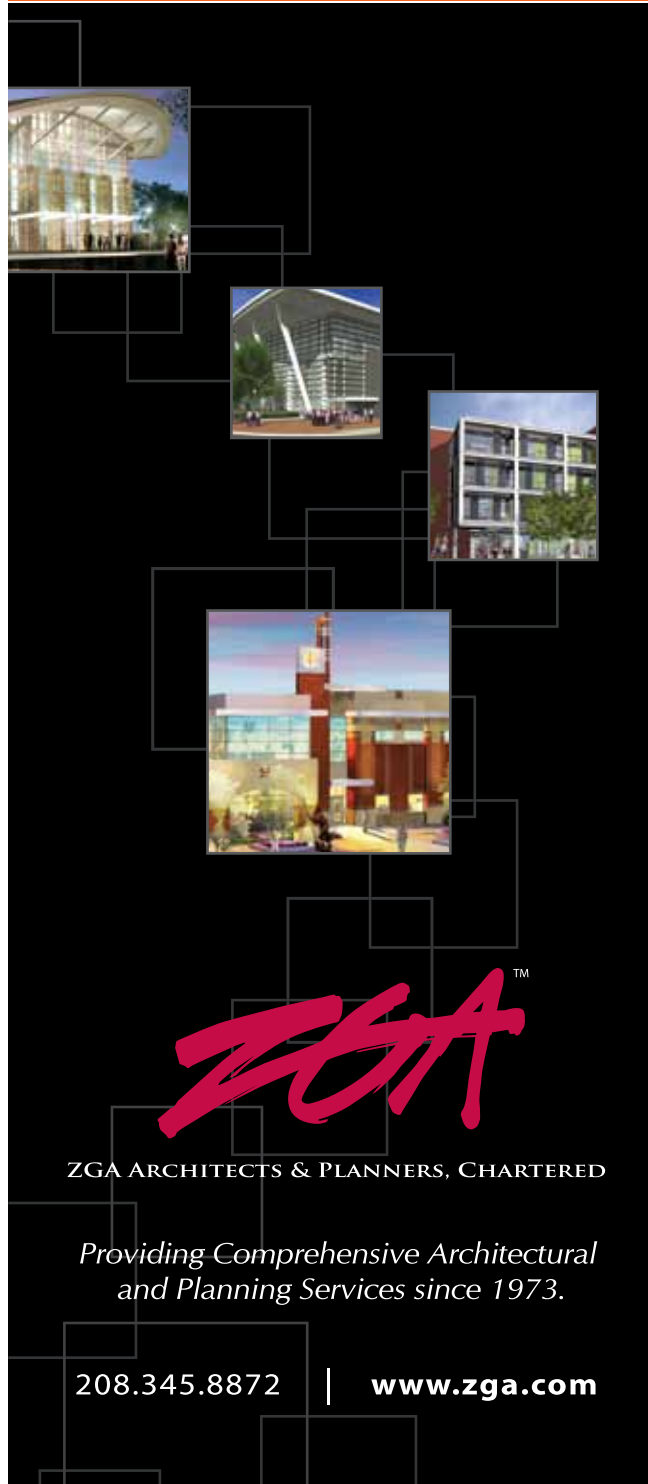


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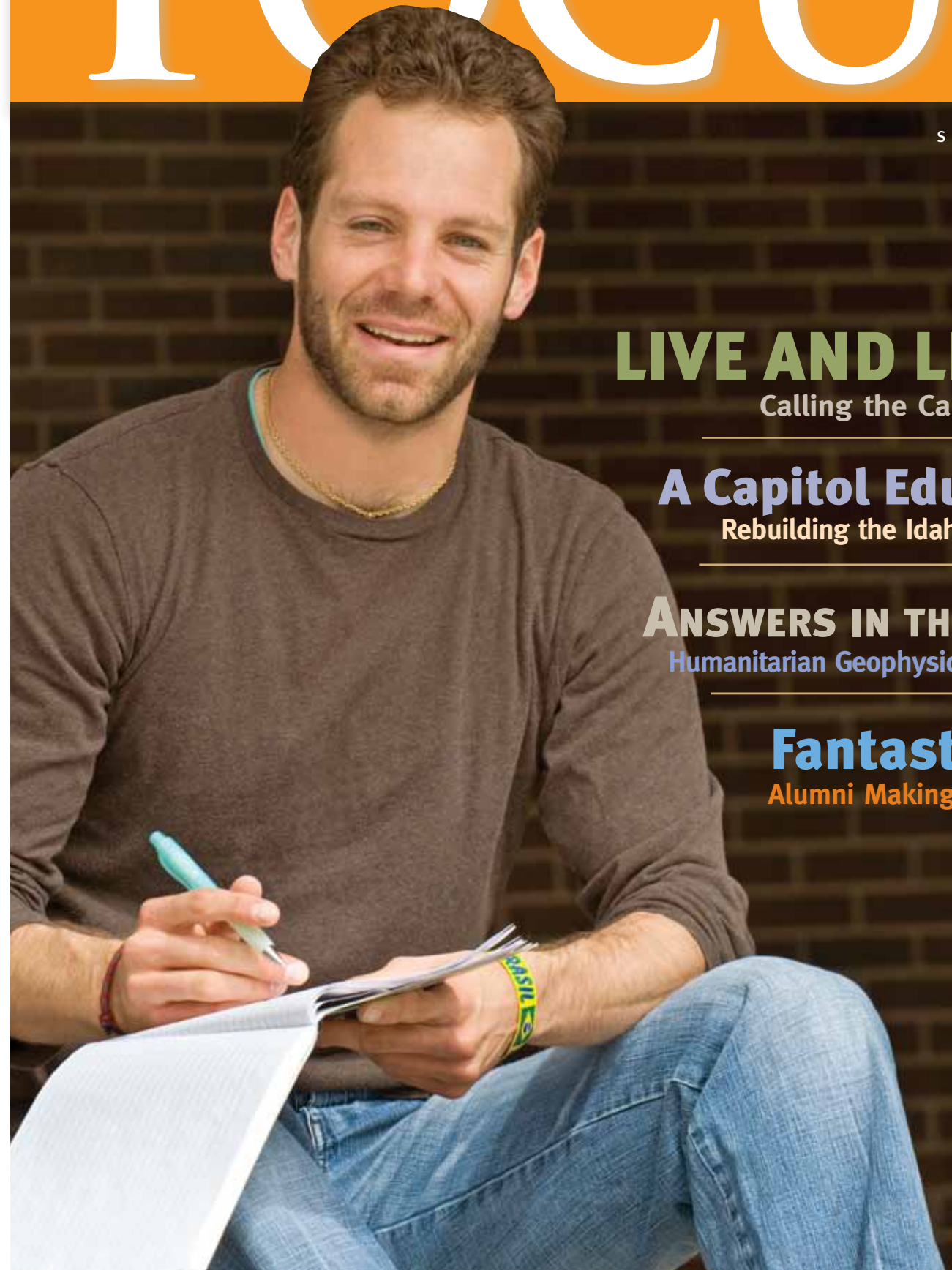
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# FIRST WORD

In these challenging financial times, we share a common vision to help create a vigorous Idaho economy. Boise State acts as an economic stimulus in its own right by virtue of its ability to create jobs, propel entrepreneurship and educate a highly skilled and technologically savvy workforce. The future health and stability of the economy are inextricably tied to education and research.

Boise State can serve as a powerful economic development ally. Our research endeavors in nanoelectronics and sensor development are examples of leveraging our intellectual capital to nurture the new industries of tomorrow. The impact of metropolitan research universities in transforming our economy cannot be underestimated.

Throughout this recession, Boise State has applied its resources to the economic well-being of the state. A technology transfer unit has been created to move ideas from the research lab to the marketplace. Our business students, faculty and staff have offered their expertise to hundreds of Treasure Valley companies. Clients of our small business development center are reporting above average increases in sales and jobs.

We understand that the economic downturn has affected the family pocketbook as well. Boise State is now the most affordable choice among the state's three largest public universities with its lowest student fee and tuition increase in 14 years. Our campus community also rallied in support of a food drive that provided 9,675 meals to hungry people in Idaho.

Boise State continues to move forward. Construction began this spring on an interdisciplinary research building – the Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development. Although some of our other plans may be on hold due to restricted budgets, this is a tangible sign of brighter days ahead.

We believe Boise State's presence has never been more significant. From community engagement that enriches the lives of citizens to the innovative research that stimulates business, Boise State plays a vital role in sustaining and growing the state's economy.

– Bob Kustra, President

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

### NATALIE GRIFFIN, STUDENT WINTER COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HEALTH PROMOTIONS GRADUATE

"ALL OF US HAVE BEEN INSPIRED, OR WE WOULD NOT HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR IN LIFE. NO MATTER WHAT YOUR NEXT STEP IS, BE INSPIRING."

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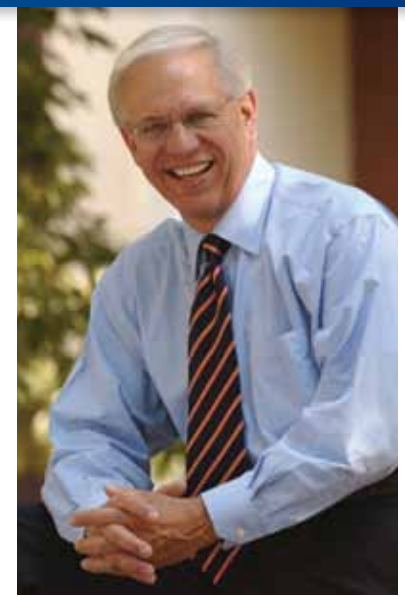
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"BOISE STATE CONTINUES TO GAIN THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE AND FACILITIES TO TRULY BE A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO THE COMMUNITY. THE TIME IS RIGHT AND THE TIME IS NOW FOR BOISE STATE TO IMPLEMENT A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INITIATIVE AS A TOOL TO PROMOTE AND DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE."

### GREG MORTENSON, AUTHOR OF "THREE CUPS OF TEA"

"START PRACTICING SMALL, LITTLE THINGS LIKE ACTS OF KINDNESS ... THAT'S WHAT REALLY CHANGES THE WORLD."



## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS BUILDING BUSINESS

Innovation is a sound investment, especially during these tough economic times, and there is a lot to invest in at Boise State. With a growing portfolio of research and intellectual property, a new office within the Division of Research is working to both streamline the process of developing commercial opportunities and enhance the results.

Launched in February, the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) will actively identify, protect, package and license intellectual property produced by Boise State. Director Mary Givens is developing ways to grow private sector business opportunities based on research in areas of established expertise such as sensors, novel materials, non-volatile

memory, reconfigurable electronics and geochemical assessments of the subsurface.



Mary Givens heads the new Office of Technology Transfer.

“I am naturally drawn to creative and entrepreneurial environments and to situations where I have the opportunity to positively impact Idaho’s economy,” Givens says of her decision to direct Boise State’s tech transfer efforts. “I feel very fortunate to be in a position to use my business experience and contribute to Boise State and Idaho’s economic future.”

Before joining the staff of Boise State, Givens was integral to Idaho economic development and initiatives, including the Idaho Department of Commerce’s Office of Science & Technology, Kickstand and

the Boise Angel Alliance. She is convinced the current economic climate, while challenging, is an opportunity for Boise State faculty, students and staff to provide technical expertise for Idaho businesses and industries seeking new ways to succeed and compete in the marketplace.

“Industry may license Boise State intellectual property to expand existing product lines into new markets. Some businesses may want to license Boise State intellectual property to form new start-ups,” Givens says. “As a result, industry expansion and the creation of new businesses may generate economic value to Boise State and Idaho. And new companies based on university technology have advantages: the technology often is patented or patent-pending, frequently based on years of research, and there may be direct involvement by university inventors and support from the OTT.”

## WORKING TO MAKE WIND POWER MORE PREDICTABLE

How forcefully will the wind blow the blades of a single turbine at a particular moment in a particular place? And how much power will it generate?

Researchers in the College of Engineering are developing a system to address these fundamental questions associated with harnessing renewable energy. Applying innovative forecasting methods to the microscale, they hope to mitigate problems ranging from the lack of storage on transmission grids to the fact that Mother Nature doesn’t play by man’s rules.

“That’s why alternative energy is not yet as predictable and financially viable,” said Todd Haynes, a Boise State research engineer on the project along with lead

researcher and professor Paul Dawson and engineering graduate students Alan Russell and Kevin Nuss. “We’re asking how we can better integrate intermittent renewables onto the grid and maximize utilization in a cost-effective way.”

Such goals are in line with the Obama administration’s pledge to double U.S. renewable energy production within the next three years. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is one of the key players hoping to help meet this challenge, and Boise State’s yearlong project is among a handful the federal agency is funding to address issues of forecasting and storage.

What makes Boise State’s approach unique, according to Dawson, is a



combination of meteorology, mechanical engineering and computer science, not to mention collaboration between an educational institution (Boise State), a government agency (BPA), a public utility (Idaho Power) and private companies (John Deere Renewable Energy and Renaissance Engineering & Design).

## FOOD DRIVE REFLECTS BOISE STATE’S HEART

How big is Boise State’s heart? Big enough to account for donations of more than a ton of food and in excess of \$2,600 in cash and online contributions. That equates to about 9,675 meals.

Boise State’s first-ever campuswide “Have a Heart Food Drive” prompted an outpouring of support. Members of the Boise State community joined with alumni and friends of the university to support the February drive.

All donations benefited the Idaho Foodbank, which provides food to agencies and organizations that help feed the hungry in Idaho.

Two barrels full of dog and cat food also were collected during the food drive for the Pet Food Pantry, a joint effort by several local organizations, including the Idaho Foodbank, Meals on Wheels and the Idaho Humane Society.

Valentine’s Food Drive



## HIGH-TECH MICROSCOPES AID INDUSTRY

Take a peek into the Center for Materials Characterization and you’ll likely find faculty and students probing the internal structures and properties of materials —

on a scale well below that registered by the human eye.

You might also find someone from the valley’s semiconductor industry examining the nanostructure of a microscopic computer chip, or a local doctor checking the pathology of a skin cell sample.

Using high-tech tools such as the Analytical Transmission Electron Microscope or the X-ray Diffractometer, both academic and industry researchers are able to study the atomic structure of substances ranging from metals to polymers and everything in between.

This comes in handy when a problem is discovered, such as a newly developed solar cell that’s responding oddly or a computer chip that is failing. By utilizing Boise State resources, manufacturers can examine materials on an impossibly small scale to figure out how atoms and molecules are interacting and whether the material is reacting in some unexpected way.

“They need to compare different materials to see how they are working and to see how materials change over time or through heat or corrosion,” says Peter Mullner, director of the Center for Materials Characterization. “This equipment allows them to document each step of the process.”

While many large companies such as Micron have their own high-tech microscopes, most small to mid-size businesses can’t afford the \$1 million price tag and rely on Boise State as a vital partner in their research and development processes.

Since the university’s primary goal is to prepare students to enter the work force, equipment in the Center for Materials Characterization is designed to handle a broad range of tasks, unlike similar instruments designed to handle just one or two highly specialized tasks.

“We are very well equipped to handle industry’s challenges,” Mullner says.



# STUDENTS AND FACULTY FLY HIGH IN NASA'S MICROGRAVITY UNIVERSITY



From left: Dan Isla, NASA mentor Pedro H. Curiel, Alex Miller and Barbara Morgan with the team's experiment aboard G-Force One.

Students and faculty from the College of Engineering conducted an experiment for NASA March 31 and April 2. They were one of eight teams in the Systems Engineering Educational Discovery segment of Microgravity University, a reduced gravity education program designed to advance research tied to NASA's current vision.

That vision is to return Americans to the moon by 2020. NASA hopes to explore the uncharted poles, far side and craters as well as lay the groundwork for a permanent presence. Boise State's Microgravity University project dealt with lunar surface traction concepts and will help NASA engineers anticipate challenges in designing better rovers.

The project depended on support from across campus and the community. The Houston team included engineering faculty Jim Browning and Bob Davidson, grad

students Matt McCrink and Jeff Perkins, undergraduates Mallory Yates, Alex Miller, Dan Isla, Kyle Knori and Ryan Bedell, NASA mentor Pedro H. Curiel, and Barbara Morgan, a former NASA astronaut and now distinguished educator in residence at Boise State. It was Morgan who introduced the students to the opportunity, and they ran with it.

"I am thrilled to be working with these brilliant, enthusiastic students," Morgan said. "They are great thinkers and natural leaders. I can't wait to see what they will do in the future."

The team spent 10 days at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston training, testing, touring and meeting role models from robotic engineers to plasma physicists to astronauts. They took to the sky in a specially outfitted Boeing 727 called the G-Force One to thrill in the sensations of Martian and zero gravity and conduct their experiment in lunar gravity, the results of which will expand Boise State's research portfolio,

aid NASA's Constellation Program and hopefully inspire young people to explore engineering — and possibly space.



During a lunar gravity pass, Dan Isla played with partial weightlessness.

To learn more, visit [microgravityu.blogspot.com](http://microgravityu.blogspot.com) and [microgravityuniversity.jsc.nasa.gov](http://microgravityuniversity.jsc.nasa.gov).



At left: Mallory Yates celebrates a successful flight, flanked by Jim Browning and Ryan Bedell.



## BETHINE CHURCH TO RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE

Bethine Church, widow of former U.S. Sen. Frank Church, will receive an honorary doctorate during spring commencement ceremonies May 16.

"Bethine Church and her extraordinary family are an integral part of the fabric of Idaho and Boise State University," says Boise State President Bob Kustra. "Her example of selfless civic service and her uncompromising devotion to, and passion for, the political process, the environment and the betterment of Idaho's citizens serves as an inspiration to us all. We are pleased and excited to recognize the many contributions of this true Idaho icon with an honorary doctorate."

Church, who attended Boise Junior College from 1942-1943, was born into an Idaho family steeped in political tradition. Her father, Chase Clark, and uncle, Barzilla Clark, both served as Idaho governors, while her cousin, D. Worth Clark, was both a U.S. representative and senator. Her husband, Frank Church, served in the United States Senate for 24 years.

Church is known as the matriarch of the Idaho Democratic Party, where she has been an active force her entire adult life. She is president and founder of the Sawtooth Society, champion of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and founder and chair of the Frank Church Institute at Boise State. The institute, established in 1982, hosts annual public policy conferences and provides endowments for Frank Church scholarships and for the Frank and Bethine Church Chair of Public Affairs.

Church is the seventh person to receive an honorary doctorate from Boise State. Past recipients include former astronaut and current Distinguished Educator in Residence Barbara Morgan, Micron Technology CEO Steve Appleton, CH2M Hill President Ralph R. Peterson, Chinese humanitarian Deng Pufang, former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus and Hollywood director Michael Hoffman.



## GEOTHERMAL FUNDING HEATS UP ON CAMPUS

Things are heating up at Boise State. President Bob Kustra and Boise Mayor David Bieter in March announced the successful funding of phase one of a project to extend the city's current geothermal system to Boise State. The project – which is expected to create or preserve more than 20 jobs over a six- to eight-month period – is part of the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

The \$2,065,000 appropriation comes as a result of efforts by U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, who secured more than \$1.4 million through the Department of Energy, and U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, who secured \$665,000 through the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the project.

"Geothermal heating encourages Boise

State's already strong commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability and economic judiciousness," Kustra says. "Another benefit is the hands-on research opportunities it affords our students and faculty as we explore clean energy development. We thank the Idaho delegation, particularly Sen. Crapo and Rep. Simpson and the City of Boise, for spearheading this project."

Expanding geothermal heating prioritizes the further use of clean, renewable and natural energy in Idaho.

"This partnership will benefit both Idaho residents and students by keeping energy costs down, utilizing research at our universities and underscoring the proper expansion of alternative energy sources for

our state," Crapo says.

Phase one of the project will extend the downtown geothermal system across the Boise River at Capitol Boulevard and connect it to Boise State. The campus currently has five buildings ready to be retrofitted to accept geothermal heat. The project is estimated to initially save Boise State more than \$80,000 per year in heating costs, with additional savings as future buildings are added to the system. In addition, two planned university buildings will be constructed with geothermal heating capabilities.

Phase two of the project will eventually complete the geothermal loop by connecting the Boise State system back to the city system along Broadway Avenue.

# 'FIRST LADY' OF BOISE STATE LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

Lois Chaffee, widow of Boise State's second president Dr. Eugene Chaffee, died Feb. 21 at the age of 97. During Dr. Chaffee's presidency from 1936-1967, Lois Chaffee played an integral part in campus life.

"She was the First Lady of Boise State for 30 years and an unwavering advocate of the school," notes President Bob Kustra. "Boise State has become the university it is today in part due to Lois Chaffee's dedication to its students, faculty and staff."

Lois and Eugene Chaffee married in 1937, and for many years their lives centered on Boise Junior College. Lois helped organize the Faculty Wives and Women group on campus and described herself as "chief cookie baker" for the many campus receptions and luncheons. The Chaffee's children, Lois Ann and Eugene "Bart," both graduated from Boise State.

A Boise State scholarship in the couple's name assists several students each year who are majoring in music, history and English. To contribute to the scholarship, call (208) 426-3276.



Lois Chaffee posed for a photo with scholarship recipients Alina Pitman, left, and Gina Sinisi at the November 2004 Scholar-Donor luncheon.



## STUDENTS SHINE ON NATIONAL STAGE

Boise State students excelled at national competitions in March, bringing in first-, second- and third-place wins in their fields.

The **Harvey Neef Maneline Dancers** took first place in the hip hop division at the USA National Collegiate Cheer and Dance Competition held in Anaheim, Calif. At the same competition, the defending national champion **Boise State Cheerleaders** placed third.

The **Talking Broncos Speech and Debate Team** finished second place in overall sweepstakes at the Pi Kappa Delta biennial National Tournament hosted by Louisiana State University in Shreveport, La. Boise State's Ben Bishop (senior, Meridian), Kate Henry (junior, Coeur d' Alene) and Regan Charlton (junior, Inkom) took home three of the 10 PKD All-American honors that were awarded at the tournament.

## 'RUN' IS NEW FIRST YEAR READ

Incoming first-year students are being asked to read Ann Patchett's "Run" before starting classes in the fall. This is the first time a novel has been selected during the four years of the First Year Read program at Boise State.

Set over a period of 24 hours, "Run" takes readers from the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard to a home for retired Catholic priests in downtown Boston. It shows how worlds of privilege and poverty can coexist only blocks apart from each other, and how family can include people you've never even met. "Run" is ultimately a novel about secrets, duty, responsibility and the lengths we will go to protect our children.

The First Year Read committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff, works with the president's office to select a book that will give students an opportunity to engage one another in productive dialogue throughout the first year of their university experience.

# SAVING THE AMAZON

Thirteen years ago, Boise State alumnus William Laurance (biology, '82) joined an experiment in Brazil founded by his friend and fellow scientist Thomas Lovejoy. Called the Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project, it measures the impacts of fragmentation on tropical forests.

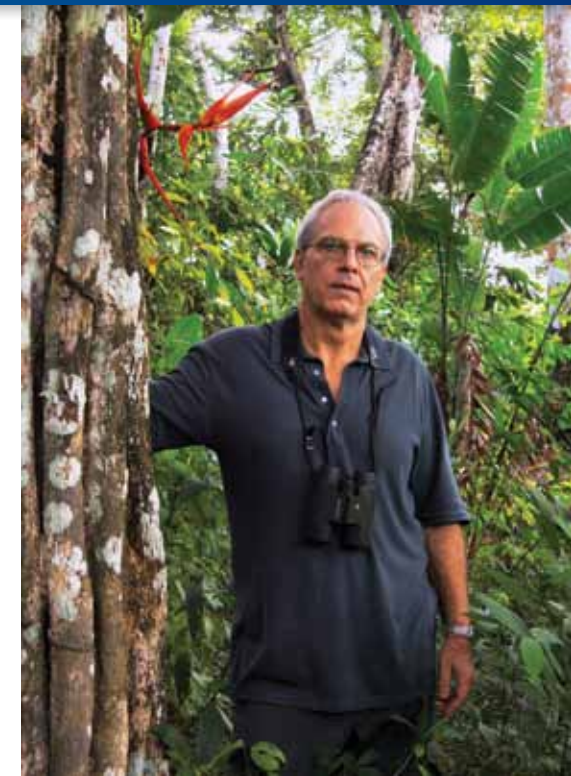
## WILLIAM LAURANCE WINS 'NOBEL PRIZE' OF ECOLOGY

What grew from that project caught the world's attention Jan. 30 when Laurance and Lovejoy accepted one of the highest honors in the field of ecology — the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in Ecology and Conservation Biology. Valued at more than \$520,000, it is the largest international prize of its kind.

During the announcement in Madrid, Spain, the BBVA Foundation credited Laurance and Lovejoy with enabling researchers to measure the effects of habitat fragmentation on the integrity of tropical forests and for significantly influencing conservation science and practice. "I was stunned and delighted, of course, and also very proud

on behalf of all my Brazilian colleagues who've spent countless hours hiking, tree-climbing and data-collecting in the Amazon rainforest," Laurance says. "The award is a reflection of their incredible dedication and perseverance."

"Dr. Laurance is among our most distinguished alumni, and we have been proud to watch his scientific career mature and blossom," said Jim Belthoff, chair of Boise State's Biology Department. "He's conducted the type of science that not only moves our understanding of the natural world forward but also influences global policies. The impacts of his scientific work have been enormous."



After graduating from Boise State, Laurance, a Meridian High School graduate, went on to get his Ph.D. in biology at the University of California-Berkeley. Now a senior staff scientist at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, he continues to focus on the ecology and conservation of tropical forests, especially in the Amazon, central Africa, and tropical Australia.

For more information about his work, visit: [conservationbytes.com/2008/10/07/conservation-scholars-william-laurance](http://conservationbytes.com/2008/10/07/conservation-scholars-william-laurance).

## CROSSING THE LINE IN RESEARCH

It isn't often that a philosophy professor receives a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), known more for giving money to studies about quantum transportation between distant matter qubits. But Stephen Crowley's Toolbox research may make it easier for professors from all disciplines to get grants — with or without qubits.

The two-year, \$289,986 NSF grant will help Boise State's Crowley and the three other recipients create a framework for cross-disciplinary research — hence the Toolbox moniker. Researchers who want to work across disciplines immediately face a communication problem: If they all

are coming from different theoretical and methodological points of view, how can they communicate effectively with each other, much less with their audience?

"One of the reasons researchers struggle is because they don't have a shared framework," Crowley says. A sociologist, for example, might think that doing interviews is a perfectly acceptable form of research; a biologist might not.

"This (the Toolbox) makes them think about those questions," Crowley says. "In a perfect world, it will turn out that the Toolbox is a very good way to make cross-disciplinary work go better. The researchers

would have this as an initial process, kind of like driver's ed."

Crowley's co-participants include entomologist Sanford Eigenbrode, philosopher Michael O'Rourke and sociologist J.D. Wulfhorst, all from the University of Idaho. Crowley was asked to participate by his U of I colleagues, who were in search of a different philosophical perspective.

"Cross-disciplinary stuff is the way to go," Crowley says. "It's nice to be doing something clearly philosophical that makes a difference."

# HELPING IDAHO

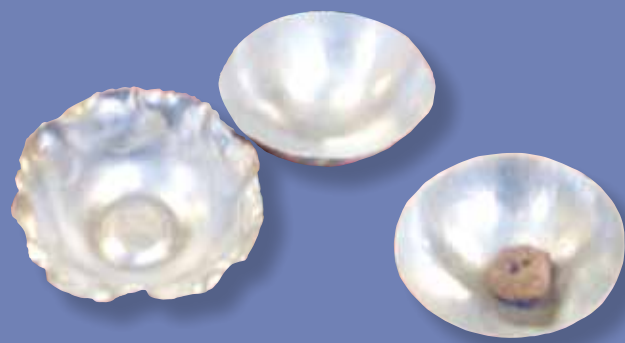
## WEATHER THE STORM



Boise State's College of Business and Economics is working with hundreds of local businesses and organizations, including the Ada County Paramedics, to give them a boost in a difficult economic climate. J.R. McGee (left), Jason Creamer, Darby Weston, Brandi Creamer, Troy Hagen, Kallie Henderson and Jenna Hines are among those at Ada County Paramedics who are working with marketing professor Gary McCain and a team of students that includes Nelli Garibyan and Chelsea Briggs.

### By Sherry Squires and Kathleen Tuck

Boise State University was born during the Depression and weaned on the challenges of the World War II era, when low enrollment almost forced its closure. Having faced these challenges and emerged stronger, Boise State is uniquely situated to not only weather the current economic crisis, but also provide the community support that only a rising metropolitan research university can offer.



From page 3: Art metals students Penny Harrison, Erin Shine and Ellen Crosby created bowls for a local fundraiser benefiting the Idaho Foodbank.

Throughout its history, Boise State has been an integral part of the Treasure Valley and beyond. In fact, Boise State's influence is felt across Idaho through the contributions of its students, faculty and alumni. From developing new technology that assists business and industry to staffing hospitals and medical clinics, educating a rising generation and offering quality arts and entertainment, Boise State continues to play a major role in the economic vitality of the Gem State.

Just days after Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter presented his bleak fiscal forecast to Idaho lawmakers in January, Boise State President Bob Kustra stood before faculty and staff to reiterate that, despite budget cuts, Boise State is committed to its mission of educating students and continuing to forge vital partnerships with the community.

Those partnerships help fuel economic development and the recovery process.

Rising to the challenge, the College of Business and Economics (COBE) organized the Business Research and Economic Development Center, a one-stop-shop for the local business community to tap into the expertise of Boise State faculty members and other specialists. Thus far, COBE has engaged with nearly 500 local businesses and organizations grappling with how to adjust compensation for employees; find new ways to market; cut waste; set prices; tap into new sources of revenue; and a host of other issues.

The Ada County Paramedics is one of the entities that sought advice. While the agency receives about 27 percent of its budget from public funds, the rest comes

from user fees and membership programs. Those suffer during difficult economic times.

"Not surprisingly, the economy has had an impact on health care across the board and our agency is simply part of that," says Ada County Paramedics director Troy Hagen. Many have lost jobs and health insurance and thus are not seeking medical care even if they need it. His agency is looking to publicize its membership program in hopes of curbing that trend. "We're seeking third-party input into our marketing strategies for a fresh perspective from young budding professionals for a variety of different reasons. Some of it is for validation of our current processes and also to see if there's something we can be doing better."

The college is addressing the challenges for local businesses and organizations in innovative ways. Faculty and their students took on class projects, the TECenter is helping with high-tech entrepreneurial ventures, recent MBA graduates are offering free consulting, and connections have been forged with small business and manufacturing experts.

"The resources available through Boise State, and particularly the COBE Business Research and Economic Development Center, are a tremendous asset to the Treasure Valley region," says Patrick Shannon, COBE dean. "These are difficult economic times, but the center's faculty and professional staff are dedicated to helping local businesses cope and be very well positioned when the economy does turn around."

A related outreach effort is under way

at TechHelp, a statewide partnership headquartered at Boise State that provides technical and business assistance to Idaho manufacturers, thus helping them become more competitive in a tight market. In the 12-month period ending in April 2009, TechHelp services helped Idaho businesses increase or retain sales of \$35.5 million, save \$16 million in costs, and create or retain 849 jobs. Idaho's Small Business Development Center, also headquartered at Boise State, reports similar success, with 1,175 jobs created or saved in 2008, an increase of \$107 million in sales for their clients, and, in turn, \$7 million in additional state and federal tax revenues.

To help people qualify for those newly created jobs, the Division of Extended Studies and the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs are making bachelor's degrees more accessible to adult learners who already have some college education and now find themselves in need of a degree. The AfterWork degree-completion program and Bachelor of General Studies degree address the often-unique issues faced by many adult learners.

Still other university outreach efforts range from Boise State's involvement with the Idaho Software Employers Alliance's efforts to promote computer science opportunities to the Department of Art's Empty Bowls event, where bowls are crafted by art metals students and offered for purchase at a local restaurant to benefit the Idaho Foodbank.

More on Boise State's community outreach efforts can be found at [boisestate.edu/finad/budgetimpact/](http://boisestate.edu/finad/budgetimpact/).



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**By Sherry Squires**

It was 17 degrees that night. Brett Berning and a few college friends were participating in a campout on the Quad to draw attention to homelessness. The concrete was cold and hard but the fellowship was warm. He probably would have counted it worth the effort, even without what happened next.

“A few of us were huddled together on the Quad that night and Greg Mortenson heard about our event and he just walked down and shared some stories with us about why he does what he does,” Berning says. “I found myself sitting beside a world-renowned humanitarian.”

Berning had served on the organizing committee for Boise State’s First Year Read program. Earlier that day he had introduced Mortenson, the author of this year’s book, “Three Cups of Tea,” to a crowd of 2,500 people.

# LIVE AND LEARN

**ABOUT 2,300 BOISE STATE STUDENTS** live on campus in a variety of settings, including traditional residence halls, apartments and residential colleges that serve as both living and learning communities.



It was a special moment, one that couldn't have been orchestrated. But putting Boise State's 2,300 student residents in the right places at the right times, and stretching their experiences to encompass all that a vibrant campus has to offer, is the focus these days for University Housing.

Living on campus can be life changing, and the implications can be lifelong. Students who live on campus attend more campus events, make more meaningful connections to their studies and are more likely to succeed.

"There is definitely a connection between living on campus and learning," says Jeff Hale. Charged with

directing University Housing efforts, Hale focuses largely on creating a traditional campus experience for the growing number of students who live on campus.

University Housing has created a network of living and learning communities, some of which pair students and faculty members as neighbors. They are built around common interests, areas of study and even cultural exchange.

"Living on campus was the best decision I made for my college career, hands down," Berning says.

"By proximity we are welcomed into so many positive experiences. The opportunities are at your doorstep."

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## LIGHTENING THE LOAD

In addition to providing students with valuable college experiences, living on campus also can provide much-needed financial resources.

University Housing compensates about 70 students each year who serve as resident advisers, program assistants and other student employees, with room and board, and in some cases a stipend.

In addition, some scholarships cover housing costs for recipients. They include National Science Foundation (NSF) scholarships for engineering and computer science students who meet academic and financial-need requirements. A number of Boise State's NSF scholars live in the Engineering Residential College. Honors College students who are recipients of the Thelma and Dean Brown Scholarship also have housing costs paid and are required to live in Driscoll Hall.

Students who live on campus often make themselves more viable for other scholarships because of their active participation and leadership in campus activities. They include senior Brett Berning, who received a \$1,000 AmeriCorps "Students in Service" scholarship for the 300 hours he devoted to organizing an alternative spring break trip for Boise State students.

"Because of the help, I was able to continue this semester," Berning says. "I'm not sure what I would have done without it."

Berning exemplifies the full college experience. His four years on campus include involvement with more than 40 student groups or activities, everything from helping organize alternative spring break trips to a run at student body president, from being a journalist for the student newspaper to coaching youth basketball. He hopes to cap it off with a study abroad experience before graduating next December with a social science degree.

In the meantime, he lives and serves as the program assistant in the Global Village Community, Boise State's newest living and learning adventure. It is home to 24 students, half are international and half are American. Berning's three roommates hail from Malaysia, South Korea and New York. Other students in the hall are from France, Spain, Germany, Japan, Norway, Iceland, Taiwan and Mexico. For a Boise kid, it's been an international immersion without leaving home.

"We share food, stories and so much more," he says. "You learn to see yourself in a whole new way, your values, your culture."

The Residential College program also has been a success. The five communities each are facilitated by a faculty in residence and bring students together in business and economics, arts and humanities, engineering, health professions and civic engagement. They are growing into true partnerships between academics and student affairs, according to Melissa Wintrow, who works alongside Hale to enhance campus living. Students share more than rooms; they take classes together, interact regularly with faculty, go on field trips and give of their time.



ANNIE DALTON HAS BEEN A CAMPUS RESIDENT for five years, where she has learned from her experiences and shared her ideas for further engaging students.

"Visiting with faculty outside of class really changes your stereotypical expectation of what a professor is supposed to look like and act like," Berning says. "It's priceless because we all connect at a human level."

Hale and Wintrow take a lot of their cues from students like Berning and senior Annie Dalton, who has lived in campus housing for five years and now works as a student assistant there.

Dalton grew up in Greenleaf, Idaho, a small rural town west of Caldwell, and chose to live on campus to avoid a long commute and parking issues. She enjoyed the more tangible advantages to living on campus, like waking up late and still making it to class. But the experience also has shaped her in unexpected ways. It has helped her secure jobs, and she can't help smiling when she talks about raft trips and holiday gatherings with fellow students.

She also has been able to help shape new programs, such as the First Year Focus for freshmen. Twenty-four

students live and take three core classes together, and the program has proven to be a hit with students.

"I've loved living on campus ever since I arrived," Dalton says. "The biggest thing I've gained is the people I've met and the relationships I've built, not just with students, but professional staff and faculty who are my mentors."

Regardless of their varying emphases, all of Boise State's living and learning options offer students common advantages. They serve as 24/7 classrooms, where students learn to resolve conflict and spread their wings in an environment specifically designed to nurture them academically and socially.

"We have a resident adviser on every floor," Wintrow says. "You don't get that kind of support anywhere else. Living on campus is not a rite of passage at Boise State; it's a choice our students make. And we want it to be a very rewarding choice."

Learn more at [housing.boisestate.edu](http://housing.boisestate.edu).



BRETT BERNING has roommates from throughout the country and world as a member of the Global Village Community, Boise State's international residence hall.

John Kelly

# FANTASTIC FIVE

## BOISE STATE ALUMS WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“THE DIRECTION IN WHICH EDUCATION STARTS A MAN WILL DETERMINE HIS FUTURE LIFE.”

PLATO (427 BC - 347 BC), “THE REPUBLIC”

There are many marks of Boise State’s success, but perhaps the most appropriate is the direction of the lives its alumni lead. About 65,000 people lay claim to Boise State as their alma mater. They live all over the globe and do all kinds of things. It’s their success that gives a Boise State degree its growing cachet and it’s their work that helps make the world go ’round.

Each has his or her own story, with lives going in directions influenced by their time at Boise State. Reporting on all their achievements is impossible, so following are just a handful of the thousands of success stories our alumni are living – a small sliver of the world that belongs to the blue and orange.

### THE REGULATOR

Name: Toni Hardesty Age: 43

Degree: BS, environmental health, 1988

Day job: Director, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise

For Toni Hardesty, it was the detail of science that drew her to the art of public policy. At the time, during Hardesty’s undergraduate years, the idea of an environmental health industry was a bit of an oxymoron.

But luckily for Hardesty, the present-day director of Idaho’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Boise State created opportunities that let her see the potential of marrying technical science to public policy long before being green was the thing to do.

“When I entered the environmental health industry it was still a fairly small and limited world. It certainly wasn’t like today, with so many opportunities,” Hardesty says. “Boise State prepared me very well on the technical side of science, but things really opened up once I learned that I could

transfer that into policy.”

She spent her first two years in college in the labs and classrooms of the hard sciences. The first inkling of a career in the making came in an introductory environmental health class. Around that time, Hardesty met Eldon Edmundson, the former dean of the College of Health Sciences.

“He was phenomenal,” she says. “He had a vested interest in people as students and spent an incredible amount of time with them to understand their interests.”

He saw something in Hardesty and helped her get in an internship at DEQ. While the implication wasn’t clear at the time, the internship solidified Hardesty’s path that ultimately lead to her responsibility for efforts to preserve the quality of Idaho’s air,



land and water for enjoyment and use today and into the future.

**Words to live by: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. – Ralph Waldo Emerson**

### THE EDUCATOR

As Robin Sly approached 30 she took stock of her life: She was climbing the corporate ladder professionally but getting nowhere personally.



“I realized, I’m really unhappy with what I’m doing,” she says. “And I

always wanted to be a teacher. And so I just went home and told my husband one day, I’m quitting my job and going back to school.”

Idaho’s first-grade students are better off for her epiphany — Sly recently was named Idaho Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Department of Education. She credits her lifelong love of learning with keeping her motivated as a teacher and as a person.

First grade has come a long way since she was in elementary school; her students give PowerPoint presentations and are comfortable with technology in ways that previous generations could scarcely imagine. That means that Sly has to be on her toes, too: “They had to teach

me a few things about PowerPoint,” she laughs.

Sly received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the College of Education, and now she mentors up-and-coming educators. She also works with the state to further awareness and understanding of students who are “twice-gifted,” meaning that they are intellectually gifted along with having a learning disability.

And her work isn’t done yet: “I’m thinking that a doctorate would be a nice 50th birthday present for myself.”

**Words to live by: If they can’t learn the way we teach, teach the way they learn.**

Name: Robin Sly Age: 48

Degree: BA, elementary education, 1997; MA, curriculum with emphasis in reading, 2003; endorsement, gifted and talented education, 2007

Day job: First-grade teacher, Trail Wind Elementary School, Boise



Courtesy of NASA



## THE PROTECTOR

Name: Anna Hawkins Age: 30

Degree: BS, mechanical engineering, 2001

Day job: Fluid design engineer, United Space Alliance, Merritt Island, Fla.

On Jan. 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger broke apart 73 seconds after launching, killing all seven crewmembers. It was an unparalleled disaster for NASA and still stands as a reminder to those involved with the space program never to be complacent.

Boise State alum Anna Hawkins is anything but complacent. As a fluid design engineer for United Space Alliance, which contracts with NASA to perform all sustaining engineering for the Space Shuttle Program, she understands that responsibility for American lives and resources is just part of the job.

“It is important that we do things carefully and thoroughly, because the smallest mishap can damage the shuttle and can

potentially cause the loss of life,” she says. “It really is a neat experience to know that you have a hand in the safety of the astronauts and the success of each mission.”

Hawkins’ niche at United Space Alliance is in sustaining engineering for all fluid aspects of ground support structures, including orbiter processing and vehicle assembly facilities, launch pads and anything else used to maintain shuttles at the famed Kennedy Space Center. She is a designer, problem solver and manager rolled into one with the singular job perk of watching several million pounds of metal leave the Earth on a massive tongue of fire.

“We launch about eight times per year. Each launch is spectacular,” says Hawkins.

“I particularly like to watch night launches; they light up the sky as if it is midday.”

In the midst of such an exciting, evolving industry, Hawkins often looks to the lessons she learned as an undergraduate in Boise State’s College of Engineering.

“My education helped me to be proficient at problem solving. It also taught a lot of teamwork, and everything we do here is as a team. I learned to persevere when things get tough,” she says, “and to look to the right people for help.”

**Words to live by: Life is tough, but the results are worth working for.**



“I sat in classes with other law students who did their undergraduate work at the best universities in the world. I was ready for that kind of academic rigor because of Boise State.”

For Nick Oldham, history in the making is workaday.

On this young U.S. Justice Department attorney’s desk sit files for cases swirling around one of modern America’s most controversial chapters – the status of people being held at the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The cases he’s worked on have made headlines worldwide.

If you measure dream seasons by accomplishments, Brian King has more than a few under his belt.

As a member of the Bronco basketball team from 1986-90, King helped the Broncos nab two league championships, an NCAA tournament appearance against the University of Michigan, two National Invitation Tournament bids and a routinely sold-out arena. He played a couple of years of professional basketball in Australia then jumped into the asset management business, where his dreams just grew bigger.

“I guess I’m one of those guys who always knew what he wanted to do, and did it,” he says.

“It” was working in the world of finance, and King now calls plays as senior vice president of Royal Bank of Canada’s U.S. Wealth Management Division. Not that he

A Garden City native, Oldham (history, ’99) first attended Boise State as a slight, new-to-the-world but brilliant 16 year-old whose “mind grew strong through heavy lifting,” says Todd Shallat, professor in the History Department. It was in the corridors of the History Department that Oldham found a home on campus and a mentor in Shallat.

“Todd is among the top five if not top one or two people who influenced me in my life,” Oldham says.

As Oldham’s time at Boise State came to an end, Shallat encouraged him to go away to law school. He ended up at Harvard.

Just a few years later, Oldham himself was part of history as the lead trial attorney in the habeas corpus hearing of six detainees held at Guantanamo Bay. These detainees won the right to sue for their release in U.S. courts in the landmark Supreme Court

left behind his alma mater — he has served on the Boise State Foundation board, the Alumni Association and the College of Business and Economics advisory board — or basketball — he’s the local Hoops Dreams Foundation chairman, coaches youth basketball, and today’s Bronco basketball fans may recognize him as the color commentator for KTVB Channel 7 sports.

“My overall education at Boise State, both athletics and my finance degree, have served me well,” he says. “There’s so much that you need in business, and the communication skills and life experiences along the way certainly helped me reach my goals.”

**Words to live by: Truth, loyalty, common sense, hard work.**

## THE LAWYER

Name: Nick Oldham Age: 29

Degree: BA, History, 1999

Day job: Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

case of Boumediene v. Bush. The hearing was the first ever of its kind for detainees held at Guantanamo, and the first ever of its kind for aliens held by the United States outside of the United States.

And for Oldham, there’s no question it all started at Boise State.

“Once I was at Harvard, it became clear to me that I had been very well prepared by my time at Boise State,” Oldham says. “I sat in classes with other law students who did their undergraduate work at the best universities in the world. I was ready for that kind of academic rigor because of Boise State.”

**Words to live by: Do what you love and do it well.**



## THE FINANCIER

Name: Brian King Age: 42

Degree: BA, finance, 1990

Day job: Senior vice president, RBC Wealth Management, Boise

# THE NEW FACE OF IDAHO

## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ARE REBUILDING THE CAPITOL

By Erin Ryan

High above Boise, a gilded eagle spreads its wings over the dome of the state Capitol, a treasure owned by millions and home to more than a century of Idaho history.

Construction began on the original structure in 1905, and though renovation buzz surrounded the 2005 centennial, the Idaho State Capitol renovation and expansion project didn't get under way until the spring of 2007.

Its completion depends on a diverse crew that includes a tight-knit group of alumni and students of Boise State's construction management program in the College of Engineering. Thanks to their work on everything from cost projections to electrical installations, the Capitol is on course to reopen by the end of the year.

The massive makeover is being facilitated by the joint venture Jacobson Hunt.

Sharing the responsibility of Construction Manager at Risk, the partnered companies are on the hook for any costs that exceed the budget. Boise State alum John Emery ('86) is Jacobson Hunt's overall project manager, and he says such a high-pressure deal required "value-based" subcontractor selection.

"It wasn't just based on cost; it took into consideration past work experience and the quality of that work," Emery says.

"This is the gem of Idaho, the most important, influential building in the state. So the selection process makes sense," adds Boise State alum Jake Claridge ('07), a project engineer also with Jacobson Hunt.

As a result, the Capitol endeavor has drawn veterans like Boise State construction management faculty and alum John Clark ('99), project manager on

the shell and core of the new underground wings through a separate contract between McAlvain Construction and the Idaho Department of Public Works.

"This is a unique industry because it's cyclical, high-stress and mobile," Clark says. "Networking is crucial."

Boise State's construction management program is part of that network, and the name carries weight.

"I've talked to people in programs in many other states, and Boise State has a reputation for being one of the premier programs in the country," says Emery.

Boise State construction management faculty and alum Dave Stauffer ('99), representing Alpine Construction Management on the Capitol project, says student demographics have shifted dramatically in the last decade.

While nontraditional students entering a second professional phase used to fill most of the classroom seats, more and more traditional undergraduates are seeking degrees in construction management. It is one of the highest paying disciplines for new Boise State grads, and it demands broad expertise.

"You're part accountant, part engineer, part architect, part businessman," Emery says.

Internships are key to breaking into the business, and Stauffer says almost all construction management students are involved in hands-on work for local companies. Morgan Richardson, Kiki Sam and Tyler Resnick are Boise State undergraduates in the Capitol project "bullpen," a reserve of up-and-comers ready to work.

"I've learned a lot. When I started this internship I was just starting the program," says Richardson, adding that Claridge is the reason he did. "Now I have more knowledge of the field, which gives me an advantage."

Knowledge of the field is important, but an ability to work within its dynamic framework is essential. So says Boise State alum Mark Reed ('93), a Quality

Electric project manager working on the Capitol expansion.

"This has been the most intense coordination effort I've ever seen. All of the trades got together and put their systems on one plan. Then we looked for conflicts between systems," Reed says, adding that his father's advice speaks to what it takes to manage such an expansive project. "My father built large projects, including nuclear reactors, and he always said, 'You do it one system at a time.' Each one of us takes a bite, and it comes together one part at a time."

"There's money at stake, vision, expectations and schedules. You have to balance things," Emery says. "You have to be able to communicate with everyone, from providing direction to the guy sweeping the floor to walking into the owner's office and discussing contracts."

For Boise State alum and Jacobson Hunt project engineer Lynn Dille ('84), the balance involves mechanical, electrical and plumbing. He and Emery knew each other as students, and he says the industry is such that a professional reunion isn't surprising.

"The key thing about being in construction management is that we all find the variety appealing. We come from various backgrounds and wear different hats, but we depend on each other's expertise," Dille says.

"That's the definition of



construction management," says Claridge. "They tie 1,000 little strings to you and pull you in every direction."

What makes it worth it is the singular satisfaction of looking at something you helped create, something that could stand for generations.

"It's fun to drive down the street and say, I built that," says Reed. "It thrills me to be part of this project. If you had told me 10 years ago I would be doing this, I couldn't have imagined it."

"I don't think you realize how meaningful it is until you can show it to someone, tell your kids this is something they can show their grandkids," adds Stauffer.

On the day of the grand reopening, it will not be these individuals holding the scissors or making speeches. The people of Idaho may never know who did the work, but that doesn't bother Emery and his Bronco colleagues.

"We know," he says, "and the owners know too. If we do our job, we'll get the phone call for the next time."

See [boisestate.edu/news/multimedia/CapitolRenovation](http://boisestate.edu/news/multimedia/CapitolRenovation) to view a slide show of the project.

Several Boise State students and alumni are involved in renovating the state Capitol, including (from left) Morgan Richardson, Jake Claridge, Lynn Dille, John Emery, Sione Tavake, Kiki Sam, Tyler Resnick and Dave Stauffer.



# COMMON GROUND

## HUMANITARIAN PROJECT HAS GLOBAL REACH



By Erin Ryan

In January 2010, a team of Boise State geoscientists will travel more than 8,000 miles to search for answers in the earth. Working with collaborators at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, they will conduct hands-on training to help the next generation of Southeast Asian geoscientists address engineering, environmental and cultural issues specific to the places they call home.

Boise State's proposal, titled "The advancement of humanitarian geophysics in Southeast Asia: A student-based approach," is one of two selected in the first round of Geoscientists Without Borders (GWB), a program launched last year by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Foundation designed to apply geophysical technology to the pressing needs of communities everywhere.

The Boise State team includes research scientist Lee Liberty, assistant professor Kasper van Wijk, doctoral students Emily Hinz and Dylan Mikesell, and emeritus professor Spencer Wood. Their project builds on Wood's connection to Chiang Mai University, which began with a 1992 sabbatical and developed into a visiting professorship. Wood's Thai colleagues

Siriporn Chaisri and Fongsaward Singharajwarapan are partners on the GWB endeavor and hope it will advance the capabilities of students in Thailand as well as in nearby countries like China, Cambodia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

"We want to move this concept all over the world," Liberty says. "In a lot of ways, this project will be a first step."

It's a step that would not have been taken without Hinz and Mikesell. It was their idea to apply for GWB, and they considered projects in South Africa and South America before deciding that Wood's experience with the landscape and culture of Thailand and Liberty's collaborative research in the region would strengthen their proposal.

"I think the foundation was attracted to candidates who knew exactly what they wanted to do," says Hinz.

The project is modeled after an established geophysics field camp in Colorado managed jointly by Boise State and the Colorado School of Mines. Using radar, seismic, electrical, gravity and magnetic methods, GWB teams will collect data related to three Southeast Asian humanitarian issues: geological hazards, groundwater contamination and preservation of important archaeological sites. A week of analysis will follow a weeklong field phase, culminating in a student-authored technical report.

"We won't just be going out to a field, turning on a tool and saying, this is how it works. We're trying to target topics and solve problems that are of interest to the local community," says van Wijk.

"It took many years to dial into

a successful field camp, and we're going to make sure we don't make the same mistakes while working in a different cultural environment with limited resources," Liberty adds.

The issue of limited resources is one of the reasons GWB was founded. With 30,000 members in 130 countries, the SEG's charitable foundation recognizes that sharing expertise is crucial to addressing threats to an increasingly interconnected world. Boise State's GWB team also will share funding through \$10,000 in scholarships to help students lay the foundation for a self-sustaining program.

"This is an opportunity to have a direct impact on the community we'll be working with," Mikesell says.

"This isn't a single individual going to a single location to address a single problem. It's about training future generations to address those problems," Liberty adds. "The impact will be so much greater."



Above left: Boise State research scientist Lee Liberty and Chanpen Silawongsawat look at a seismograph. Above: Liberty consults with his Thai colleagues.

# MEETING IN THE MIDDLE

By Mike Journee

Joshua Wickard wasn't planning to be an attorney.

But a unique internship offering Boise State students the opportunity to serve as small claims court mediators gave Wickard (sociology, '00) his first taste of the courtroom and put him on an unexpected course to law school. Today, the skills he learned in the internship, which is a requirement for Boise State's dispute resolution certificate program, serve him well as an attorney with the Ada County Public Defenders office. He specializes in child protective services cases, criminal defense and family law.

"I deal with some pretty emotional cases and difficult situations that require me to keep a level head," Wickard says. "It's very helpful to understand conflict and how to approach those situations so I can defuse them and get the best outcome for everyone."

Like Wickard, most interns working toward their dispute resolution certificate end up serving their 100 hours of required fieldwork as mediators in the Fourth Judicial District's small claims court. Overseen by Suzanne McCorkle, director of Boise State's Conflict Management program, and Pam Madarieta, the Fourth Judicial District's mediation coordinator and a Boise State grad, the internship program boasts more than 100 Boise State graduates.

Under the watchful eye of McCorkle, Madarieta (social sciences, '01) and other professional mediators who contract with the court, the interns – usually upperclassmen and often non-traditional students – get invaluable hands-on experience. They mediate between parties to small claims court cases, including business, landlord-tenant, employment, post-divorce, victim-offender, collection, auto accident and neighbor disputes.

Most cases are settled out of court, freeing



Ada County Public Defender Joshua Wickard got his first taste of the justice system as an intern with Boise State's dispute resolution program.

up judges and tough-to-come-by court docket space. The extra manpower gives Madarieta more flexibility for assigning professional mediators employed by the court to more difficult cases or higher value disputes. And the program is self-sustaining thanks to the fees paid by the court for mediation services.

"Boise State interns are my primary mediation staff for small claims court cases," Madarieta says. "Once I get to know the students and their interests, I work with them to figure out what kind of cases would be good for them to work on. It really gives them a good idea of the kind of conflicts that occur in society and the types of things they can help resolve."

In 2008, 17 Boise State undergraduates served about 1,600 hours as dispute resolution interns in nearly 1,800 small claims cases in Ada, Boise and Valley counties, the territory of the Fourth Judicial District.

"Imagine the court staff it would take to do all of that work," Madarieta says.

Interns also make connections with professional mediators, giving them an opportunity to find sponsors required for the state certification in dispute resolution and employment opportunities after they graduate.

Madarieta is impressed with the quality of their work. "They are fabulous," she says. "The success of the program is because of the interns and the preparation and instruction they get at Boise State before they come to me."

Wickard, who ran the internship program as a senior before the judicial district hired Madarieta to run the program, continues to teach dispute resolution workshops in addition to being an adjunct professor for the Department of Criminal Justice.

"It's a very worthwhile program," Wickard says. "Even if you end up never mediating another case, you learn so many valuable skills that it's worth every bit of time spent doing it."

# ON ITS TOES FOR 20 YEARS

By Julie Hahn

Idaho Dance Theatre (IDT) might not have been born 20 years ago if Carl Rowe hadn't made such an excellent ugly stepsister.

Rowe was a dancer with his own company in Ketchum when he was approached by Marla and Fred Hansen to dance the part of one of Cinderella's nemeses for the American Festival Ballet. Their collaboration went so well that the three decided to do a show in Jackson, Wyo., and if they were going to do one in Jackson, then why not Boise?

"We thought, 'That was fun — let's do another one!'" Rowe, Idaho Dance Theatre's co-artistic director, says. "That's how we started."

Twenty years later, the project that began as a lark has become a cultural institution. Idaho Dance Theatre, housed at Boise State, has broadened the careers of almost 100 dancers — most of them from Idaho.

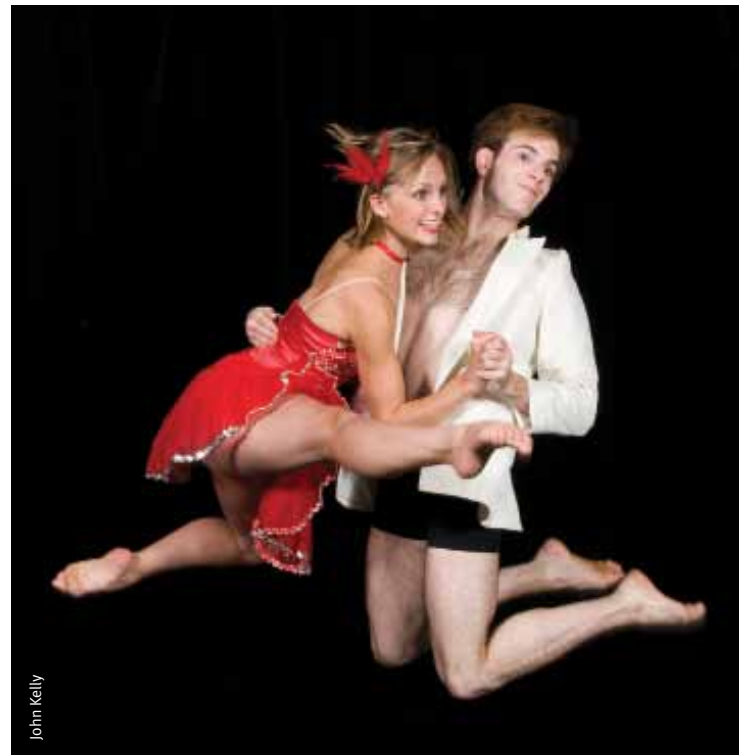
"It's really been amazing to see dancers who worked with us and who have continued to build their careers," co-artistic director Marla Hansen says.

Boise State had very few dance classes 20 years ago when the Hansens decided to supplement their careers with teaching. Marla introduced a popular special topics class, eventually persuading the Department of Theatre Arts chair to establish a residency program for IDT. Fred eventually

transitioned from dancing to a position as IDT's technical director and lighting designer. His skills are in demand in other performing companies around town — exchanges that have been typical of IDT throughout the years.

Almost 30 percent of the dancers who have worked with IDT also have received degrees from Boise State. Alumni have gone on to found local organizations such as Balance Dance Company and the Children's Dance Institute.

"We created a company so that we could choreograph and perform out of selfish reasons," Marla says. "And also out of generous reasons, because there were a lot of dancers who wanted to dance, and a lot of the company members who have danced with us over the years have stayed in the community. Everyone seems to love Boise, and they're coming back and creating their own creative outlet."



John Kelly

IDT company member Caitlin Stanley is attending Boise State on a dance scholarship. Below left, company members work in sync to create a visual feast.



John Kelly

## THE 'AH' IN AHSAPTA PRESS By Julie Hahn

Ahsahta Press isn't a dusty university poetry press. The authors are up-and-coming and take artistic risks. You can track new releases on Facebook and read about the press on blogs. You can buy limited-edition art books with covers designed by one of the foremost book designers in the country.

Thirty-five years after its founding, Boise State's poetry press publishes seven original works every year, drawing acclaim from around the country. Besides making the most of its budget (\$12,000 per year translates into about \$51,000 in income), the press is making the most of its word-of-mouth to cement Boise State's reputation in the literary world.

Named for the Mandan word for "Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep," Ahsahta was founded in 1974 by English professors Tom Trusky, Orv Burmaster and Dale Boyer and focused on preserving and promoting the works of early Western poets. The founders soon expanded to contemporary Western poets. Years later, when Boise State began an MFA in Creative Writing program, the press reached out to include poets from around the country.

"We are not a for-profit press, and we are not in the position of having to satisfy grants and

such," says Janet Holmes, director of Ahsahta Press. "Because of that, I have the freedom to select poets who I think are artistically interesting."

A donor's gift in 2001 helped elevate Ahsahta's reputation. The Sawtooth Poetry Prize that was founded with that gift draws submissions from across the nation; the winning work is selected by a poet and published by Ahsahta.

Besides garnering attention for the press — Holmes is vigilant about promoting the prize through blogs, Web sites, Facebook and MySpace — the process is a behind-the-scenes training opportunity for students. Graduate students select the manuscripts that will go to the judge, manage the production of the book and market it.

The covers are often designed by Jeff Clark, a poet and artist who has been called "one of poetry's most prolific and influential book designers" by *Publisher's Weekly*.

"All of those things are good publicity for Boise State and our MFA Program," Holmes says. "I think that the press is doing its job in terms of getting the word out that we have something special going on here."



## GENE HARRIS FESTIVAL JAZZES UP CAMPUS



Carrie Quimney

The Gene Harris Jazz Festival made a big move to campus this year. The 12th annual festival had a new director, Mike Samball, and explored new venues — including the new Stueckle Sky Center and the new 1,000-seat Student Union Building ballroom.

The festival, which took place April 1-3, still featured jazz headliner concerts, clinics, workshops and student performances, including the Fruitland Middle School jazz band, at left.

Turning management over to the Department of Music created a broader support base from which to produce the event, says

Samball, allowing more faculty, students and staff to contribute. "Holding all events on campus, mainly in the newly renovated Student Union Building, allowed us to better serve the music educators and their students," Samball says.

The jazz was gathered to one central location, the campus, in order to create more of a festival feeling, Samball says, as well as to streamline the effectiveness and efficiency of the event.

Headliners this year included pianists Pat Coil, Mark Levine and Chuck Smith and the Pete Escovedo Latin Jazz Orchestra.



**Nursing student Diane Kenski** speaks to guests at the Laura Moore Cunningham scholarship luncheon in March. About 90 students received scholarships from this fund.

Student scholarships are getting a much-needed boost thanks to an online giving program called “Dollars for Scholars.” Donors can make tax-deductible contributions through the university’s Web site at [www.boisestate.edu](http://www.boisestate.edu).

“Student scholarships are not in jeopardy for the current academic year but may

# ‘DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS’

## BOLSTERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

be in question for the future without new funds,” says Boise State Vice President for University Advancement Howard Smith. “Like most other colleges and universities, it appears that negative investment returns will cause a reduction in the overall funds that are available to distribute for student scholarships in the 2009-2010 academic year.”

The Boise State University Foundation currently supports about 850 student scholarships through endowed accounts. The Foundation experienced a significant drop in endowment earnings in the first four months of the fiscal year and some endowments are not generating enough earnings to support the scholarship award.

“Dollars for Scholars” will better allow the Foundation and Financial Aid Office to distribute funds in the 2009-2010 academic year on both need and merit bases.

“Private gifts are perhaps more important than ever during these uncertain economic times,” says Smith. “In spite of financial setbacks, Boise State remains steadfast in its pledge to prepare the next generation of students, and ‘Dollars for Scholars’ is essential for these opportunities to be realized.”

For more information, contact the Foundation at (208) 426-3276, 1-800-341-6150 or [foundation.boisestate.edu](http://foundation.boisestate.edu).

# EMPLOYEE GIVING MORE THAN DOUBLES



Boise State Foundation chair Mark Lliteras, far left, accepts a check for almost \$1.3 million from President Bob Kustra symbolizing total employee giving since the start of the Destination Distinction campaign in July 2004. The employee giving participation rate more than doubled in 2008, from 11 percent in the previous year to 25 percent.



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## TIME = MONEY

Few groups on campus are more vested in the university than faculty and staff. Many put forth extra effort to keep students enrolled and engaged, including establishing and contributing to campus scholarships and programs. When the desire to support a particular program exceeds the ability to write a check, many faculty and staff have found another way to contribute.

The option many use is called “contributed services.” By donating the money they would have received for teaching a class or workshop beyond their normal workload, they can support the program at a greater level than might otherwise be possible, thereby making a substantial difference in the life of a Boise State student.

“The attraction for someone like myself is that all it involves is extra effort,” says history professor Peter Buhler (above), who has made several contributed services gifts to funds such as the Single Parent Scholarship and plans to make a contribution to the Basque Studies Center in the near future.



Former business dean and current accounting professor Bill Lathen agrees.

“Financially, it is often difficult to come up with anything other than small financial contributions to give to the university,” he says. “But donating summer teaching stipends is really just donating time, which for me is easier to do. By giving the gross amount of the stipend, I have been able to contribute generously to the new business building and have established a fairly significant scholarship endowment.”

Both men appreciate this option for financial contributions because it enables them to achieve their philanthropic goals through the gift of their time. For that, countless students give thanks.

To learn more about contributed services donations, call (208) 426-3276.

## WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH YOUR ESTATE PLAN

There are just about as many ways to make a charitable estate gift as there are people who give. In addition to the customary methods, we at Boise State University work with you to tailor your particular estate gift to fit your objectives while at the same time enhancing the university’s mission.

### TYPES

#### BEQUEST IN WILL OR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

A gift you make by naming Boise State in your will for a certain dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the residuary

#### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A contract in which the Boise State Foundation agrees to pay you back a percentage of your gift annually for your lifetime

#### LIFE INSURANCE

A gift of an existing or new policy with the Boise State Foundation named as beneficiary and owner

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A gift made by naming the Boise State Foundation as remainder beneficiary after your death

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A donation of your home or farm but with the right to continue living there

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Trusts that pay a set or variable income to you or those you name before Boise State receives remainder

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A trust that pays Boise State an income for a period of years before you or your heirs receive the trust remainder

### BENEFITS

- Reduces size of taxable estate
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- Immediate income tax deduction for part of your gift’s value, capital gains spread out over life expectancy, a portion of the income is tax-exempt
- Gives you and/or another beneficiary a set income for life

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- Provides a way to make a significant gift with minimal capital outlay

- Heirs avoid income tax and possibly estate tax
- Preserves 100 percent of plan’s value and allows you to leave heirs other, less costly bequests

- Immediate income tax deduction for the charitable value of the gift, plus no capital gains tax liability
- Allows you to live in your home or farm and still receive charitable deduction; assures immediate passage of title upon your death

- Income tax savings from deduction, no capital gains tax liability, possible estate tax savings
- Provides guaranteed or annual income that could increase if trust value increases

- Gift or estate tax savings for value of payments made to a charity
- Allows you to pass assets to heirs intact at reduced or even no estate or gift tax



A new fund established by President Bob and Kathy Kustra will support Boise State's leadership in energy and sustainability research and enable research efforts to create a greener campus.

In 2007, President Kustra joined a small group of campus chief executives in pledging to put their institutions on a path toward zero net carbon emissions. The Presidents Climate Initiative now has grown to more than 600 signatories and is the premier higher education sustainability program in the country. Boise State's commitment to sustainability was further reinforced in 2008 with the appointment of John Gardner as associate vice president of energy research, policy and campus sustainability.

President Kustra's vision, however, extends beyond university policy and campus operations. The Bob and Kathy Kustra Sustainability Fund, established last year, is a lasting and substantial commitment to the task of leading by example, helping make Boise State a showcase for sustainable practices and programs. The fund, administered through the Office of Energy Research, Policy and Campus Sustainability, will be used to support critical pilot stage projects and to help leverage other funding sources to bring about substantial changes to campus.

Initial Sustainability Fund projects may include the following:

- Campus-wide energy modeling
- Feasibility studies of university-owned or university-developed renewable energy systems
- Wind resource analysis for a campus-owned wind farm
- Best practices for waste minimization
- A campus/community composting system to capture food waste

These and other improvements will result in energy and cost savings that continue well into the future.

The Kustras invite friends of Boise State to join them in sustaining excellence in education, research and campus operations throughout the next century. For information on how to contribute to this critical fund, call the Boise State University Foundation at (208) 426-3276.

## NEW FOUNDATION OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED

Mark Lliteras (BS, mathematics, '72) was elected to chair the Boise State University Foundation board of directors at the annual meeting in October. Lliteras, executive vice president and manager at Wells Fargo in Boise, was one of four officers named to lead the board for the next two years.

Other officers are vice chair Candice Allphin (BBA, management, '89), regional district manager, US Bancorp; secretary Linda Yanke, president, Yanke Machine Shop; and treasurer Joy Kealey, owner, Chicago Connection.

In addition, six new directors were elected to three-year terms: Suzi Boyle-Hummel, mortgage originator, Evergreen Home Loans; Cherie Buckner-Webb, founder and principal, Sojourner Coaching; Jason Coronado (BBA, accountancy, '95), CPA with Deloitte & Touche, LLP; Thomas Dixon (BBA, finance, '73), president/director, T. F. Dixon Family Foundation; Gary Fletcher, CEO, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise; and Lesley Slaton-McNorton (BA, communication, '88), marketing manager, Hewlett Packard.

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## A PERFECT MATCH: Creating a Sense of Place

To help the College of Business and Economics continue to educate students who can meet the needs of 21st century business, a new building is being planned for the corner of Capitol Boulevard and University Drive. Not only will the structure serve as a fitting gateway to campus, it also will represent the thriving partnership between the business school, state government and the business community.

To ensure that the building becomes a reality, the Micron Technology Foundation made a \$12.5 million lead gift in 2007, contingent on Boise State raising \$5 million in matching funds. Through a facilities fee, Boise State students will contribute \$18 million. Meeting the match will take the support of countless alumni, friends and business partners.

The \$35 million building will boost the region's economy and quality of life by enhancing graduate and undergraduate programs that already enjoy a national reputation for quality and innovation. It also will be key to recruiting and retaining top quality faculty and students.

The building will include state-of-the-art classrooms and ample room for studying, group meetings and faculty offices. It also will



provide a one-stop shop for small businesses and entrepreneurs seeking help through the many centers hosted by the college, including the Idaho Small Business Development Center, TechHelp, the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Centre for Creativity and Innovation. Naming opportunities are available.

For more information on how to Meet the Match visit COBE. boisestate.edu or contact Cheryl Larabee at (208) 426-2039.

## Al and Jo Kiler — Staying Connected

Boise Junior College's (BJC) class of 1941 was the first to graduate from the new campus located along the Boise River. The school has undergone a number of changes since that day, but Al Kiler, a member of that graduating class, is still loyal to his alma mater. Not only has he stayed connected through service as an Alumni Association president and board member, he also has season tickets for Bronco football and participates in as many campus events as possible.

Recently, he and his wife, Jo, made a significant donation to the new Alumni Building project through her IRA fund. This gift is on top of a 2007 gift also made through Jo's IRA. When asked why they chose to make a second gift, Al responds with a simple shrug.

"They needed it," he says. "And by giving from an IRA, we don't have to pay taxes on the income, so we are able to make a more significant gift."

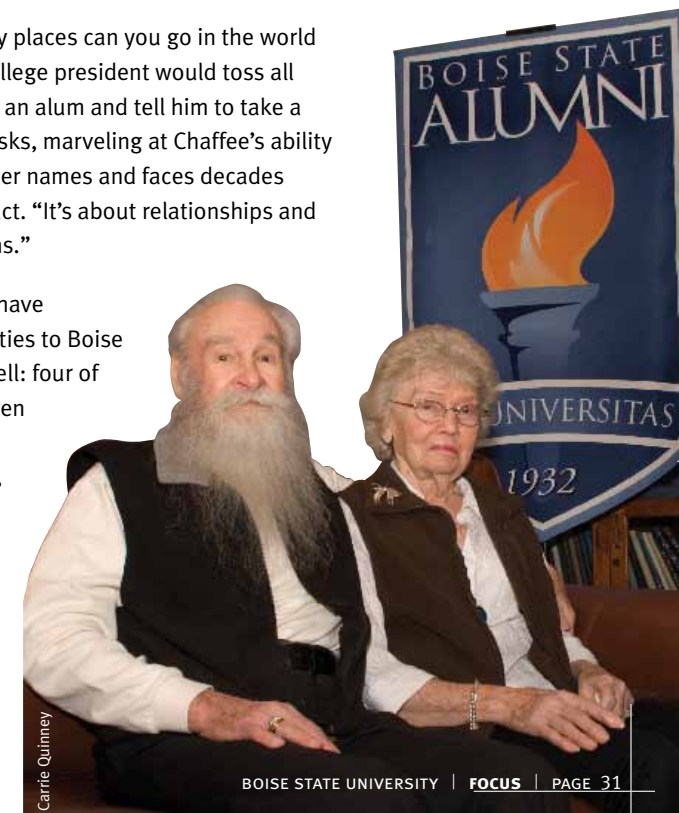
After leaving BJC and working for Morrison Knudsen on Midway Island and then serving a stint in the military during World War II, Kiler continued his education at the University of Idaho, where he earned a bachelor's degree in forestry, and Idaho State, where he earned a master's degree in counseling and guidance.

Despite having experience at all three Idaho institutions of higher education, his allegiance is to Boise State. He recalls a Saturday visit to campus many years ago, when Eugene Chaffee still sat in

the President's Office. Kiler was showing a former classmate the much-changed campus when Chaffee noticed them walking by his office and called to them by name. Learning the friend was in town for a visit, Chaffee threw Kiler his ring of keys and instructed him to conduct a tour of the new library.

"How many places can you go in the world where a college president would toss all his keys to an alum and tell him to take a tour?" Al asks, marveling at Chaffee's ability to remember names and faces decades after the fact. "It's about relationships and connections."

The Kilers have additional ties to Boise State as well: four of their children attended the school, and three graduated as Broncos.





# ATHLETIC OFFICES SCORE UPDATED LOOK, NEW EXHIBITS

By Bob Evancho

Visitors to the Nicholson-Yanke Athletic Center, formerly known as the Varsity Center, may feel they've walked into a small sports museum. In addition to refurbished walls and ceilings in the midsection and hallways, the one-story Athletic Department office building at the south end of Bronco Stadium sports new Bronco athletics exhibits throughout its remodeled core.

The center now provides the men's and women's basketball programs and the Athletic Department business office with updated facilities. The expanded space became available when the ticket office

moved to a new home on the ground floor of the Stueckle Sky Center last August.

The old ticket office was refurbished and made part of the expansion of the men's and women's basketball offices.

The most noticeable component of the overall project is the addition of new displays on the walls of the main hallways. During the past summer and fall, the Athletic Department affixed 18 vertical 3-foot by 6-foot displays for each of the intercollegiate sports played at Boise State. An additional display, for softball, will be added this spring. Each display contains a historic photo from the sport and a brief history of the program. Smaller, plastic fixtures that are removable from the larger displays will allow the Athletic Department to present updated information without replacing the main piece of artwork.

Also new is an exhibit on the history of Bronco Stadium and the blue turf and a large display of Bronco sports lore on both walls of the east main entrance. The entryway exhibit lists the top team and individual accomplishments in Boise State athletics history: team national champions, individual title winners, national coaches of the year, former Bronco athletes who have won world championships, and former student-athletes who excelled as scholars, among others. The display also features the Athletic Department's "Pyramid of Success."



"Part of the whole remodel project was to provide representation for all the programs in the Athletic Department," says Lori Hays, assistant athletic director for operations and event management. "It's obviously a busy hallway. Recruits, parents of recruits and student-athletes, boosters and all kinds of people walk those halls. We wanted to show all of them that the Athletic Center is more than just the home of our football and track teams. We also wanted to show that our athletes excel as students; that's why we have the Pyramid of Success and a list of postgraduate scholars as part of the exhibit."

In addition to the renovated facilities, the Nicholson-Yanke Athletic Center also houses the Athletic Department administrative offices, the Simplot Center for Athletic Excellence, the Fedrizzi Fitness Center Annex, the wrestling team's practice room, the football locker room, and the track and field/wrestling locker room.

## PLAY IT AGAIN: BOISE STATE PLANS FOR NEW SPORTS COMPLEX

A 15-acre parcel of land wedged between Broadway and Warm Springs avenues is the future site of Boise State's new multi-use sports complex and track. The parcel currently houses Boise School District's East Junior High School. A new junior high is under construction on a 20-acre land parcel in the Barber Valley. Boise State acquired the East Junior High property in 2006 in trade for the Barber Valley lot.

Construction of the multi-use sports complex will allow Boise State to relocate the current outdoor track from Bronco Stadium and provide a venue for high school sports that will include football and track and field.

"We are pleased to have the property secured and look forward to developing it for the benefit of Boise State University and the community," says Gene Bleymaier, director of athletics.

In keeping with its historic roots, the complex entry will be modeled after the entry to Public School Field, which occupied the site in the 1930s before construction of East Junior High School. Public School Field was used for a variety of sports, including track and baseball.



## AUCTION 2009 SLATED FOR MAY 9



AUCTIONEERS keep the bidding lively at a previous Boise State Auction.

Good food, great friends and spectacular items for bid all combine for an evening of fun benefiting student scholarships, both academic and athletic. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. May 9 at the Boise Centre on The Grove for this long-standing Boise State tradition. Cost is \$150 per ticket and table sponsorships are available.

The biennial Boise State Auction, presented by the Bronco Athletic Association and the Boise State Alumni Association, has raised millions of dollars since its inception in 1983. This year's honorees are Lyle and Eleanor Smith, who have been a part of helping Boise

State build a lasting legacy for more than 60 years. Lyle Smith was Boise Junior College's head football coach from 1947 to 1967. During those two decades, the Broncos won 82 percent of their games, including a 37-game winning streak. He also served as the Bronco athletic director until his retirement in 1981.

For more information or to find out how you can support auction efforts, contact AnnMarie Kaus at (208) 426-5407 or [akaus@boisestate.edu](mailto:akaus@boisestate.edu), or visit [www.boisestateauction.com](http://www.boisestateauction.com).



COLORFUL POSTERS featuring individual sports line the halls of the Nicholson-Yanke Athletic Center.

# TOP TEN SCHOLARS HONORED

Each spring, the Boise State Alumni Association honors 10 accomplished students with the Top Ten Scholars Award. This year's recipients, selected by a committee from the Honors College, possess diverse backgrounds with research projects ranging from environmental and educational issues to groundbreaking scientific discoveries. The annual event was held April 21, and David M. Cooper, '71, was the keynote speaker.



## 2009 STUDENT RECIPIENTS:



**Nicolás Díaz**, College of Arts and Sciences, a political science and Spanish major, with a minor in Japanese studies



**Pankhuree Dube**, College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, a double major in history and political science with a minor in Latin American studies



**Landon Grange**, College of Arts and Sciences, a Spanish major who has also satisfied most of the requirements for a biochemistry degree



**Wade Lanning**, College of Engineering, a materials science and engineering major with an emphasis in biomedical engineering



**Emma McInturff**, College of Arts and Sciences, a chemistry major with a minor in Spanish



**Dan Simenc**, College of Business and Economics, a double major in applied mathematics and economics



**Mallory Sullivan**, College of Arts and Sciences, a biology major with an emphasis in human biology



**Dane Vanhoozer**, College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, a history major with a minor in Japanese



**Jessica Verbanac**, College of Education, a double major in Spanish and elementary education with a focus in bilingual/ESL



**Hailey Wilson**, College of Health Sciences, a health science studies major with a minor in biology

## NEW BRONCO CONTACTS

For a complete list of alumni chapters or to learn how to become a Bronco Contact, visit <http://alumni.boisestate.edu/groups/gettingstarted.asp>.

- Idaho (Social Work): Amy Korb
- North Carolina (Winston-Salem): Dave Hunter
- Southern California (San Diego): Ryan Merz
- Texas (Richardson): Patrick Nance



# BRONCO NETWORK NEWS

## FOUR NEW ALUMNI CHAPTERS CREATED; ONE CHARTERED

Four new alumni chapters have begun work to become official Boise State alumni chapters.

The Magic Valley Alumni Chapter renewal is being led by Michele McFarlane '01, Patty Bauscher '78, and Julie Davis '83.

The new Forensics Alumni Chapter for former debate team members is being guided by Allen Dalton '77, Marty Most '77 and '86, C.J. Martin '94, and Jeff Stoppenhagen '92.

Boise State's first international alumni chapter in Vietnam is being coordinated by Ha Nguyen '97, Nguyen Trong Khang '99, and Dau Thuy Ha '99.

The Past Alumni Leaders Chapter that welcomes all past alumni board members has elected Carol Hoidal '72 as president and H. David Croft '67 as vice president.

The Rainy City Broncos of Oregon/SW Washington was officially chartered in February when the association's alumni board passed a resolution finalizing its petition.

To lend your support to any of these chapters, visit [alumni.boisestate.edu/groups/groups.asp](http://alumni.boisestate.edu/groups/groups.asp).

## BRONCO LICENSE PLATES SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS



Get a Boise State University Bronco license plate for your car and you will directly support the Boise State Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund. The first-year fee is \$35 (\$25 goes toward scholarships). Annual renewal is \$25 (\$15 goes toward scholarships).

Numbered plates can be obtained at many Idaho DMV offices. DMV offices outside of Ada County can order the plates from the Idaho Department of Transportation. Personalized Bronco plates also are available. Visit [itd.idaho.gov/dmv](http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv).

## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ALUMNI CHAPTER HOSTS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Boise State Construction Management alumni, students and area professionals played in the annual Construction Management Alumni Golf Tournament held at Shadow Valley Golf Course in late April. Proceeds support the alumni chapter, student projects, and the Boise State Construction Management Department.

"We couldn't hold this annual tournament without our sponsors and the support of our alumni," says chapter president and tournament organizer Mike Sis.

## NOMINATIONS DUE FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND SERVICE AWARDS

May 25 is the last day to submit nomination materials for the long-standing Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Service awards given each year during Homecoming. Graduates who have built records of outstanding achievement within their chosen professions will be recognized at the second annual Presidential Alumni Recognition Gala held the Friday evening of Homecoming. Nomination materials are available at [alumni.boisestate.edu/programs/alumni\\_awards.asp](http://alumni.boisestate.edu/programs/alumni_awards.asp).

## HOST A BRONCO FOOTBALL VIEWING PARTY IN 2009

Eighteen cities played host to Bronco football-viewing parties that were arranged by Bronco Contacts last season. If you want to become a Bronco Contact and host a Bronco Football Viewing Party this season, visit [alumni.boisestate.edu](http://alumni.boisestate.edu).



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

### MAY

- 9: Boise State Auction ([www.boisestateauction.com](http://www.boisestateauction.com))
- 11: Twin Falls Commencement
- 16: Commencement
- 20: Annual Alumni Association member meeting and membership appreciation event
- 25: Alumni Award nominations due

### HOMECOMING

Sept. 28-Oct. 3

## FORENSICS ALUMNI CHAPTER CREATES TALKING BRONCOS HALL OF FAME

The inaugural class of the Boise State Forensics (speech and debate team) Hall of Fame was inducted in ceremonies in the Boise State Student Union on April 19. Newly elected members are:

- Dr. Eugene Chaffee, who founded the forensics program in 1937 and served as its first coach
- Professor C. Harvey Pitman, who coached the team during the transition from junior college to four-year college and guided the team to its first national award as a four-year institution at the 1967 national tournament
- Roderick Walston, who competed in debate with great distinction for Boise Junior College from 1954-1956 and served as student body president before a

successful legal career in which he argued numerous cases before the United State Supreme Court.

Up to three inductees will be selected each year by the Forensics Chapter's board of directors.

David Bailey, Boise State's director of forensics, said of the inductees, "We are excited to recognize each of these individuals who played such an important role in the formulation and success of the Boise State forensics program. Establishing a Hall of Fame will not only showcase the proud history of Boise State

forensics, but also will enable the current team and coaching staff to recognize that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves."



The 1967 National Championship Speech and Debate team. Harvey Pitman is pictured in the first row, far left.

## VIETNAM ALUMNI CHAPTER FORMED

### BOISE STATE HAS ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Vietnam alums are graduates of an English language MBA program that Boise State ran in Vietnam from 1990-99, the first-ever internationally accredited MBA program conducted in Vietnam. There were 84 graduates of the program, many of whom now run their own successful companies or hold leadership positions in the private or public sector in Vietnam.

"It's great to see and feel ourselves part of the alma mater," says Ha Nguyen, a 1997 graduate of the MBA program who has helped lead the chartering process and is serving as chapter president.

The Vietnam alums have maintained ties with Boise State through former faculty, including Sabine Klahr, director of International Programs, and Nancy Napier, a professor of international business who headed up the Vietnam MBA program

and still teaches courses in Hanoi once a year.

"This is our first international chapter, so it's very new for Boise State," says Jennifer Wheeler, senior associate director for alumni relations at Boise State.

The purpose of the chapter is to provide closer contact between the university and the Vietnam alums. But its formation could have other positive results, such as helping to bring Vietnamese students to Boise State and encouraging business between Idaho and Vietnam.

"We were so impressed with the Vietnam



Vietnam MBA alumni chapter members with Nancy Napier, professor of international business.

alums' energy, commitment, and the fact that many of them have become dues-paying members," says Mark Arstein, Boise State Alumni Association executive director. "We are happy to welcome this group of dedicated alumni into the Bronco network."

For more information about the Vietnam alumni chapter, visit [alumni.boisestate.edu/groups/vietnam.asp](http://alumni.boisestate.edu/groups/vietnam.asp).

## ALUMNI PROFILE

When Mark Lliteras, '72, graduated from Boise State he had two options: law school or a career in banking. By then, Lliteras had built an impressive resume that included working with student leaders from other Idaho colleges and universities to affect legislation concerning higher education.



MARK LLITERAS '72

After receiving a job offer at First Security Bank (now Wells Fargo), his decision was made. Thirty-six years and a bank buy-out later, Lliteras has found his niche. He is executive vice president of the

Wells Fargo Southern Idaho Commercial Banking Group, which includes 17 other people. The group deals with companies with annual sales of \$20 million or more.

**FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORIES: TWO YEARS OF PLAYING BASKETBALL AND, BEST OF ALL, MEETING HIS WIFE JULIE. SHE WAS A STUDENT WORKER IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE LAB ACROSS FROM HIS ENGLISH CLASS. HE STAYED AFTER CLASS TO MEET HER; THEY'VE NOW BEEN MARRIED 36 YEARS.**

For Lliteras the key to success is simple: "You have to find something you like to do. If you like to do it, it's a lot easier to be successful... you're more interested in it, more attuned to it and more dedicated to it."

Lliteras stays involved in the campus as the current president of the Boise State Foundation, as a BAA member and holder of season basketball and football tickets and through the Alumni Association, where he is a past board president.

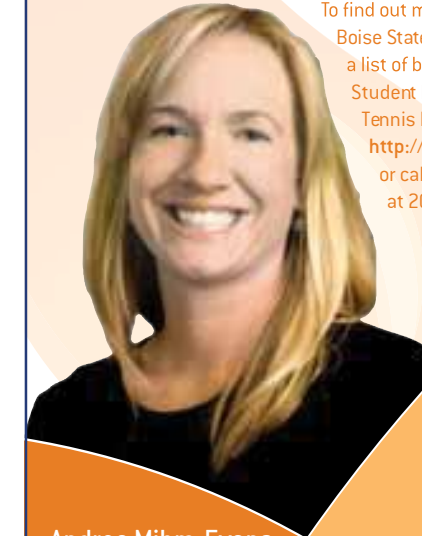
### CLASS RING FOUND IN MISSOURI

Are you missing your 1972 class ring? It has been found in Sedalia, Mo. E-mail [bsualum@boisestate.edu](mailto:bsualum@boisestate.edu) to find out how to claim your ring.

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## ALUMNI PROFILE



**PAT LARGE '73**

Within a week of graduation, Pat Large, '73, started his first company, Quality Tile Roofing. The business, funded by a \$5,000 loan from his parents, mostly was involved in residential stone products.

"When I graduated from Boise State, I went in and filed for unemployment. It embarrassed me so badly, I started my own business."

Thirty-five years later, embarrassment has proven a good motivator – Large now is full owner of 11 and part owner of eight companies in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The companies meet the needs of government, agricultural, education, aerospace, food processing and renewable resource industries. His latest ventures are the Black Hawk AR-10 vertical axis wind turbine electrical generator, and the Germinator – a disinfectant pad that cleans wrestlers' feet before they step onto a wrestling mat.

Although he always has been an entrepreneur, "...there's no question that my college experience helped shape the way that my life has gone," Large says.

True to his roots, he is regularly involved with the Boise State campus, providing student internship opportunities, recently serving on the board of directors for the Alumni Association and as the immediate past president of the Intercollegiate Knights Alumni Chapter.

When asked what he would tell a student who was thinking about attending Boise State University, his answer is simple: "Do it."

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- Kandi Walters, Boise

## IN TOUCH 1960s

**STANLEY HOOBING, AA,** general, liberal arts, '62, recently finished an interim pastor assignment in Prineville, Wash. and started his fifth interim assignment as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

**KATHLEEN NOH, AA,** arts and sciences, '65, BA, elementary education, '70, MA, education, reading, '91, was appointed superintendent of Kimberly School District. Noh has been with the school district since 1988 and most recently served as director of curriculum, testing and federal programs.

## 1970s

**PATIENCE THORESON, BS,** physical education, '71, based in McCall, was the script supervisor for the major network television show "My Own Worst Enemy."

**RALPH MCKENZIE, BA,** general business, '72, retired from his position as general manager at Frontier Communications in McCall after 27 years of service.

**PAT LARGE, BA,** marketing, '73, purchased Akrion SCP Services, a machine shop in Boise that was facing closure by its parent company. Large renamed the company Comprehensive Precision Machining and expanded it to include manufacturing of machine parts for the government, sporting goods and agriculture industries. Large owns 14 companies throughout Idaho and Washington.

**LOIS SUTTON, BA,** elementary education, '73, retired after 31 years of teaching first- and second-graders in the Midvale School District. Sutton received numerous awards throughout her teaching career and has been involved at the local, state and national levels on issues affecting public education.

**JON RAND, BA,** communication, '74, was promoted to chief operating officer at Northwest Broadcasting, based in Medford, Ore.

Rand has been general manager for stations in Washington since 2001 and currently lives in Spokane, Wash.

**BILL BRADDOCK, BA,** criminal justice, '76, MPA, public administration, '82, retired from a 35-year career in law enforcement. Braddock most recently served as chief deputy sheriff for Boise County. He plans to serve as an unpaid reserve deputy with the department.

## 1980s

**LESTER ALLEN, BBA,** quantitative management, '81, works in product development at The Boeing Company in Lynnwood, Wash. Lester provides team members with maintainability data for new aircraft designs.

**DEBBIE WARREN, BS,** biology, '81, joined Pro-Active Physical Therapy in Council as the receptionist and scheduler. Warren joins Pro-Active after working at the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center for six years.

**KATHI MANNING, BBA,** marketing, '83, joined the Idaho Distance Education Academy (I-DEA) in Boise as a community coordinator for the Treasure Valley. Manning organizes activities and events for students and assists teachers and staff in supporting I-DEA families.

**DANIEL KUNZ, MBA, '85,** is founder, CEO and president of U.S. Geothermal Inc. in Boise, a leading developer of electrical power generation using geothermal energy. The company developed the first geothermal power plant in the Pacific Northwest.

**ANDREW ARTIS, MBA, '87,** received one of 12 2007-2008 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards from the University of Florida. Artis is an assistant professor of marketing in the division of business at the university.

**MELISSA PALLER, AS,** criminal justice, '87, BA, social work, '01, MSW, social work, '05, co-owner of Emmett Family Services, recently celebrated the addition of a Chemical Dependency Center to the

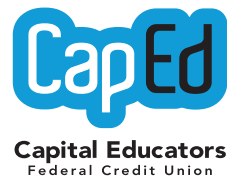
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mental health center that she owns. The new center is the treatment provider for the Gem County Drug Court and offers both education and treatment for anyone with substance abuse issues.

**CARY WHITE**, BM, music education, '89, MS, education technology, '95, played Pantalone in the Meridian Youth Theatre's inaugural production, "Androcles and the Lion."

### 1990s

**STACY GULLEY**, BA, business administration and marketing, '91, co-owns A Woman's Touch Painting in Emmett. The company celebrated the addition of co-owner Lindsay Alban with a Gem County Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**BRENT TOLMAN**, BA, business administration, '92, joined Workforce Development Alliance, a group organized to address work force issues in South Central Idaho. Tolman is the executive director based in Boise and works with

its partners to address the short-term and long-term work force needs of regional business.

**KATHLEEN KEMPTON**, BBA, accountancy, '93, MBA, '93, was promoted to assistant vice president/CFO for the Boise State University Foundation. Kempton has been with Boise State since 2006, most recently serving as director of finance for the foundation.

**JEFF ENRICO**, BA, anthropology, '94, was appointed as mortgage loan officer for the Boise real estate office at D.L. Evans Bank.

**LARRY PARKS**, BS, physical education, '94, moved into the position of principal at Carberry Intermediate School in Emmett. Parks served as assistant principal at Emmett Junior High School for four years and as the athletic director at the school for 10 years.

**JILL SPRAGUE**, BS, psychology, '94, MA, school counseling, '98, opened Crossroads Counseling in Emmett. Sprague works with children ages 8 and older who deal with grief is-

sues, behavioral issues and development disabilities. She also sees adult clients for marriage, pre-marriage and grief counseling.

**CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM**, BA, history, '95, joined Trout Jones Gledhill Fuhrman P.A. as a shareholder in the Boise firm. Graham earned his juris doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Idaho College of Law.

**GREGORY DEITCHLER**, BS, psychology, '96, MA, school counseling, '00, joined Cherry Lane Counseling Center in Meridian. Deitchler also is president of the Meridian Marriage Initiative and provides low-cost marriage education classes through the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

**ROBIN SLY**, BA, education, '97, MA, education, '03, was named the 2009 Idaho Teacher of the Year, one of the most prestigious teaching honors in the state. In addition to teaching at Trail Wind Elementary School in Boise and serving as an instructional leader and mentor to new teachers, Sly is devoted to helping exceptional students who are gifted but also have special needs.

**JENNIFER STOCKWELL DONER**, BA, theatre arts, '98, played the sore-footed lion in the Meridian Youth Theatre's inaugural production, "Androcles and the Lion."

**JOHN HADLEY**, BA, theatre arts, '98, was the scene designer and technical director of the Meridian Youth Theatre's inaugural production, "Androcles and the Lion."

**MICHELLE WILLIS**, BM, music education, '99, was recognized for the eighth time by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Ensign Music Competition for her creativity and contribution to the field of LDS music. Her piece "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" was performed in a concert on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### 2000s

**DUSTIN MASON**, BA, education, '00, is an instructor for Treasure Valley Community College's computer information systems programs and associate of applied science degree program in Ontario, Ore.

**JOHNNA SCHUCK JOHNSON**, BA, communication, '01, from Boise, wrote and published "Just Jump! How to Build the Confidence & Courage to Just Jump Out of Your Comfort Zone and Into Your True Potential." Johnson also recently partnered with other best-selling authors including Brian Tracy, Stephen Covey and Ken Blanchard for the book, "Discover Your Inner Strength."

**MAGGIE COLWELL**, BA, political science, '01, joined the city of Caldwell as the assistant to Mayor Garret Nancolas. Colwell's duties include providing media relations, citizen response, policy research, project support and coordination of administrative tasks for the mayor.

**REBECCA DUGGAN**, BM, music education, '01, directed the Music Theatre of Idaho's rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" in Nampa. Duggan also appeared in the troupe's production of "Chicago: The Musical."

**DAN GOTTSCH**, BS, mechanical engineering, '01, who works for CSHQA in Boise, received an Idaho State Professional Engineer license.

**BEN LATTIN**, BBA, finance, '01, BBA, business economics, '01, joined KeyBank as manager of its Broadway branch in Boise. Lattin is responsible for operations and client relationships at the branch.

**LISA VERNON**, MBA, '01, joined WHPacific as operations manager for its Boise office.

**JESSICA GALLOWAY**, BS, health studies, '02, BS, psychology, '02, joined The Idaho Peace Officers' Memorial Fund as the executive director in Meridian. Galloway is responsible for fundraising, day-to-day management, event coordination and representation of the organization.



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**MONICA HOPKINS**, BA, social science, '02, is the new head of the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho, an organization that advocates for civil rights in the Legislature, in court and elsewhere. She is headquartered in Boise.

**KATHY THERIEN**, BA, history, '02, is the special education teacher at New Plymouth Middle School and New Plymouth Grade School. Therien has been teaching for seven years.

**BEN QUINTANA**, BA, communication, '03, joined the Boise Valley Economic Partnership as the director of business development. Quintana will travel to meet with site consultants and real estate executives to bring new business and high-paying jobs to the Boise area.

**ANNA SPARRELL**, BCM, construction management, '03, is a partner in the firm CM Co., a commercial construction management company and general contractor based in the Treasure Valley. Sparrell is a project

manager and is responsible for planning and managing commercial construction projects.

**JEFF WARD**, BSC, civil engineering, '03, who works for CSHQA in Boise, received an Idaho State Professional Engineer license.

**ANDRA DRISCOLL**, MA, education, '04, joined Stuart Elementary in Shelly as a third-grade teacher.

**AL HEATHCOCK**, MFA, creative writing, '04, published the short story "Fort Apache" in the fall issue of Zoetrope: All-Story, a quarterly literary publication founded by Francis Ford Coppola that explores the intersection of story and art, fiction and film. Heathcock lives in Boise.

**ALI ISHAQ**, BA, political science, '04, has joined Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., a government-focused consulting firm in Washington, D.C. He is a strategic communications consultant for the Organization and Strategy Team.

**JACOB TWIGGS**, BA, political science, '04, joined the Mini-Cassia Public Defender Office as an attorney. He works with adult misdemeanor cases in Cassia County. Twiggs received his Juris Doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

**COLT BROOKS**, BA, communication, '06, joined KeyBank as a relationship associate in Boise. Brooks is responsible for providing Boise residents and businesses with financial advice and dedicated service.

**TORI HEDERMAN**, BA, elementary education, '06, joined Teton Valley Community School, a nonprofit independent school in Victor, as a kindergarten teacher.

**MARK BARKER**, MBA, business economics, '07, joined Closed Loop Marketing in Boise as an account manager. Barker's experience includes planning and implementation of integrated marketing communications campaigns, new product introductions,

media relations, public relations and event management in the United States and overseas.

**PETE CAVENDER**, BA, communication, '07, joined Premier Insurance's Employee Benefits Division in Boise as an employee benefits specialist.

**JADON DAILEY**, BA, marketing, '07, joined Peak Broadcasting in Boise as radio color analyst, working football games with play-by-play man Bob Behler on the Boise State Sports Network. Dailey was the starting center for the Broncos in 2006.

**THERASA "Teri" DEBIASE**, BS, social science, '07, joined Assisting Angels Home Care as client care coordinator for Ada County. DeBiase has been a certified nursing assistant since 1986 and has experience in home care, end-of-life care, rehabilitative care, and caring for clients with psychiatric disorders.

**RAY GADD**, BBA, marketing, '07, joined Steven Smith Photography Inc. in Boise.

Gadd is marketing the launch of the company's newest division, Steve Smith Weddings.

**ZACH BALLARD**, BA, secondary education, '08, started his first year of teaching as a sixth-grade social studies teacher at McCain Middle School in Payette.

**KELLY KATULA**, BS, biology, '08, entered his first year of studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W. Va.

**ERIN SMITH**, BFA, graphic design, '08, was appointed as the associate creative director of Neoreef, a Treasure Valley provider of Web site design and hosting. Smith provides creative support and services for Neoreef's media operations and OneNet Web service and hosting platform.

**MAT THOMPSON**, BA, social science, '08, organized a breakdance battle at the Visual Arts Collective in Boise for his company, Rhetoric Style. He also owns the clothing line m(t)theory.

## IN MEMORY SPRING 2009

**TOM K. BRAASE**, diploma, arts and sciences, '63, Idaho Falls.

**VERNON K. BRASSEY**, AA, arts and sciences, '43, died Jan. 14 in Boise. Brassey spent much of his life in politics, serving two terms as a representative for Idaho and six terms as an Idaho State senator for District 14. Throughout his political career, he chaired numerous committees and oversaw the construction of many state buildings, including the Morrison Center at Boise State.

**WILLIAM "Bill" W. BRIGGS**, AA, arts and sciences, undeclared, '47, Boise.

**BARBARA A. CHOATE**, AS, nursing, '73, Kokomo, Ind.

**LESLIE F. COX**, AS, engineering, '37, Boise.

**BETTE L. DAVIDSON**, alumna, non-degreed, Albany, Ore.

**HOWARD G. HARRISON**, BBA, marketing, '73, Boise.

**WILLIAM C. "Christopher" HAWKES**, BBA, finance, '89, Boise.

**ROBERT "Bob" HENDERSON**, diploma, arts and sciences, '66, Boise.

**VERONICA E. HERRICK**, BS, sociology, '92, Weiser.

**JOSEPH JAHN**, BA, sociology, '76, Boise.

**TRACY L. JAMES**, BBA, management, '83, Boise.

**CARL W. JENSEN**, diploma, arts and sciences, '64, Shelley.

**KAREN R. KELSCH**, BBA, administrative services, '90, died of cancer Nov. 26 in Boise. Kelsch worked for Boise State for more than 20 years, most recently as management assistant to the dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. A talented musician, she loved playing the piano and organ and served on the board of the Les Bois Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for six years.

**BERT A. LANDON**, BA, elementary education, '73, Mountain Home.

**GLENDA C. LOOMIS**, BA, English teaching, '74, Great Barrington, Mass.

**THOMAS "Tom" MATNEY**, BA, visual arts, '79, Eugene, Ore.

**GLADYS L. SHELTON**, AS, nursing, '69, Boise.

**DAWN J. SPARKS**, BBA, general business management, '81, Boise.

**MINNIE R. THOMAS**, diploma, arts and sciences, '35, MA, education, reading, '73, died Oct. 23 in Boise. Thomas's extensive and diverse teaching career included kindergarten to master's level students in Idaho, California and Pennsylvania. In 1978, she was recognized in the "Who's Who Biographical Record" of school district officials. After her retirement she was elected to the Boise School Board, where she served a six-year term.

**MICHELE D. TOWELL**, CER, dental assisting, '86, Meridian.

**CHRIS J. WALLACE**, BBA, behavior management, '83, Boise.

**ROBERT A. WATERMAN**, AA, arts and sciences, '51, Star.

**JACK T. WIEDRICK SR.**, AS, arts and sciences, '65, Boise.

## FACULTY

**JEROLD O. DUGGER**, head of the Department of Teacher Education, 1964-1968.

**RUTH MCBIRNEY**, head librarian, 1954-1977, who passed in 1991, was honored posthumously in an exhibit at the American Library in Paris, France. McBirney worked at the library from 1947 to 1953, years before returning to her hometown of Boise to become head librarian of Boise Junior College. Borrowed from the Albertsons Library Special Collections, the exhibit features photographs, words and memorabilia from her work and life in Paris.

**CHAMAN L. SAHNI**, chairman of the Department of English, faculty emeritus, 1975-2000.

**FRANK H. SMARTT**, professor emeritus, Department of mathematics, 1991-2008.

**JOHN TAKEHARA**, professor emeritus, Department of Art, and an internationally recognized ceramic artist, 1968-1994.

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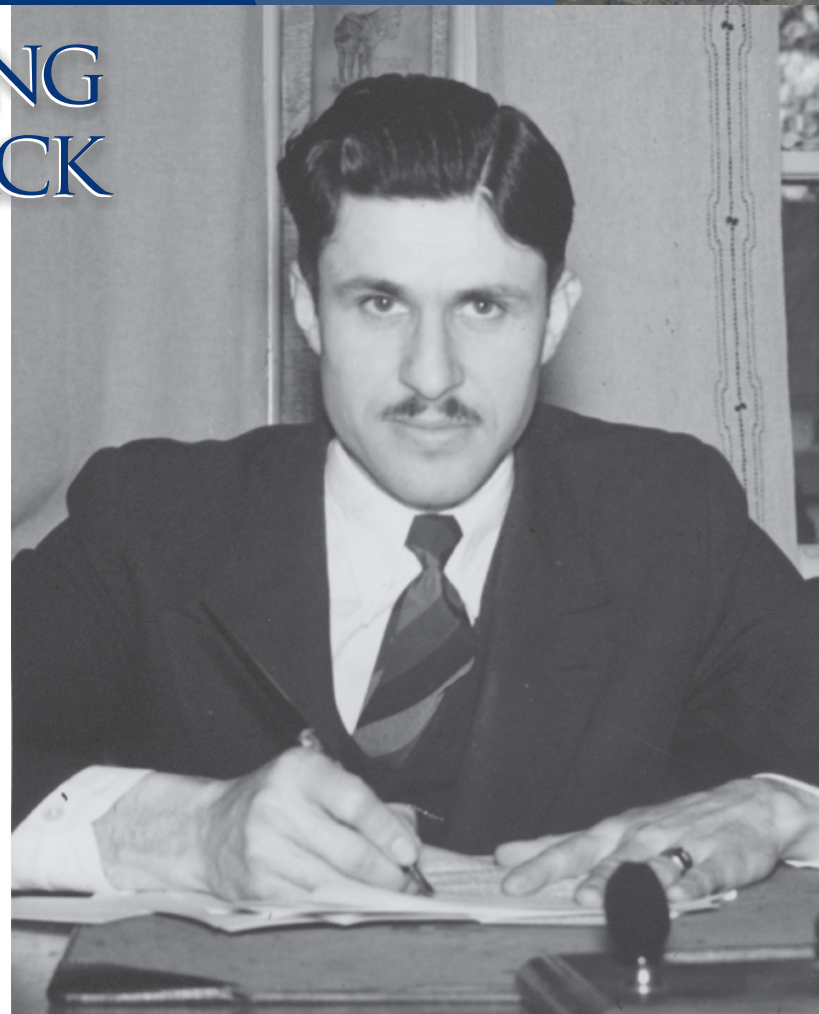
Although Boise State has grown and relocated since her college years, Lundell is still as engaged in the campus as she ever was. Her involvement includes service on the alumni board (1982-2000), becoming a lifetime honorary member of the Alumni Association (2000), and in 2005, receiving the Alumni Service Award for her dedication as an outstanding volunteer.

— As told to Stacey Hollingsworth



## LOOKING BACK

In 1932, Eugene Chaffee and seven other instructors became the first faculty of the newly created Boise Junior College. In 1936, Dr. Chaffee was selected as the first president of the college, which he led for 31 years. In 1976, he received the Boise State University Silver Medallion, the institution's highest award, for his contributions and devoted service. Dr. Chaffee died in 1992.



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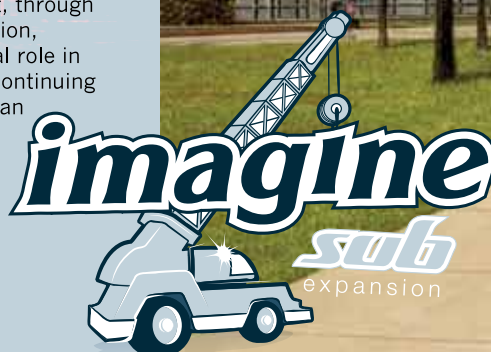
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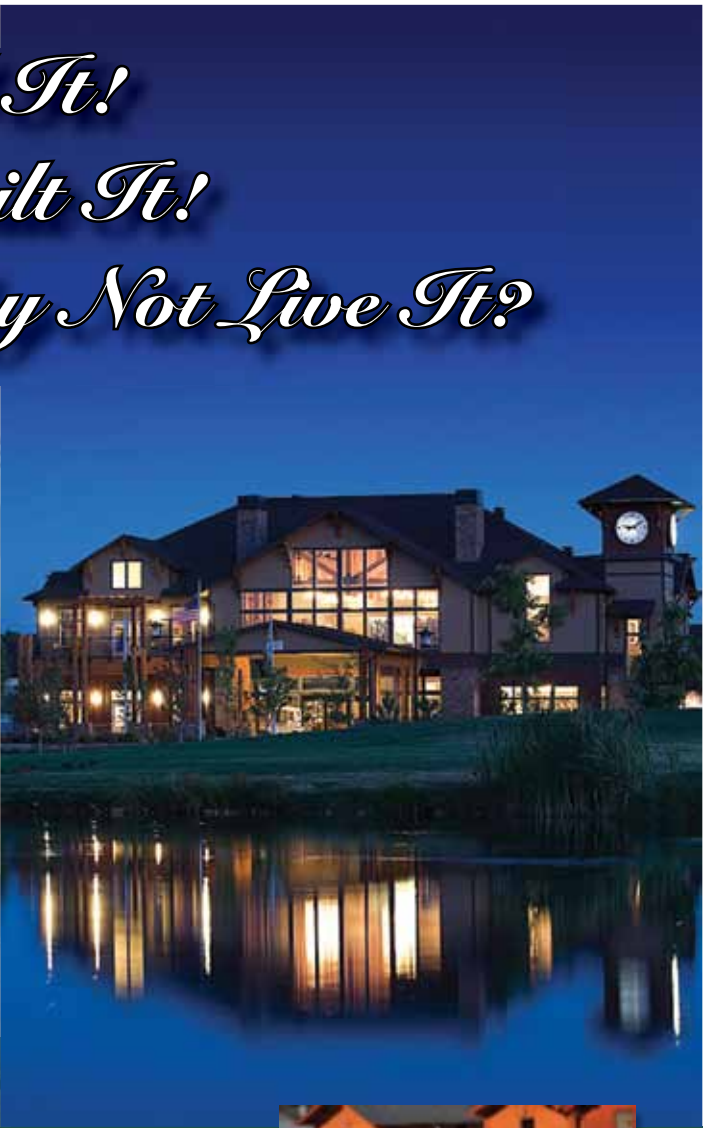
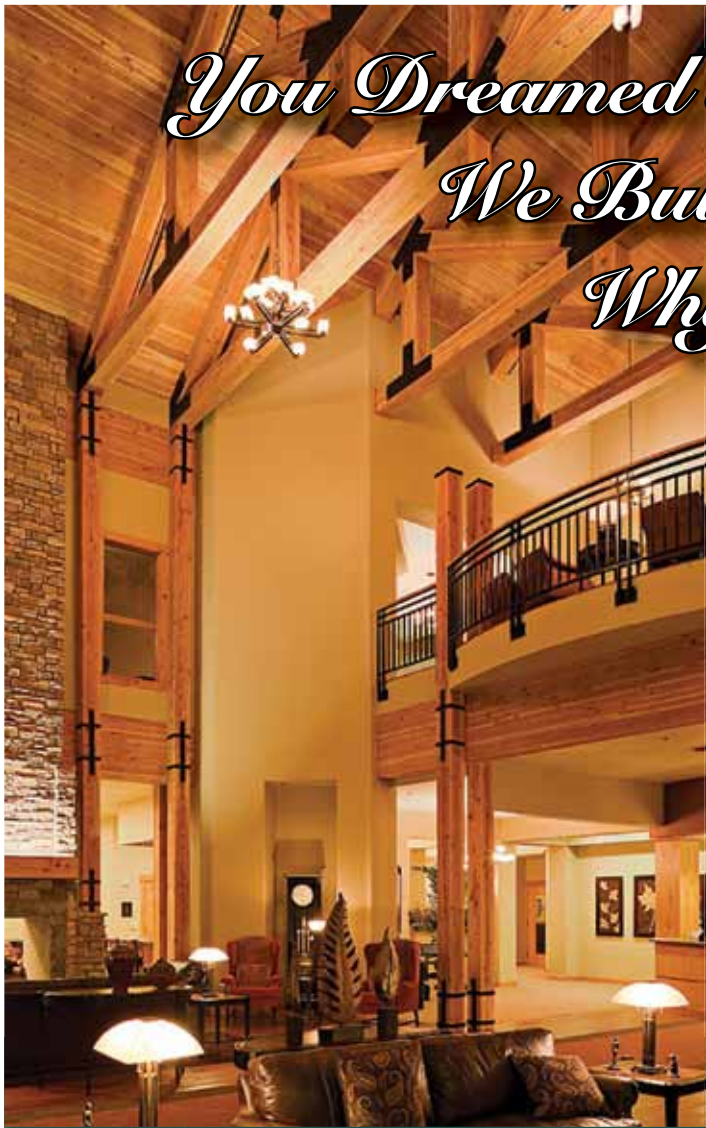
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