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BSU receives equity adjustment

After years of study and debate, the State Board of Education at its April meeting approved a $1 million "equity adjustment" for Boise State.

The money is intended to bring funding at BSU more in line with the other state universities. With the board's action, BSU will receive a larger share of the state appropriation in the future.

The equity issue has been at the top of BSU President John Keiser's agenda for almost 10 years. The $1 million adjustment is a "solution whose time is overdue," he says.

"We are pleased that the board took care of it. It will not only help us, but it will also allow us, perhaps, to get what has become a kind of shibboleth off the books," he says.

The money will be added to BSU's base budget. Much of it will go toward hiring 19 new faculty, many of those in high-demand disciplines such as English and math. With the new hires, BSU will be able to reduce the number of part-time faculty it uses and increase the pay of those who remain, says Keiser.

Other funds will be used to hire needed administrative staff, and graduate assistants, increase sabbatical leaves and keep some academic offices open during the summer.

"Most important, it will allow us to better meet what I think is the most compelling force, which is a large and important market that needs to be served," Keiser says.

With the equity adjustment, BSU will operate with a $40 million state-appropriated budget next year. That is a 10.2 percent, or $3.7 million, increase in funding over last year.

That compares with 6.7 percent and 7.2 percent increases for the University of Idaho and Idaho State, respectively.

Construction continues

BSU to buy Campus School soon

By mid-June Boise State's family of buildings will add a "new" member. Then, BSU will own Campus School, which has occupied a corner of the university's campus since the 1950s.

The building will become vacant in the summer of 1990 when a new school will open in southwest Boise. BSU will then move its political science department and several art professors into the remodeled building.

The Boise School District will use the $1.5 million purchase price to help pay for two new schools that were approved by voters in December.

BSU's purchase was made possible by a $1 million donation from Micron Technology. The university will borrow the remaining $500,000 internally from bond surplus funds.

"We won't go to the state to ask for additional money to purchase the building," says BSU President John Keiser. "We are pleased to come up with a way of handling it ourselves without burdening the state."

While BSU will take ownership of Campus School this spring, it will still be used by the school district for one more year. During that period, the district will lease the building from BSU for approximately $140,000.
After 21 years...
The Bullington era ends

By Larry Burke

After 21 years in the center of Boise State's rapid growth spiral, Richard Bullington will retire this summer.

How will he be remembered? There are so many ways, by so many people.

To football fans, he was an eager pass receiver in the alumni game who one year took a hit so hard that his helmet flew off and his socks came down.

To Board of Education members, he was a soft-spoken administrator who often convinced them to vote "yes" even when they didn't want to.

To two university presidents, he was a role player par excellence, a loyalist who always put the university first, himself second.

To faculty, he was a sympathetic listener, a man who hated to say "no" because he wanted to help so much.

To students, he was a friend who often took them into his home, an administrator who enjoyed them and drew energy from their presence.

And to the community, he was a valuable bridge to the university, a forger of partnerships and a selfless civic volunteer.

From the beginning, Bullington and his wife Pat worked as a team, weaving BSU into the fabric of their lives through their support of the Bronco Athletic Association, the Women of BSU, and many other campus organizations.

Dick Bullington's career at Boise State began in 1968 when he was plucked out of Arizona State by then-President John Barnes, who was looking for a ramrod to help develop Boise State College's growing academic and vocational programs.

Bullington, a former pilot, school principal and university department chairman, fit Barnes' job description.

"I was looking for a strong 'in-house' man, a person who could be the academic leader and adviser on the future," says Barnes. "Dick was very good — super smooth with faculty and administrators, and also with students. He was awfully good."

After a year as interim president in 1977-78, Bullington was just the helpmate the newly-appointed John Keiser needed to carry forward his agenda.

"When Nancy and I interviewed in 1978, we really weren't committed to coming here until we had lunch with Dr. Bullington. The pride, commitment, confidence and optimism he had were major reasons why we decided to come," says Keiser. "He has a perspective on BSU that gets past the shadows on the wall and gets to what the place can and should be."

During the '80s, Bullington solved problems that were different from those in the '70s. Rather than the budget growth of his earlier years, Bullington had to guide the university through painful budget reductions that cut into faculty and academic programs.

Even during those years, Bullington didn't lose his entrepreneurial spirit. Instead, he directed two important building projects, the BSU Pavilion and the Simplot/Micron Technology Center; led the successful effort to accredit the College of Business; helped develop much-needed master's degree programs, and led BSU's effort in distance education and use of technology.

But Bullington's legacy reaches beyond buildings and programs. It also touches people...the countless number of students and faculty he has helped as confidant, mentor and role model over the years.

Says Keiser: "I believe for a lot of us — specifically for me — he is a reason to be here. He clearly measures his value outside of salary. He has left his mark, and that is more significant than a few dollars in the checkbook."

Barnes says: "He can deal with people so smoothly and warmly, and yet achieve things. I don't think anyone can duplicate the depth and range of his contributions."

After his final commencement ceremony, the Bullingtons will retire to their new summer home on a lake near Bemiji, Minn.

But next fall he will be back on familiar territory, working part time at BSU on a series of special projects that include the establishment of a new Institute for Traffic Studies, a new master's degree for National Guard members, faculty development, and the Year of the Student.
Registration goes plastic

"Charge it!!"

That's what some Boise State University students will be saying when they sign up for summer school. For the first time, students will be able to put their registration fees on their Visa or Mastercards. The new payment plan is being offered through West One Bank, Idaho (formerly Idaho First National Bank). William Jensen, BSU's director of Continuing Education, anticipates that 50 percent of the 4,500 summer school students may pay with plastic. The "charge it" option may be extended to spring semester, says Gail Maloney, BSU's director of administrative services. Maloney says summer session is "a trial" for the program.

Several special programs are planned for the summer session. They include a porcelain workshop offered by BSU art professor John Takehara, a survey of contemporary Soviet life through film, and a biology course on insects, spiders and ticks for teachers. Students also can tour the Soviet Union, study Spanish in Mexico and attend the theater in London and Ashland, Ore.

The first of four summer school sessions begins June 5; the last ends Aug. 11. New and returning summer session students register May 1-31 at the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building. Students also can register June 2 and throughout the summer for classes that still are available.

Undergraduate fees are $61.75 per credit hour; graduate fees are $78.75 per credit hour.

Summer bulletins, which include class schedules and applications for admission and credit cards, are available by calling BSU Continuing Education at 385-3293 or 385-1709. They can be picked up at the Registrar's Office.

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Sabbatical spawns Life Services

When Boise State social work professor Doug Yunker took a sabbatical last semester, not only did he research the problems that plagued the incapacitated elderly and the disabled, but he also formed an agency that would provide services to help them live as independently as possible. Last year, Yunker interviewed 56 local agencies to learn what services were absent from their programs. What resulted from his extensive research was Life Services, a program designed to supplement any other agencies of which members are clients.

Life Services, which officially began last January, offers assistance ranging from personal housekeeping, home maintenance and lawn mowing to daily money management. This aid, Yunker says, will allow many elderly and disabled adults who might become institutionalized to remain in their own homes.

Because the government provides service for just the medical needs of the incapacitated and elderly, many of these individuals would only receive help when they were ill or injured. Once they recovered, they would again be left without assistance. Life Services is designed to bridge that gap in services. Since Life Services is non-profit, the cost of each service is minimal and the one-time membership fee is $50.

There are only 25 Life Services program members right now, but Yunker is expecting many more to join. A major goal of the program is for the membership to grow large enough that service fees will be reduced.

BSU to charge night parkers

Parking places at Boise State University are a precious commodity — particularly at night. To help ease the evening gridlock, BSU has reintroduced a night permit parking plan that will go into effect in the fall.

There will be a $5 permit charge per year for parking from 3 p.m. to 7 a.m. on campus. Daytime permits will be valid in the evening. The plan is expected to provide better access and control of the nighttime traffic flow on campus, says Bob Seiboldt, BSU's director of Parking Services. "Students, staff and faculty were concerned that there was inadequate parking on campus because there was no parking permit control."

Permits will mean fewer evening students circling lots searching for parking places, Seiboldt says. "And the less traffic, the safer pedestrians are."

The entire stadium parking lot will remain an open parking lot, with no permit required at any time. Patrons of programs at the Morrison Center, Pavilion and for athletic events will be allowed to park free. Parking for smaller events will be managed on "a case-by-case basis," Seiboldt says.

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Cade wins honor

Boise State University biologist Tom Cade has been selected to receive one of the nation's highest awards for ornithology.

The Arthur A. Allen Award is given annually by the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. Cade received the award at a presentation April 14 in New York City.

Cade, director of raptor research at BSU, founded The Peregrine Fund in 1970 to prevent the extinction of the falcon in North America. The captive breeding techniques developed by Cade are now being used at the World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise to save several other endangered raptor species.

Since 1970, more than 2,600 captive-reared peregrines have been released, resulting in the re-establishment of the species in North America.

Cade has published more than 150 articles and scientific papers and three books, including Falcons of the World in 1982. He joined the BSU faculty in 1988 after working at Cornell for 20 years.
Peck, Connor finish BSU careers

On the basketball court and in the studio, they have helped hundreds of students gain new skills. After more than 30 years each in the classroom, Doran “Bus” Connor and Louis Peck are retiring from Boise State University.

An assistant professor of physical education, Connor led the Bronco men’s basketball team from 1973-80. The 1975-76 season was a big one for Connor — the Broncos won the Big Sky championship and he was named Big Sky Coach of the Year.

He got his start in teaching in 1954 as a social science instructor and basketball coach at Rigby High School, then moved on to Idaho Falls High School and Idaho State University. Connor joined Boise State College in 1966 as an assistant basketball and football coach.

Over the years, he has taught at numerous summer athletic camps and officiated sports from badminton to weightlifting.

Peck’s work is familiar to artists throughout Idaho and the Northwest. An accomplished watercolorist, he has been chairman of the BSU art department for 33 years.

A native of Shoshone and graduate of Boise Junior College, Peck has exhibited work in juried exhibits around the world. He has had more than 40 one-man shows and received numerous honors.

In addition to his BSU teaching experience, Peck has guided students at summer sessions at the College of Idaho and Brigham Young University.

Peck also is a familiar face in the artistic community as a judge at art exhibits in Idaho and Utah and at watercolor demonstrations and workshops throughout the Northwest, Hawaii, Canada and Spain.

Ralph W. Hansen and Bob Jameson are relative newcomers to campus, but their varied backgrounds have been valuable to BSU faculty and students. Hansen and Jameson also are retiring in May.

Hansen, associate librarian at BSU, came to the school in 1979 and was given responsibility for public and technical services at the BSU Library.

From 1984 to 1988, Hansen oversaw processing of 1,100 boxes of material from the collection of the late Idaho Sen. Frank Church.

He began his career as a reference librarian at Brigham Young University in 1953 and joined the Stanford University library in 1962, where he established the university archives.

A special lecturer in the College of Business’ management department, Jameson received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Boise State University. He joined the BSU faculty in 1979 as director of the College of Business Professional Development Program and was an adjunct lecturer before being named special lecturer in 1980.
Vonnegut to give Hemingway talk

Ernest Hemingway knew when he set foot in Idaho that he was embarking on a lifelong love affair. He was taken with the place and its people.

The 50th anniversary of his arrival in the state and a novel he wrote while living in the Wood River Valley will be celebrated with a three-day conference in June in Boise and Sun Valley. Writer Kurt Vonnegut Jr., playwright John DeGroot, North Carolina State University professor Michael Reynolds and University of Montana professor Gerry Brenner are among the scholars to gather June 9-11 to honor Hemingway and his award-winning novel For Whom the Bell Tolls.

Hosted by the Boise State University Hemingway Western Studies Center, the conference begins in Boise and travels to Sun Valley where scholars will deliver papers and tour Hemingway haunts.

Participants may register either for the Boise events ($30) or for the full conference ($55).

Boise events include a Basque dinner, performance by the Oinkari Basque dancers, a keynote address by Vonnegut, a reception for Vonnegut and one paper session.

The full conference fee covers the Boise events, round-trip transportation between Boise and Sun Valley, film screenings of The Spanish Earth and For Whom the Bell Tolls, a tour of Hemingway sites, two Sun Valley paper sessions and the seminar.

A Saturday evening dinner at Trail Creek Cabin is available at an additional cost.

Reservations are due May 20 for those who would like to get a reduced room rate at the Sun Valley Lodge.

For additional information, contact Rena Sanderson, BSU English Department, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725.

The conference is supported in part by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities; BSU Student Programs Board; BSU Foundation; and the BSU Hemingway Western Studies Center.
Five earn state research grants

Five Boise State professors were awarded research grants totaling $107,374 by the Idaho Board of Education in late February.

A total of $628,958, appropriated by the Legislature for university research, was divided among BSU, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College. An Arlington, Va., firm, ERA Corp., performed the initial screening of research proposals submitted by Idaho's public institutions of higher education. The final awards were made by the Board's research committee.

Research proposals funded include:
- A $34,623 award to biology professor Alfred Dufty to study the role of vocalizations in brown-headed cowbirds.
- A $25,270 award to health, physical education and recreation professor Linda Petlichkoff to study the dropout rate of student athletes in Idaho public schools.
- A $26,448 award to professor of mathematics Sidney Porter to work on one of the most fundamental unsolved mathematical problems: the decoding of codes constructed on algebraic curves.
- A $13,847 award to psychology professor Garvin Chastain to study the nature of visual spatial attention.
- A $7,186 award to philosophy professor Alan Brinton to conduct library research and study in Scotland and England on 18th century sermons dealing with the passions or emotions.

This is the second year state research grants have been awarded.

Gifts, jewelry, cards, magazines, posters, housewares and assorted twentieth-century items of interest. All this and an espresso bar.
Professors teach the teachers

Boise State math and science professors are taking their expertise to Idaho's public school teachers under projects funded by the Education for Economic Security Act (EESA).

This spring, biology professors Richard McCloskey and Russell Centanni and chemistry professor Loren Carter joined area drug abuse specialists to teach more than 60 elementary school teachers on the "Biological and Chemical Effects of Drugs and Alcohol." McCloskey says the workshops were designed to educate teachers in such areas as genetics, biochemistry and neurobiology - "things that will often scare elementary teachers away," - while teaching them about drug abuse.

The professors were teamed with John Southworth, community outreach director from Mercy Medical Center; Mary Ann Brothers, health promotion specialist from St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center; and Lynn McCloskey, substance abuse specialist for the Boise Public Schools. The team conducted three separate workshops in Glenns Ferry, McCall and Boise.

A variety of math and science workshops for public school teachers is being held at Boise State this summer. Courses in physics, behavioral ecology, earth science, algebra, trigonometry, geometry and calculus are being offered under the EESA-funded project. The EESA grant provides public school teachers with stipends of $75 to attend the workshops.

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Legislature OKs Tech Building payment

After a session-long debate, the Idaho Legislature decided in March to make the first payment on Boise State's new Technology Building.

Nearly every legislator had an opinion on how to fund... or not to fund... the controversial building. In the end, $500,000 was appropriated to make the first payment to the BSU Foundation, which will own the building and lease it to the university until the $5 million purchase price and interest are paid.

The building was put on a fast-track schedule last winter as part of an economic development plan to encourage Micron Technology, one of the nation's top computer chip manufacturers, to expand in Boise, rather than Portland, Ore.

One of the problems Micron faced in Boise was a lack of technical education, a problem state and BSU officials addressed by constructing the Technology Building to house an expanded curriculum in engineering and manufacturing technology.

Because of the accelerated construction schedule, legislators were never given the opportunity to approve or disapprove of the project prior to the request for funding.

That led to a barrage of complaints throughout the session.

"It was a different and unusual method of funding," says BSU President John Keiser.

"I regret that people became so vigorously anti-Boise and anti-Boise State, because I think it is an excellent way to fund buildings, particularly those related to economic development," A variety of funding plans were proposed during the session, including one to pay the full $5 million cost from a "Christmas tree" bill that included construction projects on every Idaho campus.

In the end, legislators approved BSU's original request, which was for an annual lease payment of $500,000.

Will BSU have to scrap for that amount every year for the life of the lease? Keiser hopes not.

"The Legislature began a process that I'm convinced they will continue, as they do with their other leases throughout the state," he says.

The structural work will be completed by late summer. The building will open on a limited basis in the fall, but most classrooms and labs will open for the next spring semester.

The Technology Building will house BSU's programs in manufacturing technology, construction management and pre-engineering, and the University of Idaho's courses in engineering.

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A new dean takes the helm of a new college this fall at Boise State University.

Dr. George P. Waldheim, chairman of the department of industrial technology at California State University at Chico, has been named dean of the College of Technology. Waldheim will assume his duties July 1.

As head of the College of Technology, he will supervise programs in vocational technical education, pre-engineering, construction management and applied sciences. He will also direct the opening of a new $5 million Technology Building.

Waldheim is a former dean of business, engineering and science at Muskingum Area Technical College in Zanesville, Ohio.

From 1961 to 1971, he was plant manager of Waldheim Iron Works Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y. A certified manufacturing engineer, Waldheim earned his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

BSU earns honor for adult program

Boise State was honored in March by US West for the university’s services to adult learners.

BSU participates in PATHWAYS to the Future, a program that gives U.S. West employees the opportunity to take short-term courses or return to college. In Idaho, 280 employees have enrolled.

An individual award went to BSU student Martha Hamilton, an estimate line assigner with U.S. West who began college in 1987 under the PATHWAYS program.

Correction

In the last issue, three names were omitted from an article about the Friends of Nursing. Those who should have been included on the board of directors include Jody Demeyer, chairperson; Arnold Good, and Marilyn Haynes.

Friends of Nursing is a community group established to support nursing education at BSU. FOCUS regrets the error.
Preserving the Game published

J.R. Jones, born May 10, 1873, in Gouge Eye, Calif., built a life based on the strategies of poker. In his adventurous career as a big game hunter, homesteader, merchant, conservationist and author, Jones was ever the gambler. Indeed, when his regular business ventures hit rough times, Jones would supplement his income by playing poker in his adopted hometown of Jackson Hole, Wyo.

But, fortunately, Jones did continue writing, both fiction and nonfiction, un-

til his death in 1936. His articles and short stories have now been published in a new book, *Preserving the Game*, by Boise State University’s Hemingway Western Studies Center.

The book includes a preface by environmentalist and longtime Jackson Hole resident Margaret Murie, and additional text by Jones’ granddaughter-in-law Reade Dornan, an English professor at the University of Michigan, Flint.

Jones was an avid hunter who, after witnessing the slaughter of elk for their ivory teeth, became an ardent conservationist. Perhaps his most notable contributions were his efforts to establish national park designation for the Grand Tetons. In the summer of 1919, when the National Park Service was first openly considering park designation for the Tetons, Jones was the sole resident of Jackson Hole to support the notion. He was condemned and ostracized by his friends and neighbors for his unpopular stand. Dornan writes authoritatively about Jones and his efforts on behalf of Grand Teton National Park.

For his part, Jones’ articles deal with gambling in the gold camps, prospecting, his own (mis)adventures at homesteading in Jackson Hole, hunting, the plight of pronghorn and elk, and natural catastrophes.

“Preserving the Game” is edited by BSU English professor Tom Trusky and includes photographs and maps. The book is available at the BSU Bookstore and regional book shops for $14.95. The book can be ordered by mail for an additional $1.50 from the BSU Bookstore, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725.
Foundation News

Pavilion gets scoreboard

BSU Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier, right, thanks West One president Bob Lane for the bank’s $263,000 donation to purchase a new scoreboard for the BSU Pavilion.

Penning Memorial Scholarship Established

Intermountain Gas Co., with friends and business associates of the late Reed Penning have established and funded a memorial scholarship with the Boise State University Foundation in honor of the company’s former executive vice president, who died in January. Penning was a trustee for the BSU Foundation.

Commenting on the scholarship, Intermountain Gas Co. President William Glynn said, “This memorial will serve as a constant reminder of the impact of Mr. Penning’s vision for the natural gas industry on the Idaho economy. We are pleased to establish this at an institution and with the foundation where Reed served as a trustee.”

Contributions to the Reed Penning Memorial Scholarship may be made to the Boise State University Foundation, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725.

Giving Notes

- Daniel Thomas has donated $2,000 to a tennis scholarship in his name and $3,000 to athletics.
- The Vocational Technical Scholarship fund has been received nearly $500 in memory of Lyle Trapp, a former BSU vocational technical instructor, who passed away in March.
- Steven R. Appleton has donated $2,000 for the establishment of a scholarship in his name.
- Broadway Center Merchants Association donated $500 to the general scholarship fund as part of its BSU Appreciation Days celebration in April.
- All Kitchens has donated $2,800 to the Vocational-Technical Culinary Arts Program.
- Kevia Voyles has donated 50 shares of W.A. Krueger Co. stock, valued at $515, to the Frank Church Chair for Public Affairs.
- Jon Barnes donated $2,000 to the College of Business scholarship fund.
- Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood donated $2,000 for university enrichment.

Marching band van donated

Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band director David Wells stands beside the 1989 Safari van donated by Keith Stein and Dan Thomas for use by the band.

New Foundation Executive Director Hired

Robert S. Fritsch will become executive director of the Boise State University Foundation effective May 15.

Fritsch has been the senior development associate at St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas, since 1981. He has also served as director of development at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. and as special assistant to the president at Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga.

Fritsch earned his BA in economics and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame.
THEATRE ARTS

Rod Ceballos and Helen Lojek of the English department coordinated the High School Theatre Arts Festival in March at BSU.

Phil Atlaakson wrote and produced the December departmental production, "Weeding the Field." The play was presented in Seattle and Sun Valley last November, and at the American College Theatre Festival in Grand Junction, Colo., in January. Atlaakson has adjudicated performances at Idaho State University, Ricks College and Lewis-Clark State College. His essay, "Writing with Holes," appeared in Script, the Northwest playwright's guild letter.

William Shankweller directed the departmental production of "Antigone," and is serving as Boise Little Theatre's consulting director for the 1988-89 season.

Charles Lauterbach was granted sabbatical leave fall semester 1988 to do historical research for publication.

Stephen Buss served as set designer for "Antigone," set and light designer for Boise Opera's production of "Tosca," and director of the musical theatre production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Buss is also serving as chairman of the Inland Northwest Region of the United States Institute of Theatre Technology.

Sandra Cavanaugh visited New York in December for a film project and met with a representative from National Theatre for Great Britain. She adjudicated and offered workshops at the American College Theatre Festival last fall.

Jole Allred, director of the BSU dance theatre, was choreographer for "Fiddler on the Roof." 

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES

Gary Craychey is completing an article titled "The Challenges of Using Rating Scales for Interviewing in the Student Selection Process." He also was re-elected to the position of historian of the Western Intercollegiate Consortium on Education in Radiologic Technology.

Tom Kraker is completing his term as chairman of the board of directors of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. He has also been appointed to represent the American Society of Radiologic Technologists at the interorganizational summit on manpower in radiologic technology.

MANAGEMENT

William Wines, Nancy Napier, and John Bigelow presented papers at the Western Academy of Management (WAM) conference held in San Francisco in March. Wines and Napier presented "Toward an Understanding of Cross-Cultural Ethics: A Model," and Bigelow's topic was "Developing a Computerized Interationalional Partner: Rule Versus Frame-Based Approaches."

Bigelow, secretary-treasurer on the WAM executive committee, also presented a six-hour session on the use of microcomputer programs in management teaching.

Napier was among 17 American and foreign professors selected to attend the three-week "Winterim" program at the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in Glendale, Ariz.

ARTS & SCIENCES

In its second annual Faculty Recognition Awards ceremony, the College of Arts & Sciences has honored four of its faculty members for distinguished contributions. Recipients are Monte Wilson, geology and geophysics, Award for Distinguished Teaching; Marc Bechard, biology, Award for Distinguished Research in the Sciences or Mathematics; Alan Brinton, philosophy, Award for Distinguished Research or Creativity in the Arts of Humanities; and Jack Dalton, chemistry, Award for Professionally Related Service.

GEOLGY & GEOPHYSICS

Spencer Wood presented a paper, "Seismic Stratigraphy of Neogene Lacustrine Sediments, Western Snake River Plain, Idaho," at the American Association of Petroleum Geologists research conference at Snowbird, Utah. The paper was co-authored by David Hawk of the J.R. Simplot Co.

Another of Wood's papers has been accepted for presentation at a Geological Society of America Symposium on Neogene Volcanism in the Cordilleran Western U.S. in May at Spokane, Wash.

Wood was guest speaker and panelist at the Federal Emergency Management Agency Course, "Earthquake Hazard Mitigation for Utility Lifeline Systems" and spoke to the McCall Rotary Club in January about Idaho earthquakes.


Graduate student David Lawrence's paper, "Geologic Field Trip Guide to the Northwest Scenic Creek Area, Malheur County, Oregon," has been published by Oregon Geology.

ENGLISH

Lonnie Willis made a presentation on the role of the hero and myth in contemporary culture in conjunction with the "Superman: Many Lives, Many Worlds" exhibit at the Boise Art Museum.

Linda Zaerr has been named the American faculty member of the 1990 London spring term program sponsored by the Northwest Inter-institutional Council on Study Abroad. She will teach two courses and will lead a variety of excursions while in London.

SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION


Baker's article, "Refugee Assimilation: A Study of Polish and Czech Refugees," was accepted for publication in the Spring/Summer '89 issue of Humboldt Journal of Social Relations.

"Backtracking: Ancient Art of Southern Idaho," a project that will illuminate the aesthetic achievements of Idaho's prehistoric residents, has been funded by the Idaho Humanities Council. Max Pavlicek will serve as co-director of the project. The culminating exhibit from the project will be shown at BSU in the fall of 1990.

TEACHER EDUCATION

Jette Morache spoke on "Study Skills for Dyslexic College Students" at the Western College Reading and Learning Association spring conference in Seattle.

William Kirland spoke on "The Values of Reading Independently."" at Centennial High School's "Read Week" this spring.

Kirland and Lamont Lyons represented BSU at the spring Ricks College Transfer Fair in Rexburg.

Lyons made two presentations at the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference on Social Studies Education in Provo, Utah, this spring: "Why Do We Teach Social Studies? Attempting to Place the Horse Before the Cart," and "Martin Luther King and Non-Violent Action: Teaching Suggestions for Upper Elementary."

Carroll Lambert was awarded the Early Childhood Educators award for 1989. Her recent presentations include a workshop on learning centers, "Turning On an Elementary Classroom," to primary teachers from Fruitland, New Plymouth, Payette and Ontario, Ore., and "Creating the Environment to Best Suit Your Teaching Style" to the Treasure Valley Association for the Education of Young Children.
Several of the learning games made by students in Lambert's Creating Materials Workshop will be displayed at the Canyon County Association for the Education of Young Children Conference at Northwest Nazarene College. Lambert and Thel Pearson gave a workshop to second-grade teachers from the Boise Public School District on using manipulatives and interest centers to increase math skills.


Joan Suedmeyer presented a workshop, "Outlining Without Fear," at the spring meeting of the Boise and Heartland reading councils. She also attended the International Reading Association annual convention and led the workshop "Visual Outlining Strategies for Enhancing Reading, Writing, and Studying."

Virgil Young delivered a paper at the Seattle meeting of the National Social Science Association. The paper, "Lessons Learned from Writing an Elementary School Textbook," will be published in Social Science Perspectives later this year.

ART

John Takehara was invited to exhibit his work at the International Ceramic Conference in Arizona and the National Council of Education for Ceramic Art (NCECA) in Missouri. Two of his pieces were shown at the Northern Arizona University Gallery, which is hosting the ceramic conference, and four pieces were shown at the Media Gallery in Kansas City, Mo., where the NCEC A conference was held.

Cheryl Shurtleff was invited to represent Idaho in the 14th annual Invitational Drawing Exhibition organized by the Empik Art Gallery at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. Photograph instructors Brent Smith and Howard Huff had work accepted in the Mountain West Biennial Photography Exhibition, and one of Smith's photographs was selected for a purchase award. The exhibit will be shown at Utah State University this summer.

Huff and Smith also displayed photographs of the Idaho landscape in the School of Art Gallery at Louisiana State University last November. Huff's work has been included in an exhibition featuring 16 Pacific Northwest artists. The exhibit, Field and Stream, was shown this spring at Petit Robert Art Gallery on the University of Idaho campus and will be shown Aug. 5 through Oct. 22 at the Boise Art Museum.


Killmaster exhibited enamel relief work in the 1990 Pacific Northwest Art Exposition held in Seattle during October.

PSYCHOLOGY

Garvin Chastain has received funding from the Idaho State Board of Education for his project, "An Experimental Evaluation of Three Models of Visual Spatial Attention."

Chastain presented "Probe Identification and Distance from the Target of Moving Attention" at the joint convention of Western and Rocky Mountain psychological associations in Reno, Nev., in April. He has also recently served as special reviewer for Perception & Psychophysics.

EDUCATION

Richard Hart was recently installed as president of the Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities (TECSCU). TECSCU is the teacher education subgroup of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Hart will serve as president until February 1990.

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

Sherman Button was elected as the Northwest delegate to the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) and attended the organization's national meeting in Boston during April.

The Northwest AAHPERD conference was held at BSU during March. At that meeting, Button was given the "honor" award, bestowed annually to a member for meritorious service to the organization and the profession.

MUSIC

Duplanaists Madeleine Hsu and Del Parkinson recently presented the recital "A Concert of French Music for Two Pianoes" at the Kerr Center, Scottsdale, Ariz., in celebration of the bicentennial of the French Revolution. Hsu also presented a solo concert for the benefit of the Arizona Circle of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America and the Warsaw Conservatory of Music.

Hsu is on sabbatical leave from the university and is studying Latin American music, languages, and civilizations at Arizona State University. She recently spent 10 days in the Yucatan peninsula, Mexico, studying the Mayan civilization.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Hsu was recently named Master Teacher by the Music Teachers National Association.

Malvin Shelton completed several composition projects while on sabbatical leave during the fall semester. Completed works include "Centennial 1990," a collection of tunes popular during the year Idaho became a state; an original work commissioned by the music department, to premier at a concert next year; "Timberline," a tribute to Mark Shoenmaker that premiered at the President's Concert in April; and "Western Impressions," a concerto piece that will be used during the Idaho Centennial celebration.

Shelton recently served as adjudicator for the Gem State League Marching Band Festival, Pocatello; the Invitational Marching Band Contest, Paco; Wash., and the Blackfoot Invitational Marching Band Contest, Pocatello.

Shelton was guest conductor-clinician for the Gem State League Honor Band at Bonneville High School in January. Included in the program was his original composition, "An American Celebration." He also served as conducting clinician during the Northwest Music Educators National Convention held at BSU in February.

ATHLETICS

Ed Jacoby has been appointed by The Athletics Congress (TAC) to a four-year term as chairman of the TAC/USA National Committee for Men's Development. As chairman, Jacoby will coordinate coaching efforts and training philosophies of men's track and field events throughout the country in preparation for the 1992 Olympics.

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Marjorie Williamson, business and special programs division, was elected president of the Idaho Business Education Association for the 1984-85 academic year.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Gary Moncrief's article "Reapportionment and the Puzzle of Representation" has been accepted for publication in the May 1989 issue of The Legislative Studies Quarterly.

Moncrief has co-authored a book, State Legislative Career Patterns, which has been ac-
Gregory Raymond presented his paper "When Nations Arbitrate" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in London in March. He was also invited to present his research on the NATO alliance at an April conference at Rutgers University.


Willard Overgaard served on a discussion panel on "Restructuring Soviet Internal Politics" at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Salt Lake City.

Steven Sallie presented his paper "Open Economies and Repressive Politics Within the Third World" at the International Studies Association annual meeting in London during March.

Richard Kinney served as chair of the panel "State Budgeting in the United States" at the annual meeting of the American Society for Public Administration in Miami.

John Freemuth's article "The National Parks: Political Versus Professional Determinants of Policy" has been accepted for publication in The Public Administration Review. He has also authored two articles on the proposed Sawtooth National Park, appearing in Outdoors West and Idaho's Economy.

Freemuth was an invited speaker at the Science and National Parks conference at the Grand Canyon, April 1989.

In November, he was invited to present a research paper on "Cross-Boundary Impacts on Federal Lands" at the Western Social Science Association annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., in March.

Stephanie Witt will join the faculty in August 1989 as an assistant professor. She is currently completing her Ph.D. at Washington State University. Her co-authored article, "Facility Attitudes Toward Affirmative Action," has been accepted for publication in the Western Journal of Black Studies.

NURSING

June Penner was awarded the fifth annual Faculty Library Award for excellence in library-oriented teaching.

Joann Vahey recently presented "The Aging Workforce: Policy Implications for Corporate America" to the Idaho Association of Affirmative Action Directors, and "Elder Care: Corporate Agenda of the 1990s" to the Mayor's Committee for Employment of Handicapped and Older Workers.

Vahey attended the national meeting of the American Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, where she made a presentation on newly established academic standards that regulate gerontology programs in colleges and universities. Vahey is a member of the academic standards committee.

Vahey and Mary Lou Long are co-recipients of a grant from the Western Institute of Nursing to implement a state seminar for registered nurses, "Essentials of Quality Nursing Care of the Elderly," which was offered earlier this spring.

Jackie Fuller has authored a chapter in the book The Effective Education Secretary, which will be published by ETC Publications of Palm Springs, Calif. Her contribution is titled "The Effective Higher Education Secretary."

CHEMISTRY

Robert Hibbs has received an award for distinguished service from the Institute of Food Technologists, Intermountain Section. He served as the institute's first chairman in 1962 and has served in other capacities for many years.

PAVILION

Dexter King is completing his final year as chairman of the Board of Regents of the School for Public Assembly Facility Management in Ogletay Park, W.Va.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean Thomas Stitzel has been appointed to the board of trustees of Boston-based SteinRoe Variable Investment Trust.

HISTORY

Charles Odahl presented a paper on "A Pagan's Reaction to Constantine's Conversion — Religious References in the Trier Panegyric of 313 A.D." at the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest Conference in April at the University of Victoria, Canada.

Odahl chaired a session on "Reports of Far Off Places: Medieval Western Travel Accounts of Constantinople and Scandinavia" at the Rocky Mountain Medieval & Renaissance Association conference in April at the Grand Canyon Lodge, Ariz. Odahl is a past president and executive council member of the association.

PHILOSOPHY

Alan Brinton presented his paper "Hutcheson's Essay on the Passions" at the Northwest Conference on Philosophy in November, and "The Outmoded Psychology of Aristotle's Rhetoric" at the meeting of the Western States Communication Association in February.

Brinton's paper, "Appeal to the Angry Emotions," has been accepted for publication in the journal Informal Logic. He has also received Idaho State Board of Education grant funding for research on "The Passions as Subject Matter in 18th Century British Sermons."

SOCIAL WORK

Doug Yunker recently attended an American Society on Aging meeting in Washington, D.C. He has been invited to attend the National Association for Rural Mental Health conference in Madison, Wis., and the Council on Social Work Education Baccalaureate Program directors meeting in San Diego, later this year to present a workshop on "HIV AIDS: Intervention and Teaching Strategies."

LIBRARY

Ralph Hansen attended "Understanding Congress: A Bicentennial Research Conference" held in Washington, D.C., during February.

Hansen's article, "The Franklin Church Papers at Boise State University," was published in the January, 1989 Senate History newsletter, which was distributed at the conference.

After many years of service to the library, Hansen is retiring at the end of May.

PHYSICS

Dewey Dykstra has been elected to the executive board of the American Association of Physics Teachers and has co-authored a guide to an instructional videotape for introductory physics classes.

"What if...? The tape and accompanying manual were presented at the 1989 joint winter meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Phyiscal Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

BIOLOGY

Graduate students Jody Carter and Alison Beck recently made a presentation about animal adaptations to 75 fourth-grade students at Valley View School.


ENGLISH

Druk Zilinsky has been elected to a three-year term on the executive committee of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, a constituent group of the National Council of Teachers of English.
Core of the Campus
A special section
They represent a bewildering variety of backgrounds, these Boise State students. From freshmen who have never left home to war-toughened Vietnam veterans, they all converge on campus, seeking the opportunities that higher education provides.

Some are wealthy, others are not. Some are blind, and will never see a teacher. Others are deaf, and will never hear a lecture. They range in age from 16 to 81.

In today’s BSU student body come people from every social and economic background imaginable, from small towns and huge cities, from farms and urban housing projects, from every county in Idaho, 40 states and 33 foreign countries.

Unlike more homogenous campuses, there is no such thing as a “typical” student at Boise State. Because of its urban location, BSU attracts an unusually large population of students who are returning to the classroom after years of experience managing a home or business.

At BSU, these “non-traditional” students mix with recent high school graduates to form an 11,700-member student body that is a cosmopolitan blend of ages, tastes, races and personal histories. This blend gives BSU’s student body its distinct personality. Using facts and figures from several university reports, here is a description of that personality.

- The age of BSU’s full-time student population is younger than many might think. The median age (one-half of the students are above that age and one-half are below it) for full-time students is 22.
- The median age for part-time students, however, is 32.
- The “average” age, for all BSU students is 28.6, but 17 percent of the student body is under 20. Forty students are older than 70.
- Last fall women outnumbered men 6,505 to 5,165. Most of that difference

Keiser: BSU dedicated to educational quality

This year...the Year of the Student...Boise State is focusing its efforts on the improvement of the services it provides to students. The agenda was set during the spring semester, and the main Year of the Student committee and two subcommittees are now working on a long list of goals.

The two subcommittees, one on improving instruction and the other on improving university services, are already working on a specific list of 30 projects, including a Year of the Student scholarship campaign, photo student identification cards, review of the core curriculum, automation of financial aid services, and improvement of academic services.

The goal of the Year of the Student agenda is to enhance the quality of education at BSU, says President John Keiser.

“The contention that we exist to serve students deserves examination,” he said at a student convocation in January. “The task is to listen to students, categorize, prioritize, and act as effectively as we are able. Most important is the message that Boise State is dedicated to achieving educational quality in your field of interest,” Keiser told students.

While the Year of the Student officially ends Dec. 31, 1989, the university will continue to work on the year’s agenda until most of the projects are complete, according to committee chair Richard Bullington.
comes from part-time students...women (2,276) almost double men (1,280) who attend part time.

- Women have a higher grade average than men — 2.68 to 2.41.
- Ninety-three percent of BSU's student body comes from Idaho. Ada County accounts for 63 percent.
- Students majoring in business made up 26 percent of BSU's enrollment. There were 3,142 business students last fall.
- Arts and Sciences is the second largest college, with 2,335 majors.
- Interest in elementary education has rebounded from earlier in the decade. Last year there were 644 majors, compared to a low of 422 in 1980.
- Enrollment in the baccalaureate program in nursing has jumped fourfold since 1980 — from 55 to 223 students.
- The most popular majors at BSU are general business (784), elementary education (644), accounting (527) and communication (347).
- Freshmen account for the most withdrawals. Of the 1,305 students who withdrew last year, 569 were freshmen. In addition, many freshman do not return for their sophomore year. Last year the freshman class had 2,000 more students than the sophomore class.
- About 900 students return each year after "stopping out." Another 980 transfer from junior colleges and other schools.
- Of the total baccalaureate degrees awarded last May, 434 went to women and 346 to men. BSU also awarded 153 master's degrees and 428 associate degrees and certificates.
- There are 596 veterans enrolled, down more than half from the 1,263 who enrolled at BSU 10 years ago.
- BSU awards $10.5 million in financial aid and $2.3 million in scholarships each year to more than 3,000 students.
- Minorities are sparse among BSU's mostly white student body. Last fall there were 103 blacks, 53 Native Americans, 269 Asians, and 292 Hispanics enrolled. There were 19,842 white students.
- Students who list Boise as their hometown make up nearly half of the student body. Outside the Treasure Valley, Twin Falls County sends the most students with 343. Bonneville County in eastern Idaho enrolls 150.
- One hundred seventy students come from Oregon. Another 140 are from California. The Bahamas leads foreign countries with 12 students, while Hong Kong has 11 and Canada 10. There are 78 foreign students at BSU.
In the 1980s there were religious factions in Beirut. Punks, crewcut jocks, piece suiters, latter-day normal kids, too. So in college students at Boise we have tried any student species, in an old-timer like ourselves strange minds of... JOE AND JOSEPHI

Major: Business Administration
Theme song: It's Money That Matters, by Randy Newman
Hero: Donald Trump
Club affiliation: Young Republicans
Latest accomplishment: Earning a 49.4 percent return on stocks purchased at mid-level risk.
Goals: To land a management position with a major corporation, climb to the top and then crush and buy out competitors.
Favorite book: Iacocca
Favorite author: William F. Buckley
Favorite magazine: Inc.
Favorite movie: Wall Street
Favorite game: Monopoly
Favorite beer: Coors Light
Favorite Boise bar: Pengilly's, when all the attorneys are there.
Favorite Boise restaurant: Angell's
Favorite holiday: Labor Day
Favorite color: Navy blue
Favorite bumper sticker: Ollie for President
Footwear by: Florsheim
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Thousands of college students have kept themselves in books, beans and beer by frying burgers, sacking groceries, waiting tables and pounding nails. Indeed, more students than ever before are combining their college studies with part-time or full-time jobs. But not all are finding traditional college employment. Here are a few samples of creative employment — odd jobs handled by current BSU students.

By Glenn Oakley

**Hot shots**

Each spring Gene Stone leads 30 axe-wielding convicts into the forest. It's the safest work he does all year.

Stone, who earned his business management degree from BSU in 1983 and is now working on a teaching certificate, is squad boss for a fire fighting “hot shot” crew. The hot shot crews are the elite fire fighters of the U.S. Forest Service, assigned to the toughest, most dangerous infernos. Last year Stone chased fires from Canada to North Dakota to Wyoming, to Idaho to Oregon to northern California, back to Wyoming, then to Utah, to northern Idaho, back to Yellowstone National Park, then to California.

But before and after the fire season, Stone trains a crew of inmates from the Idaho State Penitentiary. For Stone, who hopes to teach business or social studies in high school, the convicts may be the most cooperative students he will ever have. “It’s probably the most prestigious job at the prison,” explains Stone, “so it’s very competitive. They get one chance. If one of them blows it, it blows it for everybody. You get a lot of cooperation.”

Stone notes that “These are your model prisoners. They’re trying to acquire a skill they can take out of prison. They’re really good students.” The convict crew is always accompanied by an armed guard.

The convict crew in Idaho is in its third year and has worked well, says Stone. Thirty prisoners are trained, but only 20 go on the crew at one time.

Stone, who put himself through college on an athletic scholarship and by fighting fires, has now expanded his fire-fighting teaching. He recently returned from Alaska where he spent two weeks training Eskimos in a remote village on the Bering Sea.

**Stable job**

Getting kicked, bitten, trampled and dragged is an occupational hazard for Erin McBride, but she wouldn’t have it any other way. Exercising yearling racehorses at the prestigious Billingsly Creek Ranch in Hagerman Valley is a natural for McBride. Like the thoroughbreds on the end of her lunge line, McBride’s life has revolved around horses.

“My parents have pictures of me in a saddle when I wasn’t even a year old,” says the petite 20-year-old from Jerome. She showed Appaloosas all across the West while growing up and exercised racehorses at the Jerome track through high school.

Now studying to be an English teacher, McBride says, “I figured if I was a teacher I’d have summers off the rest of my life to play with horses.”

Her current work at Billingsly Creek isn’t exactly play, but McBride says it’s fun working around horses worth $20,000 to $60,000. At the beginning of each summer she is given stewardship over eight to 10 yearling thoroughbreds and quarter horses. Her job is to exercise them daily, teach them manners (like not whinnying at the mares), wash and groom them and keep them well fed and watered. “It’s really tough working with yearlings because they want to play and goof off all the time,” she concedes.

The horses, averaging 15 hands high and 800 pounds, are a bit on the wild side when McBride begins working with them. “Those yearlings,” she says, “You can get in real bad fights with them. They have bad tempers.” The stallions are the worst, she says. “They are a pain. They’re always rearing and striking. You always have to watch out. You never know when they’re going
Seminal duties

Krystelle Mischenko takes a lot of teasing from her classmates because of her job, but then her work is inconceivable.

At age 19, when most college students have yet to take their first course in human reproduction, Mischenko is managing the Boise affiliate laboratory of Reproductive Medical Technologies.

Her office provides laboratory testing and treatment for fertility evaluation. Typically, patients referred to RMTI are couples who have been unable to have children. Mischenko, the sole employee at the Boise lab, sees an average of 15 patients a week, referred to her by some 65 area physicians.

She conducts 35 different laboratory tests on blood, semen and urine, counsels the patients, and takes care of all billing, bookkeeping and filing. In her spare time she conducts experiments in the lab—"just to satisfy my own curiosity." She works four hours a day at the lab while maintaining a full student course load as a radiology major at BSU.

Mischenko explains that the RMTI lab is the only facility in Idaho specializing in fertility problems. The techniques used to test for the causes of infertility — and overcome them — are not well known, even among the medical community, says Mischenko. The technology and understanding of infertility is changing rapidly, she says.

Although friends "tease me horribly" about the job, Mischenko says, "I like informing them about it and seeing their reaction."

Mischenko's lab provides semen for artificial insemination, and prospective parents can shop for their semen donor by consulting a list at RMTI. The list provides information on the donor's race, hair and eye color, complexion, ethnic background, height, weight, blood and body type and profession.

Although her work is primarily technical, Mischenko notes that infertility is an emotionally charged problem. "Infertility patients are often upset and confused because they hear so many different, conflicting opinions," says Mischenko. "Infertility can be horrible for them. Sometimes it does help just to talk to them, to tell them somebody does care and they're not just a test tube."

But not all her dealings are with infertile couples. "Sometimes men come in and wonder why their wives or girlfriends are pregnant when they had a vasectomy. It can be pretty touchy," she admits.

Dialing for dollars

On certain evenings Jim Hawe telephones hundreds of people using a false name and a slightly altered accent. "You try to use your acting abilities," says Hawe, an English major who moonlights for Sturmer & Klein, a Boise telemarketing firm. He simplifies his name to Hall for his telemarketing job.

The company telephones people who have let their magazine subscriptions lapse and gives them a pitch to renew. "You talk to black people for one hour for Black Enterprise, then to scientists for one hour for Scientific American, then to environmentalists for Audubon, then right wingers for Insight," says Hawe.

"I try to sound a little bit black when I call for Black Enterprise and I try to sound fairly scientific when calling for Scientific American. You can't overdo it," Hawe says.

Hawe says his job offers an offbeat view of America's cultural geography. He notices, for example, that people on the East Coast tend to read a lot. Conversely, "It's like nobody reads in Mississippi and Arkansas." Except for Bassin' magazine, of course.

Subscribers to horse magazines are the most polite, although he says insults over the phone are rare. "This company has real high ethical standards. We don't do any pushing."

Other tidbits gleaned over the phone: A lot of scientists really are absentminded, repeatedly forgetting to resubscribe to Scientific American. New Yorkers are blunt. If Hawe tells a Manhattan resident he is calling long distance for The New Yorker, the person will invariably ask just where he is calling from. When he tells them Boise, Idaho, the typical response is, "That's stupid!" (Hawe says the company is located in Boise because of its good business climate and because Idahoans speak clearly.)

Aside from sore throats — "we use a lot of cough drops in this business," Hawe says — the most significant occupational hazard is cracking up on the phone. "You wouldn't believe the names people have," says Hawe. "Liverlips Lee is a real name. Urban Hipp is a real name. Kitty Kay Katz subscribed to New Woman. There's Dr. Bird with the Audubon Society."

To maintain composure, says Hawe, "I've had to hypnotize myself on some of these calls."
In the 1960s college students sang along with Pete Seeger’s peace movement anthem, Where Have All the Flowers Gone? Today, Seeger might be more inclined to sing, solo, Where Have All the Student Activists Gone?

Student activism, once synonymous with anti-Vietnam war protests, has in the 1980s become diffused, diminished and quieter. With no single catalyst to solidify student action, activism has become an individual undertaking, a commitment of conscience.

Student activists today tend to work alone or in small groups. The causes adopted by today’s college students reflect the interest of the individuals. In this series we take a look at various causes and the Boise State students who have made a commitment to these issues.

Caucuses and causes

By Glenn Oakley

What a difference a decade makes. Jeff Russell, the outgoing ASBSU president, sits behind a broad, neat desk in a formal suit and tie, and calls it, “the political pendulum. I think it goes in cycles,” he says.

“My sister is 10 years older than I am and we couldn’t be further apart politically,” he observes. After school, says Russell, his sister “didn’t know exactly what she wanted to do, spent a lot of time traveling.” Today she lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., and teaches rock climbing in Colorado.

Russell suffers from no such hesitation about his life’s purpose and goals. “I was always intrigued by politics the way some people are with movie stars,” he says. “I guess I’ve always been a leader.” The 24-year-old business major says, “Ronald Reagan was a real symbol for me. . . . I’m a real patriot to the point of being corny. You can call me a flag-waver, but I really believe in America.”

While Russell is not the average BSU college student, he does reflect the political conservatism that has dominated university campuses in the 1980s. At age 14, Russell was campaigning for Idaho Sen. Steve Symms. In 1984, his second year at BSU, he joined the College Republicans and then became chairman of the group. In 1986 he took a semester off to work as the Republican field coordinator for the First Congressional District race. After the election he returned to school but continued working as the political director for the state Republican Party. In 1988 he consulted with five Republican state senators and then ran and won the ASBSU presidential campaign. He plans to work for a corporation after graduation, then return to graduate school to earn either an MBA or law degree. And then, he says, “I think I’ll probably run for the Legislature.”

Russell says that college students nationally are registering 4-to-1 Republicans over Democrats. “My belief is the majority of students on this campus are fairly conservative,” says Russell. But, he adds, “I don’t think I was elected to ASBSU because I was a Republican. I think the key to getting elected on this campus is a lot of hard work.”

ASBSU may not be hard-line partisan politics, says Russell, but, “There are a lot of similarities” between campus and “real” politics. Indeed, for many aspiring politicians, the Associated Students of Boise State University is a proving ground for local, regional, state and even national politics.

Rick Overton, who jokes that he has “the honorable distinction of being in just about everything at ASBSU,” has also made the move into real world politics. In the 1988 election he campaigned for State Sen. Mike Burkett and then was awarded an internship at the Statehouse. “For three years I learned all these things about politics through ASBSU,” he says. “I was prepared for understanding how people react to ideas, to political change.” He defines himself as a liberal and suggests that America’s diminished economic power in the world is responsible for the political conservatism prevalent on college campuses. “This is the first generation that believes they will have a lower standard of living than their parents,” he says, adding that there is a great deal of “desperate behavior on account of that.”

Overton says politics, for him, is “this hobby I’m afflicted with. I’m trying hard not to make it an end unto itself. I kind of resent a person devoting their life to trying to get into politics.” It should be a cause or reason that motivates politics, he says.

Eric Love is a student driven by causes. The president of the Black Student Union, vice president of the BSU Ambassadors and 1988-89 homecoming king says his concerns focus on “racial issues, human rights issues and peace . . . . I see something I don’t think is right and I get involved to try to change it. If everyone does their part it will make a difference.” Love made news in 1988 by leading a rally protesting BSU’s holding of classes on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. “Our purpose was just to raise awareness,” he says, “to let BSU President [Dr. John] Keiser know there are people who care about this holiday. We accomplished our goals.”

Love’s political beliefs spring from his unique background. “My mother’s white English and my father’s black American,” he explains.
"There's no way I could possibly be prejudiced between black and white. I'm proud of my dual heritage. I consider myself a world citizen." He says he would like to "dedicate my life" to working on issues of peace and justice, but will do so outside the elected political arena. "I am involved in the issues I want to be involved in," he says. "I don't need to run for an office because I might win or it will look good on my resume."

The political winds may have shifted in the last decade, but underlying distrust of politics remains. "Politicians," says Love, "become the opposite of what they should be." But Russell, arguably the most politically ambitious student at BSU, believes political ambition is generally honorable. "I wanted to represent the students," he says, "but you have to be honest about it and realize you do a lot of it for you. But people who are motivated generally do a good job for those they serve."

Against the flow

All the political pundits told Mack Sermon that Jesse Jackson, a liberal black from the South, wouldn't stand a chance in Idaho. Sermon became state spokesman for the Jackson campaign anyway. On the night of the Democratic caucus the then 22-year-old stood in amazement as his candidate took second place amid wild and raucous cheering of "Win, Jesse, win!"

Jackson, of course, did not win the Democratic nomination, much less the presidency. But that may not be the point, says Sermon, a secondary education student at Boise State. "If Jesse serves no other function, he serves as an agenda setter. And if that's the only role I serve, that's OK with me, too," says Sermon.

At age 16 Sermon was campaigning for a Republican prosecuting attorney in Idaho Falls. The same year he worked door-to-door for Democrat Richard Stallings' successful campaign for the Second District Congressional seat.

In 1984, at age 18, Sermon was the second youngest delegate Idaho had ever sent to a Democratic Convention. Four years later he was state chair for Students for Jackson and then state spokesman for Jackson's presidential campaign.

"I don't classify myself as a hard-core Democrat," says Sermon. "If I were going to classify myself I'd call myself a progressive. Populism and progressivism — those are my two p's. My personal hero is Teddy Roosevelt. He was this colorful character who'd get out and tell people what they wanted to hear. He went against big business, big government... He went to the people."

Sermon explains his political activism as a natural outgrowth of his longtime involvement in speech and debate. He is currently president of the BSU chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the honorary speech and debate fraternity. Originally from Idaho Falls, the 23-year-old Sermon says, "Moving to Boise was natural for me because I enjoy politics, and this is the hotbed for it." He says he finds being a progressive in Idaho stimulating rather than stifling. "If I were living in Massachusetts I wouldn't be having any fun," he explains. "When you don't have a struggle, you don't have anything to fight against."

Currently, Sermon says, "My thing is promoting non-traditional and working students' issues. I'm going to spend the next year holding ASBSU accountable and making Pi Kappa Delta the best club on campus." Does he find student politics a letdown after working on a presidential campaign? No, he says. "My approach is grass roots. So for me it doesn't change very much. I'm not in the news every night, but that's OK."

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Rare action

By Glenn Oakley

Environmental activists at Boise State are as rare as black-footed ferrets — and twice as busy.

With no established conservation organization on campus, environmental activism at Boise State has been a matter of a few individuals working independently. In the late 1970s Boise State biology student Bill Lawrence established a campus conservation organization. But, says Pat Ford, the former director of the Idaho Conservation League, “It was sustained by his energy. When he left for graduate school it collapsed.”

Most recently, history and secondary education student Ed Cannady has attempted to establish a campus conservation group. The 32-year-old Cannady says he arranged for legislators Gail Bray and Ken Robison to speak at the Student Union Building, but “no students came.” Cannady says BSU students “are an untapped resource” and he considers the tapping of that resource “a challenge.”

But Cannady is already stretched to the limit in his capacity as Ada County chapter president of the Idaho Conservation League. “I want to have an impact, but I want to keep my studies up,” says Cannady. “I’m here to get a quality education, but I know that if you don’t act now the environment will suffer.

“I would like to start a campus chapter at BSU, but I need to find some people willing to take an active role,” says Cannady. He fears that college students today are primarily motivated by materialism. “It seems to me the most popular thing is dressing right or looking good on a skateboard. It’s not restricted to Boise State; it seems to be epidemic. It’s such a turnaround since the ’60s. It seems the only student groups making headway these days are the Young Republicans.”

Students Sheri Crooks and Joel Sanda started a student chapter of the Snake River Alliance in the fall of 1988 in response to plans for construction of the Special Isotope Separator at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. The chapter became its own entity within a few months. Crooks now serves as director of the Idaho Peace Coalition, whose primary emphasis is stopping the SIS, a plutonium factory for nuclear warheads.

“The main opposition to the SIS is environmental,” says Crooks. “We do not want to come out as anti-nuke or anti-INEL, because we’re not. But the site in Idaho where they want to put this has been named as one of the biggest pollution problems in the nation. We feel like the problems that have been created should be taken care of.”

Crooks says, “I think there’s a lot of interest, but students don’t know about the Idaho Peace Coalition.” A booth set up in the Student Union Building garnered 1,000 signatures against the SIS in three days, plus $75 to help send Crooks to Washington, D.C., where she joined a nationwide group lobbying against the SIS.

The Idaho Peace Coalition in late March claimed 10 BSU student members. Most students who talked with the coalition members at the SUB booth signed the petition, she says. But half of the students “didn’t even know what the SIS is.”

“I can’t believe people don’t become more active,” says Crooks. “But I look at myself,
A responsible life

For a radical environmentalist Ed Cannady is a pretty conservative guy. He talks about traditional American values, the importance of a work ethic and responsibility. "Responsibility, I'm big on that word," says Cannady with a smooth Oklahoma drawl. In the Oklahoma town where Cannady grew up, he was one of three adults who rode a bicycle. The other two were mentally retarded. "I took a lot of teasing for that," he says. But it saved him gas money, kept him fit and would perhaps reduce the need for one more Oklahoma oil well. It was the responsible thing to do.

Oil was king in Oklahoma, and few questioned the business that brought money to the community. But Cannady recalls that, "When I was growing up we had a farm and we had open sludge pits on our place. We couldn't make the oil companies clean them up." The family moved to Parma while he was still in high school. As soon as he graduated from Parma High, Cannady left to see the world. "I had a strong back and a reasonably sharp mind," says Cannady. "With a little enthusiasm and hard work you can go anywhere."

At age 31 he returned to Idaho and enrolled at BSU in history and secondary education. He decided to volunteer some time for the conservation cause, but had in mind work with a shovel, not a notepad and telephone. "I like hard work and I thought I'd volunteer on trail crews," says Cannady. "But I soon learned that that's not where you'll have an impact."

Within a few months he was elected president of the 300-member Ada County chapter of the Idaho Conservation League.

He wants to give the local environmental community a more positive image. Cannady is interested in establishing a stronger recycling program in Boise, and placing bird nesting boxes along the Greenbelt. He has helped organize a program to rehabilitate the badly eroded Boise Front and has lobbied for legislation promoting conservation.

But he also wants to put the brakes on uncontrolled dam construction, logging and development.

"We have to make sacrifices and sacrifice is not a word we like to hear," says Cannady, who eschews air conditioning, dishwashers and a host of electrical conveniences.

"The principal thing in a lot of peoples' lives is getting that new BMW in the driveway. It's misplaced priorities," says Cannady. "It should be taking care of people and taking care of the environment. It's part of being a responsible person."
Religion and reason

By Bob Evancho

As a public institution, Boise State may be prohibited from offering religion classes. But that doesn't necessarily preclude religion from the university experience. On the contrary, says Lamont Lyons, associate dean of the College of Education.

In regard to students who possess well-entrenched religious beliefs, Lyons offers a philosophy that goes something like this: You can take the student out of the religion, but you can't take religion out of the student.

"People bring to the university their interests in religion because religion is a way they explore and explain things of the spirit," Lyons says. "An important part of the human spirit transcends physical things.

"A liberal education is supposed to be a liberating experience. It is going to challenge religious beliefs. . . . A university experience is not going to destroy your beliefs, but it will get you to examine them and think more seriously about them."

"I have to decide in the secular arena — where I work and where I move about — what do my religious beliefs mean?" he continues, "I think any student will come across those same questions in a good university experience. . . . A good liberal education has students exploring ideas and values in avenues other than through empirical and logical ways."

Boise State students Margo Waite, Nancy Tacke, Anne Staker and Randy Yadon are among the many exploring avenues, yet maintaining personal religious beliefs.

"I think going to a university makes you look at your religion in a logical way," says Meridian resident Waite, who, like Lyons, is a member of the Mormon Church. "It makes you ask yourself certain questions. And even though religion isn't something that can be determined logically, I think it makes you evaluate it a little more."

Waite, a junior biology major who was on the LDS Student Association freshmen cabinet and teaches religious instruction to 4-year-olds at her church, believes her faith helps her with the daily demands of school and work.

"My religious beliefs help me because they want me to improve and be a better person," she says. "But I think religion and what you want to believe in is really your own business."

While Waite leans toward a more personal approach to religion, Yadon, a senior history major from Boise, joined the University Christian Fellowship (UCF), an interdenominational group founded by BSU students, to find a common ground.

"A university setting has the tendency to be very intimidating," says Yadon. "With the emphasis on reason and logic, which can run counter to religion, I think UCF offers something to students with similar views."

Yadon, whose father is the minister of the New Life Fellowship church in Boise, agrees with Lyons when he says the university experience offers a challenge to students with religious beliefs.

"That's good from a religious aspect," he says. "I think that is one of the unique things about a public institution: It makes you either reinforce and re-evaluate your beliefs because you're forced to defend them and define them intellectually, or you kind of blow them off and say it was just a phase you went through."

For Staker, a member of the St. Paul's Catholic Student Group, the opportunity to attend a public university — and experience the religious plurality that goes with it — was a welcome change.

"I had the chance to go to a private Catholic college," says the Boise native, "but after going to parochial schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, I wanted to broaden my perspective."

Tacke, who graduated from Boise State with a degree in psychology in 1987 and returned this school year to pursue an elementary teaching degree, believes she made the right choice.

"Meeting so many people from other religions made me step back and look at my beliefs," she says. "I look at that in a positive way, and it made me feel more strongly about what I believe in."

Tacke also believes the religious tolerance she has developed during her college career will make her a better teacher.

"I think my college education has helped me to become more open-minded," she comments. "I think it will help me to be a model to my students. I won't do it by pushing my religious beliefs on them, but by upholding the values that are present in most religions."

“I think going to a university makes you look at your religion in a logical way.”
Quaker oaths

When Anne Staker decided to attend BSU on a gymnastics scholarship last year, she wasn't sure what to expect. "I had never heard of Boise State before," admits the Hoyt, Kan., native.

But then her teammates weren't sure what to expect either. "When they heard I was a Quaker I was told later that some of them thought I'd be looking all prim with a dress and bonnet . . . like a pilgrim-looking person," she says with a laugh. "But I don't think of Quakers as being different than any other basic Christian religion."

Staker may be a wide-eyed freshman far from home, but the rigid, non-drinking, clean-living rules of her religion have helped her develop a maturity well beyond her 18 years. "So much of college is based on parties and a lot of alcohol," she says. "It's hard knowing at times you might have to stay home on a Saturday night because all your friends are out doing something else."

"Anne isn't the type who goes away to college and then goes wild," says BSU gymnastics coach Yvonne "Sam" Sandmire. "She has her priorities in the right place."

Staker may not be BSU's answer to Spuds McKenzie, but that doesn't bother her. She believes her strict religious upbringing makes her a better person, a better student and a better athlete.

"Religion has taught me to be more dedicated in my sport," she says. "I think religion gives you discipline, and if you're a disciplined person you're going to get better grades and perform better as an athlete."

Staker's religious activity goes beyond attendance at church on Sunday. She is involved with a Quaker youth ministry, in which she works with children and attends Bible studies and retreats, and has joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Despite Staker's youth and inexperience, her coach says she is among the most inspirational of the Bronco gymnasts. "Anne is the type who asks for more and harder workouts," Sandmire comments. "She is the type who doesn't resist coaching, but hungers for it. She excels at everything she does, and I think her religion helps her with that."

It's Staker's discipline, Sandmire says, that makes her young athlete a standout gymnast.

Although Staker finished fifth in the bars in the 1989 NCAA West Region championships, Sandmire believes Staker's best event could be the beam. "That's because the beam is where concentration is so necessary for success," the coach says. "She is the type that has that kind of determination."

"Winning is important, but you can't put it first," says Staker.

She leaves little doubt what is first. ☐
"I feel like students owe it to themselves to get involved."

Caring and conviction

By Amy Stahl

College degrees aren't required here. It takes more than book learning to make a difference in today's social problems.

Conviction is what counts most, say four Boise State University students.

Bobbie Aitchison, Mark McCullough, Jan Kosglow and Alexa Gregory are BSU students whose interest in issues transcends the classroom. They put it to work in group homes, family planning clinics, as advocates for battered women and in dozens of other ways.

"I feel like students owe it to themselves" to get involved, says Aitchison, a senior social work major. "Why wait until you have a degree to do it?"

For eight years, Aitchison has worked off and on at Challenge Group Home, a Boise program for developmentally delayed youths. She says growing up in an adventurous military family that moved frequently gave her a good outlook and an open mind to the "exotic" teen-agers who live at the group home.

As part of her degree program, she works at Child Care Connections, a referral service that matches the needs of parents looking for child care with resources in the community.

Although Aitchison puts her heart on the line daily for these causes, she doesn't see herself as an activist in the traditional sense of the word.

At the group home, she speaks out for children who may have no one else to look after their best interests. "I don't consider myself an activist like [human rights supporter] Eric Love or people organizing rallies," Aitchison says. "It's real low-key."

"I'm definitely a lobbyist for the children and their individual case plans. And I definitely give my two cents on where they should go."

Like Aitchison, McCullough reaches out to troubled youths. He is a counselor at the Nampa Boys Group Home, an affiliate of the Idaho Youth Ranch. The program's goal is to encourage boys who "have been deprived in some way," to get involved in school, groups and physical activities and build their self-esteem.

"I always try to think that I'm teaching these kids survival skills, that I'm teaching them how to problem solve," McCullough says.

McCullough took what could be considered a
Respect for all

Hers was an Ozzie and Harriet type of upbringing. Jan Kosglow’s mother stayed home and took care of the children while her father worked hard to provide for his family.

But Kosglow’s foreign-born parents taught her about more than poodle skirts and malteds. “Living examples of the American dream,” says Kosglow, they awakened in her a desire to love her country and fight to make it better.

Kosglow says, “They instilled in me a great sense of gratitude and also an awareness that the system does not work for everyone.”

A Boise State University senior earning a second bachelor’s degree in social work, Kosglow has spent years battling for those left behind by “the system.” She helped set up a jail counseling program, worked to open a community park and established a program to teach Girl Scouts about disabilities. As part of her degree program, she works for the Women’s Crisis Center at the YWCA as an advocate for abused women and also answers phones for a 24-hour crisis line for rape victims.

Kosglow, 45, had her eyes opened early to inequalities in society. Fresh from college in 1986, she started out as a caseworker in a New York City ghetto. The poverty and hopelessness of life in the urban jungle made a profound impression on the self-avowed liberal.

In retrospect, Kosglow says the experience was disillusioning because it illustrated “how the system had failed.”

But it didn’t stymie her desire to help others. “You see that there’s a need and you go ahead and do something about it.”

“The activism, the social work, fits in with my religious philosophy: the respect for all individuals.”

Her principal social concerns, though, are women’s issues. A beeper on Kosglow’s belt serves as a constant reminder of her involvement with the battered women’s program.

Kosglow would like to bring it full circle. She’s working to establish a program this fall that would provide counseling for men who abuse their wives. She feels that the experience she’s gained through the Women’s Crisis Center advocacy program, working with other professionals and dealing one-on-one with victims has equipped her to get the program off the ground.

And just as Kosglow’s parents instilled their values in her, she hopes to pass a legacy of social activism on to her three daughters. She hopes they will heed the motto that she lives by: “If you see something wrong, try to do something about it.”
Doing good for goodness' sake

By Bob Evancho

They are active in community services, some gush, to "make a difference" or "get involved." That makes sense, because it sure isn't for the money or the acclaim. Call them "do-gooders" or "bleeding hearts" if you want — just don't question their sincerity.

Besides, it's unlikely these students are concerned about labels. These are the students who clean up litter along the Boise River, spearhead campus blood drives, promote AIDS-awareness campaigns, raise money for charities and devote huge chunks of their time to other community-minded causes.

Spend some time with socially conscious students such as Rebecca Ford or Christy Leach and words like "sacrifice" and "self-denial" are rarely uttered. "Enjoyable" and "educational" are the descriptions they usually attach to their altruistic activities.

Phil De Angeli, an English and economics major from Boise, seems almost apologetic because his volunteer work at Boise's Ronald McDonald House — a four-bedroom home near St. Luke's used by out-of-town families whose children are receiving treatment for serious medical problems — is not all that demanding.

In addition to his work at the Ronald McDonald House, De Angeli also volunteers as one of BSU's 31 student ambassadors.

Such magnanimity could be construed as self-serving by cynics, but De Angeli scoffs at that notion. "Some people might look at what we do as resume padding," he says, "but as far as the people I know, it's not true."

Despite the demands of school and work, Boise residents Ford and Leach both seem to thrive on the additional responsibilities they place on themselves with their volunteer work.

"My first semester at Boise State I wasn't involved and really wasn't doing much of anything, just a little bit for the Red Cross," says Ford, a junior communication major.

"The next year I got involved with the student senate and heavily involved in other things and the year went much better. I was busy and I had to stay involved. I can't see myself going back to the way I was my freshman year."

In addition to her work in student government and with the Red Cross' annual blood drive, which she pursued with such zeal she earned the nickname "Dracula," Ford has served as a BSU ambassador and as an officer in the Communication Students Organization. She also volunteers her services with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Meridian Quick Response Unit, where she serves as an emergency medical technician.

Leach, a senior majoring in human resource management, also says her involvement in public service, particularly in BSU's Circle K Club, has instilled a sense of discipline in her life.

Leach was a typical commuter student who "lived at home, had a job and didn't have much contact with fellow students" when she started at Boise State four years ago. That has changed, however, with her involvement in the Circle K Club, a nationwide community service organization of college students developed under the auspices of Kiwanis International.

"I found it was a good way to get involved with things on campus and to meet people," she says. From that experience I discovered that I liked getting involved. It also helped me become more organized. When I get into these activities and combine them with school it forces me to make better use of my time."

Leach, Ford and De Angeli find time in their busy schedules to help others, but of course there are even more reasons for not getting involved.

Studies show that the number of college students who do charitable work nationwide is small. For example, a 1988 study that examined volunteerism among seniors at Stanford University reported that 36 percent of those polled said they occasionally performed community services during their four years at the school, while only 18 percent did so frequently during the same period.

"Students are busy," says BSU social work professor Dan Huff, a primary proponent of community service among BSU students.

"They've got school, they've got jobs and a lot of them have families. So it's going to be difficult to tap that source for volunteerism."

"I wouldn't say they are apathetic. I would say 'preoccupied' is a better word. I don't see students being any less concerned than they used to be. But at Boise State, we have a lot of students with other responsibilities."
Brother by choice

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America recently announced something that 12-year-old Jason Ramirez has known for three years — Dan Balluff is someone special.

Balluff, an English/secondary education major at Boise State, is Ramirez's Big Brother and was recently named the 1989 Big Brother of the Year for the organization’s six-state Northwest region. Balluff and 13 other regional award winners were honored at a banquet in New York City in April.

It all started in the spring of 1986 when Balluff decided to join Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho, which eventually matched him with his “Little Brother” Ramirez.

“I’ve been away from my family for several years,” says the 33-year-old Michigan native, “and I just decided I wanted to help some kids. I was pretty active in volunteer work in high school in the ‘60s, and I think it’s important to try to change things and let individuals know they can make a difference. I thought the only way to follow through with that was to get involved again.”

Balluff certainly is involved. In addition to school, a part-time job at Hewlett-Packard, and his relationship with Ramirez, he is currently the vice president of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho board of directors.

The organization’s goal is not to provide substitute parents, but positive examples for children from single-parent homes. It’s a healthy philosophy, Balluff says.

“Once I got into it I realized I was directly affecting another person’s life,” he says. “It's such a one-to-one contact you can really effect change, not necessarily to try to mold someone, but to give that person help with his self-esteem.”

Those who volunteer to be Big Brothers and Sisters are asked to make a one-year commitment and spend a minimum of four hours a week with their Little Brother or Sister. The investment in time is mutually beneficial and the money spent is minimal, Balluff says.

“You just take them with you to do things you normally do, like skiing or walking the Greenbelt,” he says. “People sometimes think you have to spend a lot of money and take them to entertaining places all the time. But the average amount of money spent per visit is $3. Basically, they just want to be with you and know you care for them.

“The whole experience has been great and a real eye-opener for me.”

“Once I got into it I realized I was directly affecting another person’s life.”
Boise State’s golden girls
By Bob Evancho

Of Lucile Johnson’s fellow students only knew.
Here they were, discussing Gertrude Stein in their graduate English literature course, displaying their knowledge with lively self-assuredness... while Johnson, 74, and her two friends, Mary Zurcher and Ruth Okeson, also septuagenarians, sat quietly in the back of the room, listening intently to their younger classmates.

Their insight notwithstanding, the younger students probably could have learned a few things from Johnson had she chosen to join the discussion.

As a young woman Johnson went to Paris for a year to study art and the cello after graduating from the University of Utah in 1935. During her sojourn, Johnson was among a group of American music and art students who met Stein, a celebrated author and patron of the arts in Paris at that time.

"The students did not like her at all," Johnson recalls. "They weren't a bit impressed and were actually making fun of her. It says somewhere in her book [an autobiography] that that kind of treatment would not bother her, but I remember that she was quite indignant."

When asked by a fellow student why she didn't share her experience with the rest of the class, Johnson replies, "I guess I'm too bashful. Besides, I'm intimidated by the rest of you."

"I keep telling her that she should say something, but we're kind of overwhelmed by the rest of you," Zurcher adds.

Johnson, Zurcher, 74, and Okeson, 76, are among the many older students who are taking advantage of a special senior citizens' rate offered by Boise State. Students 60 and older may take any number of classes — for credit, or to audit without credit or grade — for $5. Beginning next semester, senior citizens will pay the same $20 rate as university employees.

For the spring 1989 semester the three decided to audit English professor Rena Sanderson’s "literature and culture" class.

Okeson, a grandmother of 14 and a great-grandmother of one, began auditing courses with her husband after he retired a few years back. When he died three years ago, she decided to continue.

The courses, she says, have been excellent therapy to battle "a little problem with depression" that she endured after her husband's death. "My doctor says the best thing for depression is to keep busy," comments Okeson, who completed one year of college before she married in 1937.

Her latter-day education has included courses in history, geology, English and music, all of which she calls "interesting and enlightening."

Although they both graduated from Salt Lake City's East High School in 1931, Zurcher and Johnson, who has seven grandchildren, did not become acquainted until they both moved to Boise later in life. Through church activities they became friends with Okeson. Although Johnson and Okeson had begun auditing classes earlier, the spring 1989 semester was Zurcher's first.

"They influenced me to take this class," says Zurcher of her two friends. "They said it would be fun, and it has. We love it. These students are fascinating. It's interesting how much they know and to listen to them talk about eras we actually lived through." Zurcher, a grandmother of 23, loves it so much she and her friends plan to take Sanderson's "women writers" course in the fall.

Johnson, a former teacher and artist who played the cello with the Boise Philharmonic, is also impressed by her young classmates.

"I love to listen to their discussion," she says, "they're pretty amazing."

To the other "traditional" students in the class, the feeling is mutual. 

"These students are fascinating. It's interesting how much they know and to listen to them talk about eras we actually lived through."
Memory problems? Forget 'em

By Bob Evancho

Like most college students, Hugh Harris has struggled with his studies at times. "I found it a bit difficult this year," says Harris, a part-time student at Boise State. "My memory doesn't work quite as well as it used to."

Harris can be forgiven—he observed his 82nd birthday in April.

BSU's oldest student doesn't seem overly concerned about his forgetfulness, however. Borrowing a line he heard from folksinger/humorist Utah Phillips, Harris wryly suggests the following: "Memory problems? Forget 'em."

With occasional breaks, Harris has taken one class a semester at Boise State since 1975—the year after he retired from the state highway department at age 67. Before that, he had never taken a college course.

Although he has accumulated 35 credit hours, Harris is not pursuing a degree. "I gave that up a few years ago," he says. "My wife and daughter figured at the rate I'm going I'd be 93 or 94 before I got a degree."

Not that Harris has any plans to discontinue his education. "I find it stimulating," he says of his courses. "I tried auditing a couple of times, but I like doing the work and getting into the discussions."

The Canadian-born Harris, who prefers interdisciplinary classes such as "Early Russian Films," has been selective in his choice of courses since he embarked on his college career.

"I've only taken classes that appealed to me," he says. "I don't like [going to school] afternoons and evenings and I didn't want to tie up three mornings a week, so I usually take classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and make a few exceptions for the ones I like."

Harris moved to Boise in 1961 and met his wife, Ruth, here. Ruth Harris, a "youngerster" at age 63, holds a master's degree in social work and works for SeniorLife, a geriatric assessment and counseling center at St. Luke's. "Working with SeniorLife is a real advantage for Ruth because she has an in-house consultant," Harris jokes.

Aging problems for Hugh Harris? Forget 'em.
Students on death & taxes

Compared to their peers across the country, more freshmen at Boise State talk politics, but fewer participate in demonstrations. More feel overwhelmed and depressed, but fewer attend religious services. And more BSU freshmen use computers, but fewer tutor other students.

Those are some of the conclusions drawn from an informal poll of freshmen attitudes that FOCUS conducted to compare with results of a survey conducted nationally by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA and published in the Jan. 11 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Politically, BSU freshmen describe themselves about the same as their peers do. Forty-eight percent say they are "middle-of-the-road," compared to 54 percent nationally. "Liberals" and "conservatives" at BSU are about equally divided at 24 percent and 22 percent.

But when it comes to political and social issues, Boise State freshmen reflect a mixed set of viewpoints.

For example, BSU freshmen are not as hawkish as their peers on defense spending. Only 11 percent of the BSU freshmen feel defense spending should be increased, compared to 26 percent nationally. And only 31 percent feel nuclear disarmament is attainable, compared to 60 percent nationally.

BSU freshmen take a hard line on the death penalty. Just 5 percent feel it should be abolished, compared to 23 percent nationally.

On tax increases and abortion, BSU freshman and their peers are close to agreement, while a lower percentage of BSU freshmen feel homosexual relations should be prohibited.

In both groups, only a minority — less than 20 percent — support the legalization of marijuana.

The survey also reveals the personal objectives that are important to freshmen. At BSU, the highest percentage, 72 percent, say raising a family is most important. That is followed by becoming an authority in their field, 71 percent.

BSU freshmen have more socially oriented objectives. They are more interested than their peers in influencing social values, helping others in difficulty, and participating in a community action program.

Perhaps reflecting BSU's older freshman, only 53 percent list getting married as an important objective, compared to 67 percent nationally.

Both nationally and at BSU, students indicate that bread and butter issues are the most important reasons to attend college.

Eighty-five percent at BSU and 82 percent nationally say that getting a better job is very important in their decision to attend, and "to be able to make more money" is important to 75 percent of the BSU freshmen and 72 percent nationally.

Perhaps reflecting a more cynical attitude than exists in Idaho, 35 percent nationally say they are in college because there is nothing better to do, compared to just 5 percent at BSU.

Nationally, 68 percent of the freshmen say they are attending their university of first choice. Sixty-one percent of the freshmen list BSU as their first choice.
# Attitudes and Characteristics of This Year's Freshmen

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## Reasons that were very important in selecting BSU

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<td>Graduates of BSU get good jobs</td>
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<td>Not offered aid by first choice</td>
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## Activities done frequently or occasionally in the past year

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<td>Didn't complete homework on time</td>
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<td>Tutored another student</td>
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<td>Discussed religion</td>
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<td>Did extra course work or reading</td>
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<td>Studied with other students</td>
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<td>Was a guest in teacher's home</td>
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## Reasons noted as very important in deciding to go to college

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<td>To get away from home</td>
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<td>To be able to get a better job</td>
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<td>To gain general education</td>
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<td>To improve reading and study skills</td>
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<td>Nothing better to do</td>
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<td>To become a more cultured person</td>
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<td>To be able to make more money</td>
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<td>To learn more about things</td>
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<td>To prepare for graduate school</td>
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## Political views

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<td>Government isn't controlling pollution</td>
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<td>Taxes shouldn't be raised to reduce the federal deficit</td>
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<td>Abortion should be legal</td>
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<td>The death penalty should be abolished</td>
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It is all right for two people who like each other to have sex even if they've known each other for a very short time | 33 | 50       |

Women's activities should be confined to the home | 1 | 26       |

Couples should live together before marriage | 33 | 51       |

Students might appreciate the value of college more if they had to pay a greater share of the costs | 32 | 53       |

## Marijuana should be legalized | 11 | 19       |

Busing to achieve racial balance in schools is all right | 18 | 54       |

Homosexual relations should be prohibited | 23 | 49       |

The chief benefit of college is that it increases one's earning power | 34 | 69       |

Employers should be allowed to require employees or job applicants to take drug tests | 42 | 71       |

The best way to control AIDS is through widespread, mandatory testing | 40 | 68       |

Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces | 34 | 53       |

## Personal objectives considered essential or very important

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<td>Becoming an authority in your field</td>
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<td>Obtaining recognition from colleagues</td>
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<td>Influencing the political structure</td>
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<td>Becoming an expert on finance and commerce</td>
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<td>Helping others who are in difficulty</td>
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<td>Participating in such organizations as Peace Corps or VISTA</td>
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<td>Creating artistic work</td>
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<td>Keeping up-to-date with political affairs</td>
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<td>Being successful in own business</td>
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<td>Developing a meaningful philosophy of life</td>
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<td>Participating in a community-action program</td>
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<td>Promoting racial understanding</td>
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1960s

Terry P. Smith (AA, '61) was promoted to vice president/manager of both West One Bank offices (formerly Idaho First National Bank) in Meridian.

Lorn Adkins (BA, history/English, '69) was honored as Idaho's "Counselor of the Year" by Gov. Cecil Andrus. Adkins is a counselor at Centennial High School in Meridian.

1970s

Mary Linda Pearson (BA, business administration, '73) has left the private practice of law in Lewiston and is employed as an associate judge for 14 western Washington tribes by the Northwest Intertribal Court System of Edmonds, Wash.

Duane B. Smith (BA, business, '73) has joined McCall and Valley Realty in McCall as a sales representative.

Tom Luke (BBA, accounting, '74) has assumed responsibilities as a Ricks College internal auditor.

Barbara C. Weinert (BS, psychology, '76) is a coordinator for the homeless outreach project and a lecturer in algebra review and citizenship with the BSU Adult Learning Center.

Jerry Reid (BA, economics, '76) was elected to a four-year term with the Lewis Soil Conservation District in Mohler, Idaho.

Carol Matney (AS, nursing, '77) is the director of physical health for the North Central District Health Department in Lewiston.

David Short (MBA, '78) was promoted to vice president at the American Bank of Commerce in Boise.

Edwin M. Johnson (BBA, accounting, '78) was promoted to financial analyst for Fisher Controls in Michigan.

Mike LaTour (BBA, '78)

MBA, '81) is working as an assistant professor of marketing at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.

1980s

Michael Reynolds, (BBA, economics, '80) is working in Bogota, Columbia, South America, as a child evangelist with Youth with a Mission.

Charlotte J. Boyd (BA, music, '82) has been accepted to the Brown College of Court Reporting in Atlanta.

Richard Deaver Jr. (BBA, electronics, '82) was promoted to communications specialist with the Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D.C.

Shoshonna Henderson (BBA, accounting, '83) has been promoted to controller at the American Bank of Commerce in Boise.

Martha Rolletto (BA, mathematics, '84) is a hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Bismarck, N.D.

Donn Durgen (BBA, real estate, '85) is a mortgage loan officer with First Security Bank in Moscow.

Susan Turner (BBA, finance, '85) is employed as an expense analyst in advertising for ESPRIT de Corp in San Francisco.

Cindi Durgen (BBA, marketing, '85) was promoted to branch manager at First Security Bank in Lewiston.

Lynn A. Walthof (BA, communication, '86) was promoted to the position of public relations and communications officer for Key Bank of Idaho.

Daniel Givens (BBA, marketing, '86) is working as an account executive with Hanna/Wheeler & Associates, Inc., a Coeur d'Alene advertising agency.

John K. Johnson II (BS, political science, '88) has accepted a position with Morrison-Knudsen as a personnel recruiter.

Larry S. Boyd (BBA, business, '87) is employed as a contracts administrator with CH2M Hill in Atlanta.

William C. Salter (BA, art, '87) reported for duty with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Melissa Whitman (BBA, marketing, '87) was promoted to manager of Maurices in Boise.

Jeff Connolly (AAS, electronics service technology, '86) is employed with Micron Technology in Boise as an electronic technician.

Norman Dowd (MBA, '88) is teaching in Iwaki-shi, Fukushima, Japan.

Byron Keely (BS, sociology, '86) is enrolled in the master's program at Idaho State University and is work-
A native of California, Boyd earned her bachelor's degree in English in 1969 from Point Loma College (formerly Pasadena College) in California. She received her master's degree from BSU in 1984.

Her first teaching job was both challenging and frustrating. She started at an inner-city Los Angeles school where she found classes sometimes took a backseat to real-life crises.

"Teaching people to read and write was secondary to unwanted pregnancy, apathy and racism in a low-income school," she said. One day she found a student in a drug-induced stupor passed out on the floor. Rather than throw up her hands, she got tough. "I scared him straight," Boyd says proudly.

From the chaos of an urban school, in 1976 she moved into the relative calm of Vallivue Junior High School. There she found students with different types of problems, kids whose needs were more emotional than physical.

Boyd honed her "mothering" skills at the junior high school, then landed in 1984 at Nampa High School. There she found a supportive, energetic staff and students she could relate to. "I really like teen-agers. Maybe my development stopped somewhere in my junior year," she says, laughing.

A "feeling-oriented teacher," Boyd is concerned for her students but she isn't easy on them academically. "I have high expectations for my students. I coach them to meet those expectations."

Though she may "lose a few" students, her compassion wins her the admiration of others. And she's willing to go the extra mile to show students she cares. Despite a heavy class load, the single mother of a 14-year-old son still finds time to attend school events and talk to students after school.

Earning her students' respect is just part of what keeps Boyd interested in the state of education. She also cares deeply about the future of her "exhausting" profession. Boyd says that "one of the top concerns of a teacher is to make the job manageable."

She would like to see smaller classes and a lighter workload. And she would like to participate in a mentor program to share with other teachers what she has learned about managing stress, how to be reflective and where to turn for help.

Boyd says she would like to "model that a person who has been teaching for 19 years can still retain vitality." Her students meanwhile continue to benefit from Boyd's enthusiasm for her job.

And what do they have to say about her latest honor? "They somehow feel responsible for the award."

"They also laugh at it because they know my human-ness. They know my shortcomings. But they know I care. They know I care that they learn."
Network has 125 members

The Alumni Association’s new Career Network program, launched in March, now boasts over 125 members.

The program is designed to aid BSU students by joining them with alumni who can provide insight into various occupations. Based on their own work experience, Career Network members may discuss such items as training, skills and possibilities for advancement. Career Network members may also help students and new graduates by critiquing resumes and discussing career placement opportunities.

Alumni who wish to participate in the program or need further information may contact the Alumni Office, 385-1959.

Little Broncos meet May 20

Little Bronco Club members are invited to join Buster Bronco and friends at “Zoo Day” on May 20 at the Boise City Zoo. This event is held in conjunction with the Boise Parks Department Zoo Day festivities.

Little Broncos will meet at noon across from the zoo entrance. Buster Bronco will hand out Little Broncos Club member buttons and there will be a drawing for prizes from BSU’s bookstore.

Special admission prices for ages four and older (including adults) is $50 cents and admission for three years and younger is free. Some of the activities for the afternoon include rides in the Forestry Aerial Tree Pruning Bucket, gymnastic and dance demonstrations, zookeeper guest speakers, an Idaho Raptor Rehabilitation display and a children’s wildlife art display.

Children who have not yet signed up with the Little Broncos Club may also attend Zoo Day and sign up at the drawing.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office.

Coming events

Bronco alumni and boosters will take on the University of Idaho Vandals alumni and boosters on the greens of the McCall Golf Course during the annual Broncos vs. Vandals McCall Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 3-4.

The Alumni Association will host a special celebration party to honor May graduates on Saturday, May 13 from 3-6 p.m. in the east end of Julia Davis Park.

The party will feature free hot dogs, beverages and a live band. Graduates will receive a graduation gift from the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Information about the Career Network will also be available. Faculty and family members of graduates are also invited. For more information, contact the Alumni Office, 385-1959.

Four chosen as Distinguished

Four more Boise State graduates have been added to the list of Distinguished Alumni honored at the Distinguished Alumni & Top Ten Scholars banquet each spring.

The new honorees are William Agee (BJS, ’58), chief executive officer of Morrison-Knudsen Co.; Patrick Fleenor (marketing, ’69), professor of business, Seattle University; Michael Hoffman (theatre arts, ’79), filmmaker; and Anne Millbrooke, (history, ’73), corporate archivist, United Technologies Corporation, Hartford, Conn.

More complete profiles of the four new Distinguished Alumni will be published in the summer issue of FOCUS.
Working overtime

David Lowery juggles court, career and kids

By Bob Evancho

Think you’ve got a busy schedule? Ponder the five months David Lowery put in during the past basketball season.

- As a starting forward for Boise State, Lowery had to withstand the rigors of daily practices, long road trips and burly opponents pounding on his 6-foot-5, 197-pound frame — no easy task when you consider the demands of coach Bobby Dye’s chip-on-the-shoulder, belly-up style of defense that has become the Broncos’ trademark.

- As a radiography major, Lowery is required to spend six hours a day, three days a week accumulating clinical experience at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. In addition to four other classes.

- As part of his hitch with the Air Force’s “Palace Chase” program, in which he resigned his active duty to join the Air National Guard, Staff Sgt. Lowery must report to Gowen Field one weekend a month for six years.

- Oh yeah, Lowery and his wife, Reunique, are raising her 8-year-old twin sisters, My-Yon and Ry-Yon.

There have been variations on the same theme listed above during his three years with the Boise State basketball program, but one thing is certain: David Lowery knows the meaning of discipline.

With this issue of FOCUS devoted to the “Year of the Student,” Lowery, a prospective X-ray technician and member of the 1988-89 Big Sky all-academic basketball team, embodies the meaning of scholar-athlete. But as a husband and substitute father, it’s obvious there’s much more to this 25-year-old Pennsylvania native.

How has he managed to balance basketball, books and sudden parental responsibilities?

“It’s been hard,” he says. “But my first two years when I wasn’t playing much helped me out. I was able to sit back and observe and figure out what I needed to do to be able to do all these things. This past season was really rough at first, but I just tried to put myself into a gear where I could do them all. I might not do them all as well as I’d like to, but … .”

A typical day during the basketball season would go something like this: Work in Nampa from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Back in Boise at 2:30 p.m. Practice from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Home, dinner, parental duties. Homework. “It’s a little easier on Tuesdays and Thursdays,” Lowery says. “I don’t have to go to Nampa those days.”

As for all student-athletes, life at times is a juggling act. “It’s pretty tough when we go on the road,” Lowery says. “I’ve missed a lot of time with early practices and road trips that I have to make up. I’ve also had the same problems with my Air Force commitment.”

All these responsibilities increased when Reunique’s two sisters joined the couple last summer. “I went back home [to Atlanta] last summer, and I really didn’t like the conditions they were living with my mother,” says Reunique, whose parents are divorced. “I came to Boise and told David how stressed out I was over the situation.”

Eventually Reunique, 25, asked her mother to let the girls join her and David in Boise. Her mother’s reply? “If you’re so damned concerned about them, take them with you,” Reunique recalls her mother saying.

“We actually chose not to have children yet because we’re both serious about our careers and school,” says Reunique, who met her husband when both of them were serving in the Air Force in England. “It was a high anxiety situation for both of us and I felt guilty for a while because they aren’t really our responsibility, but I couldn’t handle the way they were being raised.”

The Lowerys’ lives have been made easier thanks to many helpful friends and associates. “A lot of people at the university and Campus Elementary [where the twins attend school] have helped us out a great deal,” says Reunique, a senior psychology major. “Everything has worked out really well.”

Reunique, who is the treasurer of the BSU Student Union and a member of the ASBSU Judiciary Council, and David plan to go on to graduate school after they leave Boise. But first there is the small matter of one more basketball season for David. “Coach Dye has already told me he’s expecting a lot from me because I’m a returning senior,” he says.

Life after Boise State may include medical school for both Lowerys. “It’s a lot of work, but we’ll have 40 years to enjoy it,” Reunique jokes.

Chuck Scheer photo.
The Boise State Pavilion was a veritable basketball mecca this past season with big names, record crowds, national TV coverage and another banner year for the Bronco men's team.

Boise was one of eight cities that hosted first- and second-round games in the NCAA men's tournament, drawing then-top-ranked Arizona and Player of the Year Sean Elliott, Nevada-Las Vegas and its legendary coach Jerry Tarkanian, and six other teams to the Western Regionals.

While Arizona and UNLV advanced to the third round with two wins each in the Pavilion, the Boise State team was making its third straight postseason appearance, meeting Oklahoma State in the National Invitational Tournament.

Although the Broncos dropped a 69-55 decision to the Cowboys, BSU's 23-7 record marked its third consecutive 20-win season. Boise State earned a share of the Big Sky regular-season crown and the right to host the conference tournament. Coach Bobby Dye's team, led by league MVP Chris Childs and first-team all-league selection Wilson Foster, advanced to the championship game before losing to Idaho 59-52.

The gymnastics team also enjoyed another successful season as the Bronco finished the year ranked 20th in the nation and taking fourth in the High Country Conference meet. With freshman Liz Seeley earning all-conference honors the Broncos broke every team record and either set or tied all of the school's individual marks.

In women's basketball head coach Tony Oddo's contract was not renewed after the Broncos finished with an 18-11 record. BSU was seeded third in the Big Sky tournament and dropped a 56-52 decision to Idaho in the first round.

In wrestling heavyweight Pat McDade took fourth in the NCAA championships to become the Broncos first wrestling All-American since 1982.

As a team the Broncos finished third in the Pacific-10 Conference.

The BSU women's and men's indoor track teams took second and third, respectively, in the Big Sky championships.

High jumper Clifford Dillard won the league crown in his event with a leap of 7-feet-2 inches while triple jumper Eugene Greene finished 16th in the NCAA national indoor meet.

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Universities are geared to rank, grade, classify and judge potential students, actual students and graduates. From time to time, there is an increased societal emphasis on standards, achievement and methods to separate the best and the brightest. But in any era, much time and attention is spent on assessment of others by professors and administrators. Therefore, it is not surprising that university personnel sometimes find it difficult to submit to evaluation themselves. The debates that rage over student evaluation of teaching is a case in point. Even in the age of accountability, grading the graders seems an unusual reversal of roles. But that is what Boise State University has invited during the Year of the Student in an attempt to provide more responsible service and to create a more exciting and effective learning community.

In comments last fall, I listed 10 student expectations against which the university and its personnel should be rated. It still appears to me that each student at Boise State University deserves:

1. A high-quality, accessible education.
2. Professional and caring teachers who serve as role models.
3. Adequate and effective student services, including a safe and secure environment.
4. Opportunity for cultural enrichment, entertainment and recreation.
5. A value-oriented atmosphere.
6. Stimulating fellow students, from and with whom one can learn.
7. Affordable and predictable costs, and reasonable opportunities for work and financial assistance.
8. Opportunities to participate in research and meaningful public service.
9. Recognition of achievement, of excellence, and a voice in governance and evaluation.
10. Expanded career opportunities.

These are truly great expectations, and they provide a live agenda for the university. It is never finally realized, but unless we remind ourselves of student expectations and encourage criticism and evaluation, the agenda can easily be ignored or unconsciously changed. That's why we had the student convocation earlier this spring and asked thousands of students who attended to list and rank their concerns. And that's why we reported to all students what actions were under way to meet those concerns, and why we intend to repeat the convocation next fall. And that's why we view the many special accreditations the university and its programs are asked to meet as minimal standards, leaving us free to point out that accrediting agencies occasionally have a life of their own and conflict with some of the student expectations.

Thus far, the response to this self-examination has been excellent. In one form or another, the question has been raised, "Who are you to set expectations for students?" Obviously, the expectations can also be seen as the societal and academic purposes for higher education, leaving those who have other expectations to seek other organizations. It is unlikely that every new freshman has precisely these goals for the university. Of course, the agenda itself should be debated. After all, what is a "value-oriented atmosphere?"

Then there are those who conclude that if the students' greatest concern is parking, the university must be doing its job in the important areas. We are determined not to succumb to that tempting rationalization. The University News pointed out that a great university should have a great library. That, of course, is included in the expectation of "a high-quality, accessible education," and our plans for the library are before donors now. Many others have wondered about "affordable costs," and ask that now that funding formulas have been abandoned, is it ever appropriate for students to pay for progress at one campus and the state to pay for progress at another, or why shouldn't students at each of the state's universities pay a similar share of their educational costs? What should that share be? These questions are compelling and unavoidable.

The Year of the Student gives us a chance to measure our success in achieving the university's overriding goal to produce educated persons. The students' perspective is one that must be taken into full account if Boise State University is to reach that goal. How close are we to meeting those great expectations?
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