State.

JULIA ANNA O'NEIL, CC, practical nursing, '76, died Dec. 14 at her home in Nampa at age 55. She worked as a chef at many restaurants in the Magic Valley, including the Broadmore Country Club. She worked as a licensed practical nurse for several years.

JEFFREY MELVIN PAUL, BA, social work, '92, died March 23 following a lengthy illness. He was 56. He served in the Army in Vietnam. He owned an auto parts and body shop in Alaska.

THE REV. PATRICK JAMES RUSSELL, BA, English, '82, died Feb. 22 at age 44 of a brain hemorrhage. Russell, a Catholic priest, was born

with osteogenesis imperfecta, a rare bone disease. After he graduated from Boise State, Russell went to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif, and was ordained in 1986. Russell had two parish assignments, Our Lady of Lourdes in Lewiston and St. Mark's in Boise. His latest assignment was as chaplain at Bishop Kelly High School.

VERNON WILLIAM SYME, CC, automotive technology, '71, died Nov. 26 at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., following a two-year battle with cancer. He was 51. He served 21 years in the Navy and earned numerous commendations, including the Vietnam Service Medal. Following his retirement from the Navy, Syme worked for Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs.

VICTORIA JO STAGI, MS, instructional and performance technology, '01, died March 24 following a two-year battle with cancer. She was 46. Stagi lived in both Virginia and Oklahoma prior to moving to Idaho, where she lived for nearly 20 years. Stagi was an artist and musician and was known for her solo works as well as her collaborations with Uncertain Texas, the Rebecca Scott Band and Alice B. Vic.

STANTON "STAN" H. STRINGFELLOW, BA, elementary education, '68, MA, education, '73, died March 25 at age 88. During World War II he served in the Air Force as a corporal and earned several medals of honor. At age 51 Stringfellow returned to Boise State to complete his education. While working on his master's degree he taught at the Idaho State Penitentiary, and after earning his degree went on to work at Nampa High School where he remained until his retirement. Stringfellow was also interested in music and theater. He traveled throughout Idaho playing the banjo and guitar and singing with a group of musicians called the Goodtimers. He also per-

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BETTY LOUISE MICKEY (MATTHEWS) TATE, AA, general arts and sciences, '49, died Feb. 15 of natural causes at age 74. She worked for Meadow Gold Creamery and Standard Insurance and volunteered for many organizations including the Birthday Club, PTA, Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and the Caldwell Welcome Wagon. She also owned her own business, Mickey's Quality Clothing Shop.

BETTY C. TIKKER, BBA, accounting, '89, died Dec. 18 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was 66. Tikker moved to Boise in 1972.

WAYLAND E. WAGGONER, BBA, accountancy, '73, died in his home on Dec. 31 following a long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 58. He served in the Army and did a tour in

Vietnam. After graduating from Boise State he was employed by Touche Ross, Simplot, Idaho Candy Co. and Morrison-Knudson. He retired from Albertsons Inc. as director of tax and licensing in January 2003.

IRENE ALLEN WILCOX, who spearheaded the creation of what is now Boise State's School of Social Work, died Feb. 20 at age 80. Idaho's first clinical social worker, Wilcox started the BSU undergraduate social work program in 1966. The program received national accreditation within 10 years and now offers an accredited master's degree program. A former newspaper reporter, she earned a master's degree in social work at Washington University in St. Louis before moving to Boise in 1953. She served as president of the Idaho Conference on Social Welfare and played a key role in several bills passed by the state Legislature on behalf of child welfare.

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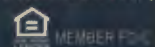


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