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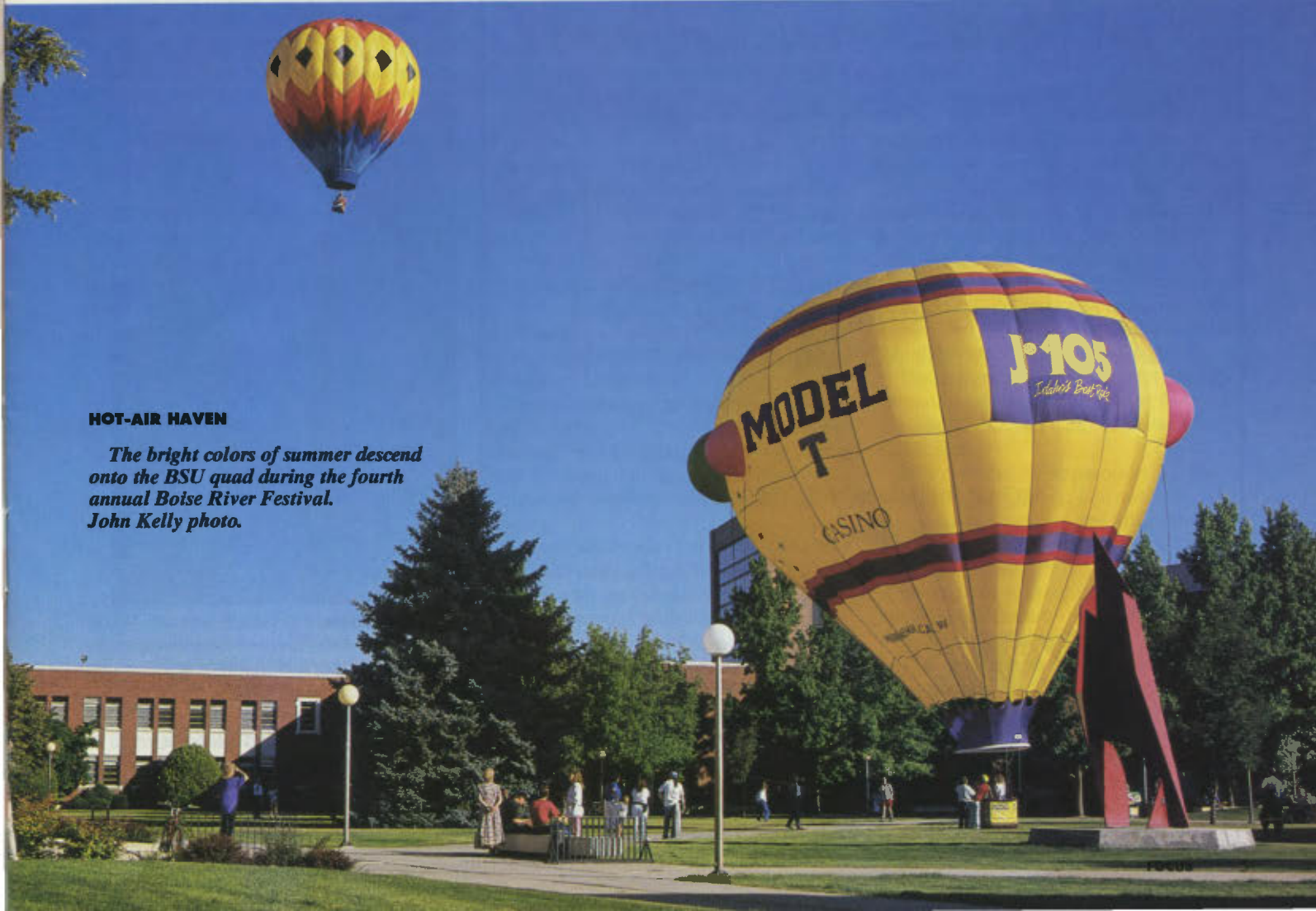
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The bright colors of summer descend onto the BSU quad during the fourth annual Boise River Festival. John Kelly photo.



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Glenn Oakley photo.

MEETING THE McCAIN CHALLENGE

By Charles Ruch, President

While it is said often enough to be considered a cliché, it is nonetheless true that central to all great universities is a great academic library.

The thread that ties together the new student struggling over a freshman English composition, the advanced student working on an independent study project, and the faculty member probing the outward dimensions of his discipline is use of the academic library. It is the library that sets the boundaries of the academic community.

Academic libraries at metropolitan universities play an additional role: they serve the community and the region. More often than not, the business, professional and governmental communities turn to the academic library for assistance.

In our case, hundreds of community patrons use the BSU Library on a regular basis. Furthermore, any citizen with a modem can access the library holdings from home or office.

As important as the library is to the life of the institution, it is not immune from the many forces confronting higher education today.

Growth in student enrollment and faculty places immediate pressures on the library. Expanding electronic access is causing libraries all over the world to network with each other, making additional resources available.

That is good, but it comes with a price because more individuals, both on and off campus, are demanding library services. Finally, rising costs and decreasing revenues have hit libraries particularly hard. For example, the cost of highly important but limited use research materials has exceeded inflation rates just at a time when library resources have, at best, been held level and in many cases diminished.

The explosion of knowledge and ease of access are the most significant challenges to the academic library. New knowledge is cutting across disciplines and traditional specializations. New disciplines, unknown 10-20 years ago, are now central to the life of the intellectual community.

Each new area has expectations for new monographs and basic references as well as access to growing numbers of data bases and other forms of electronically transferred in-



formation. The merger of computers and telecommunication now allows information to be instantly moved throughout the world — making its storage in one location a thing of the past.

I am pleased to report that Boise State has placed the continued development and enhancement of our academic Library as a high priority and is making significant progress in this regard.

The most notable change in our Library is its physical configuration. Thanks to the good planning and efforts of my predecessor, expansion to the Library was well under way by the time I arrived.

The combined public/private initiative of \$6 million from the Albertson's Corporation and family and \$4 million from the matching state appropriation, has funded the 50,000-square-foot addition and renovation to the Library.

Ground was broken for the first phase of the project on May 3, 1993. This phase added new space for periodicals, circulation, reference and special collections, and is now open for occupancy. The next phase will include the renovation of the old Library, while the collection is moved to temporary locations in the building.

When completed and rededicated as the Albertsons Library in spring 1995, the Library will be 200,000 square feet with a total collection of 420,000 books and bound periodicals. It will be a magnificent

facility appropriately located at the center of the campus. (See Page 10.)

In addition to the building itself, the Library recently received two significant contributions to enhance the overall collection. At this year's commencement, Gov. Cecil Andrus announced that he would make available to the Library his papers representing a 34-year career in public service, spanning both terms as governor of Idaho as well as his 1977-1981 term as secretary of the interior. Added to the Frank Church Collection and the Len B. Jordan Papers, this gift gives our Library a focused and significant special collections holding, supporting our mission and central to our public service role in the state.

The second gift is of critical importance to students. Last November, retired Albertson's CEO Warren McCain and his family issued a major challenge to the BSU Foundation: match their \$1 million pledge to further enhance the Library's collection endowment. The university needs to meet McCain's challenge by mid-November by raising \$1 million in gifts or pledges.

There are several special features that make the McCain Challenge particularly attractive. Donors can identify that part of the Library collection that they would like to enhance. A gift matched with the endowment from the McCain Challenge means that a \$1 gift delivers a \$2 endowment to a part of the Library that is of particular interest to the donor.

The university has decided that this year's annual phonathon will focus on the "stack the stacks" theme to enhance the McCain Challenge.

This provides an opportunity for alumni to support the Library. I do hope that when our callers contact you, you will think of how crucial your pledge is to this important university activity.

On-campus solicitations are planned for fall and a community drive led by the Foundation directors is under way. The future of our Library is too important to BSU to not meet the McCain Challenge.

Boise State is committed to its development into one of the best metropolitan universities in the West. Central to that goal is a strong academic library. Your support is greatly appreciated. □

CHUCK SCHEER PHOTO



Track and field fans across the nation focused their attention on Boise State June 1-4 when the NCAA championships for men and women were held in Bronco Stadium. Story on Page 11.

BSU BEGINS 2 NEW MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Responding to a growing need in the fields of technical writing and health-care policy formulation and implementation, Boise State is now offering master's degrees in technical communication and health policy.

The State Board of Education approved the M.A. in technical communication and the MHP at its June meeting. The former will be administered by the English department, the latter by the College of Health Science.

The approval of the technical writing graduate program culminates a three-year effort by the university to expand its offerings in technical communication, which typically includes writing and editing material on proposals, reports, manuals, newsletters, instructions and technical presentations.

"With the expansion of the high-tech and service sectors in the Treasure Valley, the demand exceeds the supply of technical communicators with appropriate theoretical and practical background," said BSU's proposal. "No other institution in Idaho offers a graduate program in technical communication."

The proposal also noted that increased interest in the technical communication field in the Boise area is consistent with national trends. "In 1976 only 16 colleges and universities offered programs in technical communication; by 1981 the number was 28," the

proposal said. "As of 1985 there were 56 including 18 master's programs. In 1993 there are some 200 programs, including 47 master's programs. Clearly, technical communication is a popular and rapidly growing discipline."

Since 1990, the English department has offered technical communication emphasis program in its undergraduate program.

The primary goal of the MHP program is to "prepare health professionals to work in the political arena to shape health policies," said BSU's proposal to the State Board.

According to the proposal, BSU developed the MHP program to help Idaho health professionals improve their effectiveness in developing and implementing health policies on the local and state level. The program will be intended primarily for employees of state and local health agencies, non-profit volunteer health organizations, and health professionals employed in other areas of the health system.

"We believe that the state's ability to deal effectively with its health issues depends to a great extent on the ability of Idaho's health professionals to understand the issues and processes in developing and implementing effective health policy," the proposal said. "This graduate program will help those professionals expand their capabilities to work proficiently in the system." □

MPA PROGRAM ACCREDITED

The master of public administration program at Boise State has joined a select group of schools that offer MPA degrees. The reason: BSU's MPA program has received full accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

According to Jim Weatherby, director of the university's public affairs program, the seven-year accreditation marks a major milestone for the program and is "the result of a long, demanding process."

Weatherby added that the accreditation "validates the peer review process and the lengthy self-study that the program conducted. The BSU commitment to accreditation brought about an increase in faculty, improvement in facilities and curriculum changes."

According to Weatherby, the accreditation culminates a four-year effort by the BSU MPA program to conform to NASPAA standards, which included hiring at least five full-time public affairs instructors, developing a curriculum that incorporates a core of common components that are consistent with other MPA programs nationwide, and upgrading on-campus facilities for students and faculty in the program.

BSU's MPA program is the only one in Idaho to receive NASPAA accreditation and one of only six in the states surrounding Idaho. Portland State, Oregon, Brigham Young, Utah and Nevada-Las Vegas are the others.

The BSU MPA program submitted its self-study last August, a site visit was conducted by NASPAA officials in February, and the program was awarded its accreditation in late June. NASPAA called the BSU program's self-study a model for other programs seeking accreditation.

The benefits of accreditation, said Weatherby, include enhanced prestige in the MPA field, validation of a strong program, and the ability to compete nationally for high-quality MPA candidates.

Boise State has offered the MPA degree since 1975. Graduates serve in all levels of government in a variety of administrative, research and policy positions. Graduates serve in key positions for a variety of agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the city of Boise, Idaho departments of Health and Welfare, Corrections and Commerce, and others. □

EASTMAN, VINZ TO LEAD COLLEGES

A pair of longtime members of the BSU faculty have been named to lead two of the university's largest colleges.

After two stints as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Phillip Eastman has been named to that post on a permanent basis. The university also named history professor Warren Vinz as interim dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. Both have assumed those positions.

Eastman, 50, previously served as Arts and Sciences associate dean for four years. He served as interim dean from September 1991 to January 1993 and again from July 1993 until his permanent appointment. In both cases, Eastman filled in for Daryl Jones, now BSU provost and vice president for academic affairs, when Jones served as interim executive vice president.

Eastman served on the faculty at Ferris State College in Michigan and Northern Illinois University prior to joining the Boise State mathematics department in 1977.

With a fall 1993 enrollment of 4,463 students in 12 departments, the College of Arts and Sciences is BSU's largest.

Vinz, 61, has been a member of the BSU faculty since 1968. Beginning in 1972, he was elected history department chair for seven consecutive terms by his colleagues, serving in that position from 1972 to 1993.

A scholar of the history of religion in the United States, Vinz was named to the interim position after the university administration and the Social Sciences and Public Affairs dean selection committee failed to agree on a replacement for Robert Sims. Sims, who has been the college's only dean since its formation in 1985, returned to teaching in the history department.

With 2,504 students, the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs is the third-largest at BSU.

Also, the university has appointed four associate deans in recent weeks.

The College of Business named Nancy Napier associate dean for academic and student affairs and Kevin Learned was named interim associate dean for external relations. Both Napier and Learned are from the college's management department.

In the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, communication professor Suzanne McCorkle will serve as interim associate dean, replacing Janet Mills. In the College of Education, health, physical education and recreation chair Glenn Potter will serve as interim associate dean, replacing Phyllis Edmundson. Both Mills and Edmundson will return to teaching full time. All four associate dean positions are pending State Board of Education approval in September. □



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
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TIMES ARE A CHANGIN' FOR BOISE STATE'S LIBRARY

Libraries are typically citadels of silence, places where contemplation doesn't compete with the sounds of the workaday world.

Not so at Boise State. At least not right now.

For the next nine months, construction workers will continue their noisy business as the \$10 million Library renovation moves into its final stages. In the meantime, the Library staff and student patrons will live a nomadic existence, following the shifting book collection from place to place as various parts of the building come under construction.

"This is a time of extreme stress, but we are coping," says university librarian Tim Brown.

The challenge, says Brown, is to maintain the services that people want, even when portions of the building are in disarray. That will not be easy. Last year the Library recorded more than half a million visits from its patrons.

"We can't shut down the building. We just hope people will be patient as we work around the construction. The result — virtually a brand new library — should more than make up for the temporary hardship," says Brown.

This spring the Library opened a new 50,000-square-foot addition, giving the building a new entrance as well as new space for circulation and reference desks, offices and special collections.

Now, workers are rotating through the interior of the building to remodel space, including the area once occupied by KAID television. Work is expected to be complete by next spring. At that time the building will be renamed the Albertsons Library to honor the corporation and family that donated \$6 million toward the renovation project.

But the changes in BSU's Library in recent years have gone beyond a new building and a new name. The Library has bounced back from some severe budget blows just a decade ago. In the past three years the Library has used a variety of resources to improve its collection, added serial subscriptions and introduced new technology, all during a period of growth in enrollment and programs.

"We have come a long way ... and we have a long way to go," says Brown. "To stay even is a significant achievement. Lots of libraries that were better off than we were are now in worse shape."

Annual book acquisitions are in the 13,000-14,000 range, compared to 10,000 just four years ago. The journal and serial collection has been re-built to 4,700 subscriptions after hitting a low of 3,100 a decade

ago. And a catalog of the Library's collection is now available on the campus computer network.

There are still some shortcomings, Brown points out. The Library is not adequately staffed and relies on an inordinate number of work-study students to keep the doors open. The addition of new Library space and services will only exacerbate what Brown calls an "acute" problem.

Recent donations and several one-time budget boosts from the Legislature have helped ease the Library through some tight budget years. But in too many instances those funds have been

used to pay for, rather than supplement, ongoing operations, including personnel. Those dollars outside the regular budget will become even more critical as demands on the Library continue to grow, says Brown.

Just how strong is BSU's collection? If you are an undergraduate, not too bad. But don't expect a full-fledged research library at your fingertips, says Brown.

"We have weaknesses in some disciplines, but our collections generally support undergraduate teaching well, and are improving for graduate study. It's just not in the cards for us to become a research library. The

key to research support is access to distant resources, and we will focus our efforts on improving that technology," explains Brown.

While the tight budgets won't go away overnight, Brown says the Library's long-term space needs will be met through the renovation project.

The addition will provide space for the next 10 years. Once faculty offices in the building are converted to library uses, there should be enough space to meet needs until 2015, if not beyond, says Brown. □

BUDGET

Total: \$3.6 million, which includes \$1.9 million for personnel, \$343,000 for operating expenses and \$1.3 million for acquisitions.

RECENT GIFTS

- \$500,000 from Auction '91
- \$250,000 from the estate of former BSU librarian Ruth McBirney
- \$1 million challenge from Warren McCain family

LIBRARY FACTS

Constructed: 1963
Latest addition: 1971
Patron visits last year: 581,552
Book circulation: 205,224
Total volumes: 415,926
Reference questions: 85,726
Interlibrary loan requests: 11,534
Maps: 123,922
Serial subscriptions: 4,706
Staff: 13 librarians, 36 classified staff, 17 full-time work-study students

CHALLENGE BOOSTS LIBRARY

Last fall, retired Albertson's chief executive Warren McCain and his family donated \$1 million to the BSU Library with one big if — if Boise State and the BSU Foundation could raise a matching \$1 million. The money would be used to create an endowment to purchase books and serials and to enhance service to the public.

"This is an opportunity we won't have again ... it is extremely rare for a library of this size," says university librarian Tim Brown.

The funds, says Brown, are critical if the BSU Library is going to continue to improve its collection. State funds alone won't pay for the needs that BSU's growing student body are placing on the Library.

McCain first became involved in BSU's Library in 1990 when he helped the university secure a \$6 million donation from Albertson's for the Library's renovation and addition. One year later, the Bronco Athletic Association and BSU Alumni Association honored McCain at their biennial fund-raising auction. That event netted \$500,000 to purchase books for a reading room named in McCain's honor.

The BSU Foundation is working hard to meet the \$1 million challenge, says foundation executive director Robert Fritsch. Last spring, foundation trustees began to seek donations from businesses and individuals in the community. An all-university campaign will be held this fall.

"The McCain Challenge is one of the most significant opportunities presented to BSU in several years. The gift — if we're able to meet the challenge — will have a tremendous impact on the lives of current and future students," says Fritsch. "We need the support of alumni, friends and the university community to meet this challenge," he adds.

For more information, prospective donors to the challenge can contact the BSU Foundation at 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725 or phone (208) 385-3276. □

NCAA TRACK MAY RETURN TO BOISE

Will the NCAA Track and Field Championships return to Boise someday? If the rave reviews BSU received following the 1994 meet are any indication, the chances are good.

NCAA officials said they were pleased with the way the 1994 meet was run by Boise State earlier this summer. "I've heard the coaches and athletes say they have really enjoyed it here," NCAA track official Harley Lewis told the *Idaho Statesman* after the '94 championships. "Everyone associated would be eager to return to Boise."

Even so, with the sites determined for the next five years, the year 2000 would be the next time BSU could possibly host the championships again.

And breaking the NCAA track championships' attendance record didn't hurt Boise State's chances either. Over the four-day meet Boise State drew 26,816 in paid attendance into Bronco Stadium, eclipsing the old mark of 26,610 set in Eugene, Ore., in 1991.

The economic boost the meet provided to the Boise area would also be a positive factor in deciding whether to make a bid to host the championships again. According to the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau, the estimated visitor spending during the meet's four days was \$2,989,600.

According to the bureau, the championships attracted 175 media representatives, 350 meet officials, 750 athletes, 200 coaches and 6,000 fans and other followers for a total of 7,475 out-of-town guests.

Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier says Boise's strong showing as a host city would make BSU inclined to make a bid on hosting the championships again.

"It was remarkably smooth," he said of the 1994 meet. "Things went off without a hitch, and I think there will be discussion [about hosting it again]." □

BSU'S CRANER NAMED TO HALL OF FAME

Gary Craner, BSU's head athletic trainer, was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame earlier this summer.

Hall of Fame inductees are selected on the basis of their service and leadership in the athletic training field.

An instructor in BSU's athletic training program, Craner has worked with Bronco teams that have gone to the NCAA division 1-AA football playoffs and NCAA basketball tournaments.

Craner has been at BSU for 22 years. He earned a master's degree in physical education and athletic administration from the University of Idaho. □

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IDAHO TALENT MAKES A MOVIE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD

By LaVelle Gardner

It hasn't rained in weeks, but the street is wet and I'm soaked to the bone. I'm at the Main Street Moxie Java in Boise at 3 a.m. — not a time I usually spend going after a cup of coffee.

There's a strange congregation of people clustered in and around the shop — a skater with three little ponytails on top of his head wearing a long, shaggy, purple crocheted vest, a "beat" poet sitting on the bar, and me, dripping wet and looking like a Salvation Army ad from the '70s.

A typical early morning scene in downtown Boise? Actually, it's the movie set for *Not This Part of the World*, written and directed by Boise State theatre arts professor Phil Atlakson. The film, operating on a budget of \$50,000, is expected to be completed this fall and submitted to independent film festivals, including the Sundance Film Festival.

In addition to a busy shooting schedule, Atlakson is still trying to raise the entire amount needed to complete the film. Even with grants from the Idaho Commission on the Arts, US WEST and BSU, he has a considerable way to go before meeting his budget goal, which is needed to fund a 27-

**Boise State
professor
has high hopes
for independent
film.**

day shooting schedule and post-production editing. Although Atlakson is an award-winning playwright who has spent much time writing, directing, designing and even acting for the stage, *Not This Part of the World* is his first film effort.

Regardless of the low budget and the fact that it's Atlakson's first film, *Not This Part of the World* has the opportunity to become successful in its own right as an independent film. And Atlakson is doing everything he can to ensure that success.

Atlakson has even enlisted a celebrity to help. Sun Valley resident Adam West, or TV's Batman, as he was known in the '60s, has a role in the movie.

Like Atlakson and other members of

the cast and crew, this too is my first film effort and all I — and probably everyone else involved — can think of is how nice it will feel when we're done for the night — especially for those who have been doing all-night shoots for several days in a row.

Since my role is so small, I have only four days of shooting to worry about. But for others, the film is their whole summer. Most involved have jobs to go to outside of filming, and the strain between the film and work is evident on their faces.

People who've wandered out of the Cactus Bar in downtown Boise gawk and some who are pretty tanked cause a little delay with the lights. They have waited around since the bar closed, probably hoping to see something out of a *Terminator* movie. They won't. What they do see is a diverse group of people working on no more than a couple of minutes of footage — a quiet scene after a rainstorm.

Not This Part of the World doesn't have exploding cars, terrorists and fleeing fugitives. Instead, it takes a look at how people are connected and disconnected from each other. It started as a play written in "little dramatic modules" that could be performed independently.

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Actor and Sun Valley resident Adam "Batman" West, far left, gets ready for his scene.

theater, parts of it have been done in New Jersey, New York, New Orleans and Philadelphia.

The film follows a group of people who attended high school together in Boise three years before. What sets the piece rolling is that one of the group's classmates has been killed in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. From there, the film follows them

individually until they're united at a birthday party 18 hours later.

I play a young woman named Suzie who lives in a trailer with her husband and son. Although I have one of the smallest roles in the film, it's still large enough for me to see some of what movie-making is about. It's mostly a lesson in patience — shooting takes over and over again, waiting between

takes and trying to be focused at all times.

Although actors need a lot of stamina to maintain "performance" energy, the hardest work comes from the crew. While the actors wait around, the crew rushes around to get things ready for the next take.

Even during filming, crew members are running equipment and providing different effects for the scene. Because of the tight shooting schedule and low budget, there is little time for them to take a break.

Tonight the scene is simple — a man goes into Moxie Java to buy some coffee. I learn quickly that these simple scenes can still take hours to complete. After being on set for nearly five hours, I finally get to dry off and go home at about 4 a.m.

But the crew will be there until the sun comes up, getting the last take and cleaning up as Moxie Java's first customers of the day start to stroll in.

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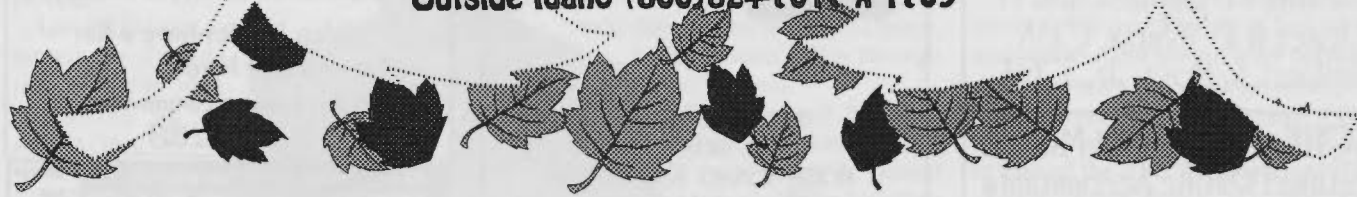
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INTERNSHIPS GIVE STUDENTS A JUMP START ON THE REAL WORLD

By Chereen Myers

As a student at Boise State, Damion Jordan took his career for a test drive.

Jordan worked as an intern for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. his junior year. Selling insurance gave Jordan a firsthand look into the future. "I knew I wanted to go into sales," he says, "and I wanted to try it out to see what it would be like."

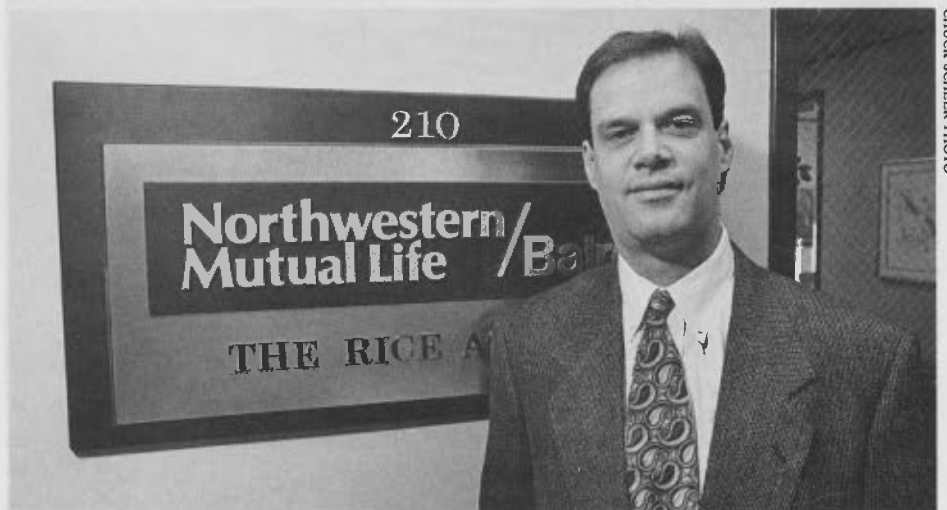
The internship experience helped to prepare him for a career as a real estate agent. "It taught me so much in sales, it was incredible," he says of his internship. "When you gain that much experience, it's hard to put a dollar value on it."

Northwestern Mutual Life annually provides five to 10 internships for BSU students, says Bob Rice, general agent for the Milwaukee-based insurance giant's Boise office.

Some interns after graduation are offered full-time jobs with the company because they have performed well and have proven their ability to produce, Rice says. "I am in the business of recruiting and supervising agents; the internship program helps us do that," Interns are trained and [become] qualified. Productivity is higher than when [employees] come from other sources."

Although Jordan selected a different career, former intern Randy Smith decided to stay with Northwestern Mutual Life. Smith's father was an insurance agent, and the BSU accounting major knew he would follow in his dad's footsteps. "I knew this was what I wanted to do," he says. "It's a tough business to get started in, but when I graduated I already knew what I was doing. I felt lucky. I found [the internship] to be a big, big advantage."

Students enrolled in BSU's College of Business are strongly encouraged to pursue an internship before they graduate, says Sue Brender, BSU's new director of internships/cooperative education. Brender, chair of BSU's department of computer information systems/production management, will re-



CHUCK SCHEER PHOTO

Accounting graduate Randy Smith used his internship to land a full-time job.

place Bill Warberg, who is retiring this fall.

Warberg initiated and organized Boise State's campuswide internship program 14 years ago and has observed other university programs. He says BSU has "one of the best, if not the best, programs in the Northwest."

Throughout the campus, student involvement in internship programs has increased at a steady rate. Last year 1,880 Boise State students signed up for internships, 202 of them from the College of Business.

Brender says in addition to the possibility of a permanent job and impressive references, internships give students the chance to apply their education practically. "It gives the student the opportunity to put theory from the classroom into use in a business situation," she says.

During his senior year, marketing major Allen Ireland put his classroom experience to work during an internship as a buyer at the Record Exchange. After he graduated in 1987, Ireland continued to work at the Boise music store for two more years.

But soon Ireland developed plans to run his own business. "I had always hoped I would be self-employed at some point," he says. "A year after I graduated I bought into

a used-clothing store called Retrospect." This initial investment led to a series of entrepreneurial successes. Ireland went on to open an all-ages venue called the Crazy Horse in 1990. Then in October 1993, he opened Neurolux, a downtown nightclub.

Grant Core hopes his internship will lead to similar success. His six-month internship at Hewlett-Packard is helping to broaden his professional experience. Core, who earned his MBA from BSU this year, is a production and distribution planner for HP. "For me, it's a chance to work at a big organization and learn skills dealing with a large company," he says.

The job is temporary, but Core says the experience will follow him regardless of where he finds a permanent position.

"This will help me somewhere else," he says. He's already learned an important lesson about the working world. "You have to use your past experience to get your foot in the door."

Rice says programs that give students practical experience in the marketplace have great results for everyone involved. "It's a win-win situation," he says. "It's good for us, the students and the university." □

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• Don Lojek contributed \$1,800 to the Nursing Scholarship established in his family's name.

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• Mary Schofield contributed \$1,000 to the Accounting Endowment.

• John Carley donated \$10,000 to establish the John and Joan Carley Alumni Business Scholarship. □

PHONATHON '94 TO BENEFIT LIBRARY

Phonathon '94 will be held Monday through Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. MST from Sept. 26-Oct. 27. Phonathon is the BSU Foundation's annual solicitation of alumni and friends for financial support of academic programs and activities at the university.

This year's Phonathon goal is \$150,000. Money raised through Phonathon '94 will be used to meet Warren McCain's \$2 million challenge to create an endowment for BSU's Library, which is currently being renovated and expanded.

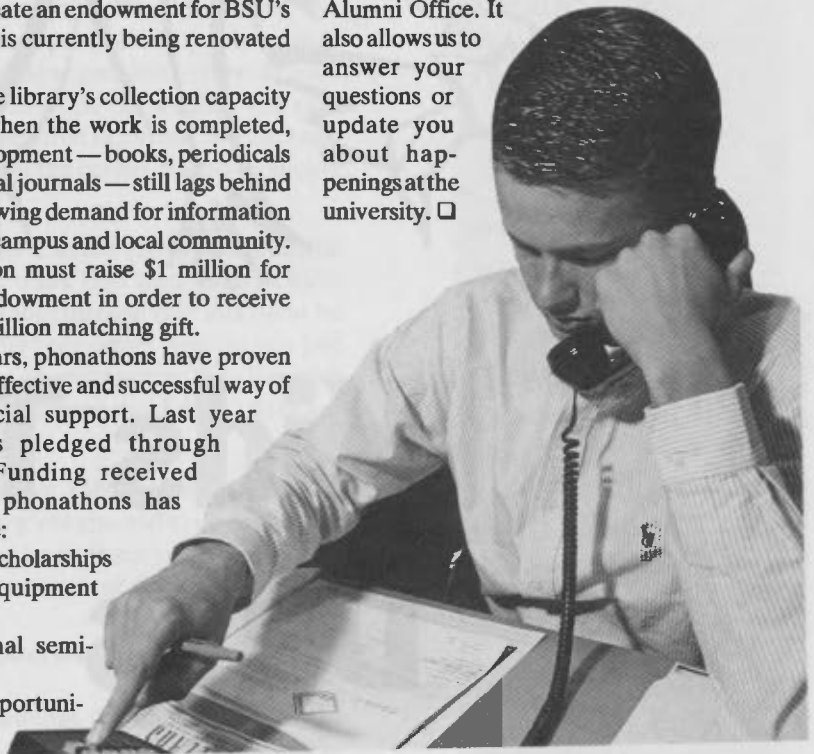
Although the library's collection capacity will increase when the work is completed, resource development — books, periodicals and professional journals — still lags behind the rapidly growing demand for information to support the campus and local community. The Foundation must raise \$1 million for the Library endowment in order to receive McCain's \$1 million matching gift.

Over the years, phonathons have proven the most cost-effective and successful way of gaining financial support. Last year \$146,000 was pledged through Phonathon. Funding received through past phonathons has helped provide:

- Academicscholarships
- Library equipment and materials
- Educational seminars
- Cultural opportunities

- Computers
- Instructional videos
- Student leadership programs
- Faculty recognition awards
- Visiting lecture series

Phonathon also provides us with an opportunity to find out news about our alums and friends such as important career changes, marriages and address changes which we then pass along to our Alumni Office. It also allows us to answer your questions or update you about happenings at the university. □



ELEANOR FOWLER LEAVES A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

One of the greatest things about working for the BSU Foundation is the outstanding people we meet. People who, because of their vision and generosity, make a difference in the lives of others. People who become our friends.

Eleanor Fowler was such a person.

Last fall Eleanor contacted the Foundation with the idea of setting up a scholarship for Caldwell High School graduates intending



to go to Boise State for vocational-technical programs. She had established a similar scholarship for Kimberly High School graduates at the College of Southern Idaho.

Fowler established the Noel and Emma Nadeau scholarship at BSU in memory of her parents. In her words, the scholarship was not to be awarded on academic merit, but to the student "who doesn't have much of a chance, but has shown ability through other avenues."

Eleanor and her late husband Otto were married 56 years before he passed away in 1989. Together they started and owned

Kimberly Seed Company.

On the day Fowler agreed to be interviewed for this donor profile, she passed away.

But it wasn't just her thoughtfulness that so impressed us. It was her enthusiasm, her outgoing manner, her commitment and her caring about students that we remember — as her legacy.

To those of us who had the pleasure of knowing Eleanor Fowler, as well as all the students who will benefit from her foresight and generosity, she was a great lady.

Gifts in memory of Fowler can be made to the Noel and Emma Nadeau Scholarship in care of the BSU Foundation, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725 (208) 385-3276. □



Kids These Days

In this issue of *FOCUS*, we are addressing today's youth, the problems they face, how they think, and what matters to them. Concerning these issues, we spoke directly to youth themselves, and to those who work with them on a daily basis.

Earlier this summer, we assembled a group of experts on youth for a panel discussion. A teacher, a youth minister, a juvenile law enforcement officer and a social worker share their thoughts on youth in this opening interview section.

Q *Are kids today different from the kids of 20 years ago?*

Pierose: From my point of view they're different. School used to be their only culture and it's just not that way anymore. The parents came to the school events. You knew the parents. You look at an old yearbook and you'll see huge pep clubs. There were fewer distractions, so there was more emphasis on a school culture. Kids didn't work so much — that was a factor in making them belong to a school.

Lusk: Children are much more likely to be poor than they were 20 years ago. In fact, one in five American children lives below the poverty line. They are more likely to live with a

single-parent family with one in four living in a single-parent home. Children are much more likely to give birth to children themselves. In fact, one-half million children are born each year to teen-age mothers. So I think children are very different today than they were just 20 years ago.

Dickson: I think too, that teen-agers today are growing up without a clear idea of absolutes in our society. I grew up in a family that was non-religious, non-Christian, yet my parents had some very strong morals and values and I had absolutes that I dealt with day in, day out. But as a youth pastor I deal with kids who are always talking

gray issues — “Is it OK to have sex before marriage?” Because it seems that the world is condoning it. So this lack of absolutes is creating a lot of confusion for kids today.

Baranco: What I’m seeing is a result of the lack of absolutes and a clear consensus across society concerning right and wrong. I’m seeing a whole lot more juveniles as the years go on who lack a sense of moral responsibility or civic accountability. They’re not really concerned for society as a whole, they’re concerned for themselves, and it’s really a problem. Property rights and human rights are seemingly disregarded unless it refers to them personally. And that’s a great concern for me.

Q *Do you think that the problems of today are worse than the problems that kids of 20 years ago faced?*

Dickson: I think we live in a more violent society than we did 20 to 30 years ago. I have teen-agers that tell me that on Friday or Saturday nights they’ve been threatened with knives or guns. We don’t have the violence that big cities have yet, but we are approaching that level with shootings, stabbings, violent acts of physical aggression — boys against girls, date rapes. If those were common 20 or 30 years ago, I was sure not aware of it. There is domestic violence that occurred 30 years ago that was not publicized or was swept under the carpet, but we’re seeing so much more of that today, too.

Pierose: The availability of drugs and a much more materialistic society are big problems for kids. Kids think that they have to have things — cars, shoes, clothes and disposable income that lets them be free from their parents. There are many teen-agers who do not live with their parents. They live on their own, in apartments, they live with friends, they live in cars, in all kinds of situations that I didn’t ever see anybody involved in 20 years ago.

Baranco: Kids today are forced to grow up a lot sooner and take on responsibilities for themselves. I think they’re expected to do so by some parents. So even though they might be living under that roof, they come and go as they please and there really is no supervision or direction.

Q *Do you think that TV has had an impact on this generation?*

Lusk: I think that television fails to challenge the imagination or the intellect of children. It occupies too much of their time and as a result they’re not achieving in school at the same levels of the children of 20 years ago. Children spend 21 percent of their time watching television. They spend almost as much time watching television as in school. Television is symptomatic of the lack of rigor and challenge in our curricula and of our lack of commitment to expose children to something other than mass culture.

Dickson: It’s not only television and music, but it’s also video games, computers. It’s kind of a one-way communication. Kids don’t know how to communicate with each other or with their parents or peers. When they get into relationships later on, whether it’s dating or marriage, we see the problems developing with a lack of communication, understanding how to talk, how to work through conflict. So we end up with these kids in relationships that disintegrate because they’ve never been challenged to grow, to become more imaginative, to be creative. It’s disheartening.

Q *What do you think kids are concerned about today?*

Dickson: Materialism. “What feels good to me.” We’ve produced a generation of kids that think pain is bad, when really pain can bring

PAT PIEROSE, a 30-year teaching veteran, teaches English at Borah High School. She received her master’s degree from BSU in 1987.

DENNIS DICKSON is the senior high youth pastor at Cole Community Church in Boise. He’s been working with youths for more than 20 years in Young Life, a ministry for high school students, and as a youth minister.

RICHARD BARANCO, a juvenile detective for the Boise Police Department, is assigned to Capital High as a school resource officer. He is also on the Boise Schools’ Task Force for Crime and Violence and is the events security director for the BSU Pavilion. He attended BSU in 1977-78.

MARK LUSK is the chairman of the BSU social work department and a coordinator of the Mayor’s Task Force on Youth. He has conducted extensive studies and research on underprivileged youths, juvenile crime and related problems.

about change. And we treat painful situations with every substance that we have on our shelves. So kids grow up thinking pain is bad, therefore whatever I can have that makes me feel good or brings a level of success to my life, then those are the things I want to go after.

Pierose: The topic of the state proficiency exam this year was “what concerns you in the future.” It’s given to about 17,000 juniors in the state. There were a lot of people around the state, a lot of places like in northern Idaho — kids who’d watched their fathers working for timber industries or kids who said, “I’m probably not going to be able to do that.” Kids whose parents were farmers were saying things like, “I don’t think I’m going to farm. I don’t think that we’re going to be able to hold this together.” A teacher in Emmett told me once that it used to be really hard to try to talk to kids about how important it was to finish high school and maybe go on, because at that time, they could work in the plant in Emmett and earn much more than teachers did and they didn’t need to go to college. But in such a few years, that changed in that community. Kids could see then that yes, it was important to be educated because things could change rapidly.



Pat Pierose

Lusk: I think it’s important to accentuate the positive. Most children have grown up in healthy families that are functional, that are economically onreasonably sound footing and they have conventional aspirations, goals and values. Children at high risk share the goals and aspirations that other youth and children share. They too want families, they want jobs, they want security.

Pierose: When the singer Kurt Cobain died, my students were annoyed and felt alienated. The media somehow can create this thing that all young people are despondent, angry and suicidal. If I believed that I wouldn’t teach because being a teacher means you have to be an optimist. If I thought that were true, then there’d be no point in me going to work everyday.

Q *With all of the fears and the pessimism that is real and also conjured up by the media, do you think that we have cheated our youth out of their childhood?*

Dickson: Some children, yes, have been cheated out of their childhood and I think that can happen in functional families as well as dysfunctional families. But I wonder if a bigger problem is that we have somehow prolonged adolescence, we have prolonged childhood. In ancient cultures there was a rite of passage that meant “now they are adults.” But in our culture, we don’t seem to have that. So we have kids growing up that may-be have been too involved in their childhood to the point where they don’t grow up. I know of 25-year-old kids who are still out there trying to find themselves because they haven’t discovered earlier what it means to be an adult.



Dennis Dickson

Q *Do you think that kids are doing adult activities at an earlier age?*

Lusk: Well, at least one adult activity in particular, and that is the onset of the first intercourse. In earlier history, we’ve regulated sexual conduct through the institution of marriage, and that institution is taking on new forms and dissolving in its significance, which is a great challenge for society. Society needs to find ways in which sexual expression can be brought within some kind of a regulatory social institution so that it involves commitment.

Baranco: Children are experimenting with tobacco and alcohol and other things in addition to sexual promiscuity, and they are more violent at a younger age. My experience as a law enforcement officer is that, through statistics, in 1983, 32 percent of juvenile violators were under the age of 15. In 1993, the percentage had risen to 40 percent under the age of 15. We’re talking about criminal violations: theft, vandalism,

assault and battery. Those types of cases are occurring more among younger children than ever before in our society.

Q *Do you think kids are more or less optimistic these days?*

Dickson: I work with a lot of kids who are seekers in terms of some [spirituality] in their lives. Those who are seeking and have been able to place faith in Christ or in God seem to be more optimistic. Yet I've also seen students who call themselves Christians or who are involved in religious activities who in times of distress, in times of trouble and heartache, lack hope.

Baranco: When we see political pressures, environmental pressures, local concerns in crime and issues that are facing our country plus the traditional breakdowns, you can't help but think that all kids, even those of faith, are going to be challenged in the area of optimism.

Q *What are some of the characteristics or activities of kids who seem to be more optimistic?*

Pierose: They believe that they can make a difference. They believe that if they work hard that they will succeed, and not necessarily financially. My school has a very large conservative religious population and those kids really believe, because of their faith, that there is hope and perfectibility for all and so they follow that kind of path. They don't get drunk every Friday and Saturday night. They don't all participate in risky behavior. I don't mean that they don't ever step over the line every once in a while, but they're not generally involved in risky behaviors.



Richard Baranco

Q *Dennis, would you say that church kids are less disciplined and more wayward in their behavior today?*

Dickson: Youth group members today are experiencing some of the same struggles, disappointments and waywardness of kids who aren't involved with youth groups. Kids involved in youth group are just as prone to be involved with pre-marital sex as kids who aren't in a youth group. They are being taught different values than they were 20 years ago. So I would agree that kids in youth groups are struggling with the same problems and getting involved with those same issues. It's difficult for them.

Q *What kind of prevention programs or proactive activities would you like to see in place?*

Baranco: We are people who need relationships. We need to be accountable to somebody and know that somebody is interested in what we do, whether we succeed or fail, and can help bring us along when we do fail. And it's the lack of the relationships in the kids that I'm working with in the criminal justice system that I feel is consistent with the problem.

Lusk: I'd emphasize that Idaho's children are in much better shape than most states. But at the same time, we face special challenges in that 17 percent of Idaho's children fall below the poverty line. And while that's lower than the national average, that's still practically one in five. So if we're going to do something on behalf of our youth, I would do something to strengthen child-support enforcement and work on programs that help families who are unemployed find work. With respect to schools, I'd emphasize that we need a rigorous and challenging curriculum that's going to prepare Americans for the global economy. Idaho youth face a more optimistic future on any social or economic indicator on the average than other states in the U.S. This is a state with very few distressed neighborhoods and it is a state with abundant human and natural resources. While our tone at times has been to talk about the problems of youth, there are very few places in the world, much less the U.S., where a child has as many opportunities as they have here. □



Mark Lusk

Brenda's Story

A Boise youth tells of abuse, neglect — and survival

By Glenn Oakley

On Christmas Day when she was 11 years old, Brenda tried to hang herself in her basement bedroom. Over the next five years the Garden City girl would try three more times — by slashing her wrists and by overdosing on pills — to end her troubled life.

Brenda's story is harrowing, but given her life history the surprise is not that she would become addicted to drugs, get into trouble with authorities and attempt suicide. The surprise is that she has, at least for now, kicked the drugs and is working to straighten out a most twisted life. As for the drugs and suicide attempts, says her counselor Pam Carson, "Could it have been any other way?"

Brenda was born 16 years ago. She lives at her mother's house in Garden City with an 18-year-old half sister and her baby, a 17-year-old half brother and an ever-changing parade of her mother's friends. The police are frequent visitors to her home. She has been suspended from



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Hepler: "We work with both the youth and families on communication skills."

RESCUE PROJECT NEEDS HELP

By Glenn Oakley

For two and a half years the BSU-sponsored Boise Family Project has worked to intercept troubled kids before they end up in jail. Now the project needs its own financial interception to keep running.

"The project was designed to work with youth getting in trouble, before they become actual delinquents," says social work professor and project coordinator Juanita Hepler. "Because the research shows when you get kids involved in the court system they're more likely to get involved with crime and become repeat offenders."

The project is directed by Debbie Kristal and Dave Scudder from Boise State's public affairs research center, and the cases are handled by four professional counselors who were BSU master of social work students when the program was started.

The project has two programs, explains Hepler: Level 1 and 2. Level 1 is for first time status offenders; youths who have violations for truancy, runaway, curfew or out-of-control behavior. These youths and their families, directed by the courts, school resource officers or others, attend a four-hour Saturday session led by Hepler. "We work with both the youth and families on communication skills and anger management," she explains.

Youths with two or more offenses are elevated to level 2, a series of up to eight private sessions with the youth, the family and the counselor. "Most of the parents [coming into the program] are really stressed out, angry or desperate," says Hepler. "The parents feel they are out of

control. They cannot make that kid do something." But, she says, "We won't let the family make the child the problem." Instead, the counselors guide the family into setting a goal and "specific steps to reach that goal."

The project has been funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and Hepler notes that money from the grant has been used in a number of seemingly unorthodox ways. "We've helped to pay repair bills on cars. We've paid for medication. We've given money to send kids to camp. We've given money to give a kid fiddle lessons."

Hepler says such expenditures solve problems which are sometimes rooted in poverty. The repaired car was needed to transport a working mother to her job and take the youth to counseling. The fiddle lessons were for a youth who was angry and acting out, but dearly wanted to learn to play the fiddle. "Anything we can get this kid into that is positive" is worth a try, explains Hepler.

Most of the families referred to the project are working class or poor, she says, adding that middle class and wealthier families will usually do whatever they need to do to keep their kids out of the legal system.

There is now a waiting list for counseling, says Hepler. But without financial intervention the project will end soon.

Hepler laments the termination of the project, one of the few juvenile crime programs that has not featured punishment as its focal point. "The nice thing about this program is it really is prevention and family oriented," she says. □

Mountain Cove, a school for troubled kids. She is on probation as a runaway, and is in a counseling program directed by Boise State social work professor Juanita Hepler. Her counselor, Carson, is a recent graduate from the BSU master's program in social work.

Brenda's earliest memories are of getting drunk. "I used to get alcohol all the time from my real dad," she states plainly. "My real dad used to get me drunk. It started at 2 years old. He'd stick it in my baby bottle. It was the only way he could get me quiet."

By the age of 8 she was smoking marijuana before and after school. "I had a stepdad that was a drug addict," she says. "I met his friends, carried on with all of them."

Brenda accepted her family life as normal. "It was my lifestyle. ... I seen it all around me when I was 8 years old. So I thought it was OK. My mom's and my dad's friends were getting us high."

She chafed against the restrictions she encountered when visiting the homes of her school friends. Today, however, she laments the lack of structure and discipline in her life.

While at Hillside Junior High School Brenda says she started hanging out with a gang — not a real gang, she notes, "just a whole bunch of kids that get together and think they're real bad." She says she joined them so she "wouldn't get beat up on any more and so I would have friends." By this time Brenda was heavily into drugs: snorting crack, heroin and cocaine on a daily basis.

Her home life continued to deteriorate. She says she was beaten by her stepdad for not standing up to other kids at school. Her clothes were regularly stolen from her room by the many transients passing through the house. There was rarely any food in the house, but at least the drugs killed her hunger. "And I was told that I was a slut. And I started believing it. My mom would even call me a slut. ... And that was after we were being raped by this old guy down the road."

Brenda explains that her best friend's grandfather was regularly raping several children in the neighborhood. "We never told nobody. We all were scared. He threatened us: 'You tell and I'll kill you or you'll never see your family again.'" When Brenda's mother finally learned of the rapes, Brenda says her response was, "It's too late now, we can't do nothing." Brenda never received counseling for the rapes.

At school, she says, "They always tried to get me to talk to them [counselors]. But I wouldn't talk to them 'cause I didn't feel comfortable. I felt they were going to tell the state and I was going to get removed from my home."

In Boise Brenda was eventually sent to Mountain Cove, a school for "troublemakers, nothing but troublemakers." She did not last long there. Last year she was expelled

for missing too many days. She says she will attend a program at Boise State this fall to earn her GED.

Since the age of 11, Brenda has been periodically kicked out of her house over disputes with her mother's boyfriends. "And that's when I picked up this suicide attempt," she explains. "And it's because I was being brainwashed that my mom didn't love me no more." Brenda says family members including her brother and sister continually told her that her mother didn't want anything to do with her. "And then one day on Christmas I hung myself. I said my mom don't love me, so I don't want to live."

Brenda was found hanging by her sister and the family untied her. But the event was not discussed, she says, and she never visited a counselor to deal with the suicide attempt. More attempts were soon to come.

Brenda says the first attempts at suicide were probably her way of letting people know she was hurting. But, she adds, "The last time I didn't care whether I died or not."

Her second suicide attempt was over a boyfriend. "I told him if he left me I'd kill myself," she says. After getting in a fight over the telephone, Brenda recalls, "I said heck with it after he hung up. I walked down the road. I had a knife in my hand. And I went back to the lake and I was just listening to the water. And I just tightened my muscles and tried to slice my wrists." She

changed her mind after making several cuts. A day and a half later her mother noticed blood on her arm, she says. This time she was taken to the hospital where she was put on antidepressant drugs.

Shortly after she quit taking the antidepressants she broke up with another boyfriend. "Everybody was going through my head," she says. "I got up and took all these pills at once, then lay down and started crying, listening to that song, "Love Hurts."

She ended up in the hospital again. That suicide attempt seems to have triggered a gradual change in Brenda.

For the first time in years, perhaps her life, Brenda has found some structure and hope for the future. Ironically, this change came partly because of her suicide attempt and a subsequent arrest as a runaway. After once again being kicked out of her house, Brenda was living with her sister. Her mother decided she wanted them back and filed charges against Brenda as a runaway.

Placed on probation by the courts, Brenda was directed to Carson in the Boise Family Center intervention program. When Brenda came to see Carson last February she had of her own volition started to detoxify herself by quitting her extensive drug habit cold turkey. "She looked horrible," recalls Carson. "She looked like death. She weighed about 80 pounds. She was dirty, she was pale."

Over time, on an irregular basis, Brenda

began confiding in Carson. In turn, Carson began teaching Brenda how to more constructively deal with her problems and to call her whenever things got so bad that suicide loomed as an option.

Brenda now writes down her feelings, filling pages with her emotions. She and other girls from the neighborhood have also filed charges against the man she accused of raping her.

Carson thinks that Brenda can heal herself, but it will be a long, gradual process as she becomes more independent and can free herself from a toxic family life.

And while Brenda's story is probably shocking to most Idahoans, it is certainly not shocking to those who work with troubled kids.

"The teen-agers I see are coming from families with no structure whatsoever," says Carson. "Mom and dad are on drugs. Mom and dad are drinkers. There's three and four and five marriages. There's all kinds of men in and out of the house. There's nothing they can depend on that's predictable. And then they get to be teen-agers and they start acting out and making stupid choices. And now we're supposed to get tougher on them and that's somehow going to fix it all. I think it will backfire.

"Brenda doesn't need people to be tougher on her. She needs somebody she can trust and listen to her. That's all she needs." □



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Spiritual Search

By Edie Jeffers

The suicide of Nirvana lead singer Kurt Cobain focused national attention on his songs of anger, despair, hopelessness and death. These songs have become anthems to a legion of teen-age fans who — like Cobain — seem to have given up all hope.

The media portrayal of this lost and disillusioned generation has quickly become the stereotype for youth in general. But there is a sizeable segment of youth — in Boise and across the nation — who see life much differently. Instead of embracing hopelessness, they are searching for a workable life philosophy and have found solutions. Many have embraced what they believe is true hope, joy and peace. Some have found faith in God. Others have adopted a world view that doesn't include a belief in God — but is a style of faith that they can live by.

These kids of faith are not out of touch with reality. They, like their more anguished counterparts, have also struggled through the issues of adolescence and have pondered the bigger questions of life. They have spent time in the throes of adolescent angst. Some go to church. Some do not. Some have crossed the boundaries and done things they now regret. But many teens who have a more hopeful outlook on life have found some answers to life's huge questions.

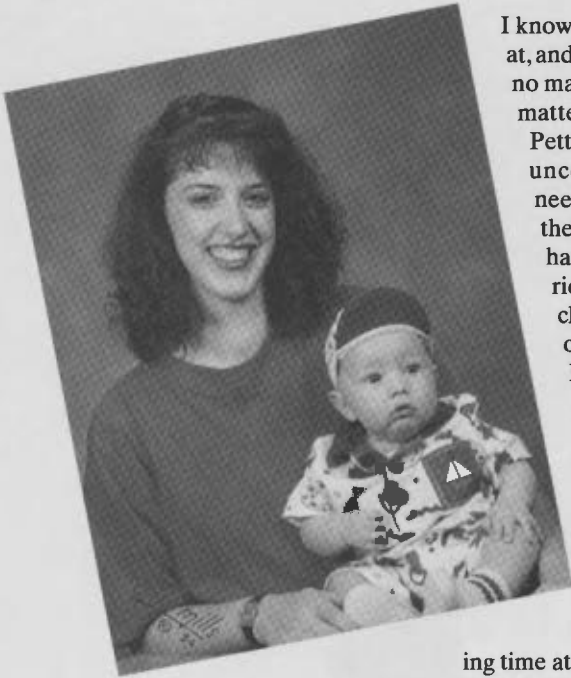
Cole Community Church youth pastor Dennis Dickson thinks that youth are serious about their spiritual search. Because this generation has been raised by baby-boomers who left the church in droves, they are the product of a largely secular background, according to Dickson.

“A tremendous amount of baby boomers left the church discouraged and disillusioned, and that has been hard for their kids,” says Dickson. “But whether their parents have a religious background or not, kids wrestle with questions like, ‘Who am I?’ ‘What do I believe?’ During that adolescent period, they take a good hard look and they say, ‘Hey, the world's all wrong; this is not what I'm looking for, these things — material things, sports, sex — aren't satisfying to me. Where am I going to find contentment and peace of heart? Where will I find someone who is going to love me unconditionally?’”

‘Kids wrestle with questions like, ‘Who am I?’ ‘What do I believe?’ ... They take a good hard look and they say, ‘Hey, the world's all wrong ...’



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From left to right: Brandi Pettinger and son Shaw, Dave Werner, Carey Deymonaz, and Kim McKinney.

Future BSU student Brandi Pettinger has found what she believes is the answer — but not without experiencing the darker side first. “I think I have a little bit of a different attitude. I do have faith that there is a God out there who’s in control,” says the 21-year-old. “I have decided that turning my life over to God is the surest way to happiness and a fulfilled life. I tried to control it myself and it doesn’t work. I found out the hard way.” She knows many of her peers are still searching. “They want to answer the big questions of life: What’s it all about, what’s the point?”

Dickson says he thinks youths struggle with a couple of basic needs. “One is to be loved and another is to be accepted.”

Pettinger says she’s seen some — including herself — deal with these needs in a destructive fashion. “They’re having sex so early because they’re looking for love,” she says. “They’re not finding it where they’re looking for it, so they need to numb the pain. They just medicate themselves [with drugs and alcohol]. I was involved in drugs for quite a while. I was promiscuous. I’ve pretty much done it all. The turning point was when I got pregnant with my baby. I woke up and realized I had to get things together — for him and myself.”

Dickson asserts that God is always ready when this turning point happens. “The God

I know loves them just where they’re at, and accepts them for who they are, no matter what their situation is, no matter what they’ve done,” he says. Pettinger says she discovered this unconditional acceptance she needed both from God and from the young adults in the church she had left during her rebellious period. “When I came back to the church, they welcomed me with open arms. They did more than I ever expected in helping me through the pregnancy and getting adjusted to being a mother,” she says.

Dave Werner, a Capital High School graduate, says he has found a secure faith in Jesus Christ, but is not at all interested in spend-

ing time at church. The 19-year-old left his church during his junior year of high school because he saw a disparity between how people lived their lives on Sunday and during the rest of the week. “I’m still a Christian, but I don’t go to church,” says Werner. “I didn’t get along with the church I was going to, so I just practice on my own. I read my Bible and I pray and try to live a model life.

“It makes me mad when people think you have to go to church and do what the preacher says to be a Christian,” continues Werner. “Where I went, I ran into a lot of hypocrites and I didn’t really like it. They’ll say they’re Christians. They are just that during that hour at church, but after that, they’re not even attempting to be Christians. Everybody sins and has problems, but these people aren’t even trying.”

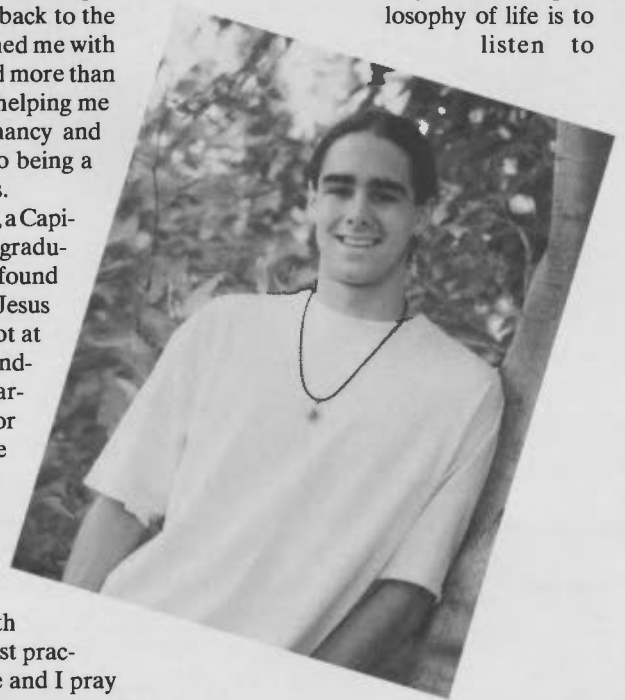
He finds it easier to live out his faith away from a formal church setting. “When I got away from church, because it was a personal relationship between me and Jesus, it’s easier to be truthful. I don’t have to answer to anybody else.”

Some of Werner’s friends from his former church youth group haven’t understood his new position. “I have gotten a few letters with all these encouragements, telling me not to kill myself. They think I’m going crazy. I’m far from being crazy. I think they make it up because they don’t have anything better to talk about, or they just like to gossip,” he says.

Carey Deymonaz, who will attend the University of Idaho this fall, also had problems with the traditional church setting. She stopped going to church because she didn’t

find it useful for her life. She hasn’t returned — to church, or to faith in God. “I thought the church was boring and I didn’t like being there,” she says. “I don’t believe in what the Bible says because it doesn’t make sense. ... I don’t live by this set of rules that is based on something [I] don’t even know is true. I don’t believe in a blind faith because it’s blind.”

For Deymonaz, her philosophy of life is to listen to



her conscience, but she also concedes that formal rules are necessary to living in a society. “It’s easier to live by one’s own conscience. A person knows the difference between right and wrong and how to follow the rules of society. Maybe the rules are kind of stupid sometimes, but I guess we have to follow them.”

The concept of an afterlife causes more confusion for Deymonaz. “I don’t see why people have to be focused on a life after death,” says the 18-year-old. “We don’t know what’s out there anyway. I think there’s just a place where everybody goes. Maybe an energy plane or something. Who knows?”

Kim McKinney, who calls herself an atheist, also has questions about life after death and other concerns that cause her to challenge the traditions that have been handed down to her. “Death of family members and friends really gets me wondering about where we go,” she says. “When I’m here, I know that I’m here, but when I’m not, where am I? If we have a spirit or a soul, it has to go somewhere. Right now I can sense that I’m in my body, but when I’m six feet under, where does that leave me?”

McKinney says she’s found out from her own learning and reasoning that powers,



such as Jesus and God, can't help her with the pain she feels, so she's forced to rely upon herself.

McKinney began to question the existence of God when other people couldn't answer her questions. "I started asking myself about a superior being and wondering why I couldn't see it. I got really confused and started asking people," says the 17-year-old. "Because people couldn't give me answers — proof of what they were saying — I had to find alternative routes of power. I had to figure it out for myself."

Officer Richard Baranco, a 16-year veteran of law enforcement, sees the pain and confusion that kids experience on a daily basis in his role as a school resource officer at Capital High. He attributes many of the problems he sees to a lack of sincere hope and a lack of absolute values among youth.

According to Baranco, the overreaction to the separation of church and state has also fueled their disillusionment and lack of direction. "Our society has effectively eliminated God as an option or as a viable truth," he says. "We have, in some ways, taken the theme of separation of church and state far beyond that which was intended by our forefathers and intended by the majority of those in our country."

Baranco believes that society has "stolen hope" from many teen-agers. "We have taken it from the lives of our youth at a time that's so important for them to have hope and to have a realization that they're not only accountable to their immediate circumstances, but to a God who loves them and cares for them and has a future for them."

Despite what Baranco says, Deymonaz thinks kids who go to church and say they have faith in God are still confused. "They're going crazy inside with their own beliefs,

even if they have their own church set up for them. It's organized, all the rules are there — church on Sunday, youth group on Wednesday — even with everything set up for them, they're still unsure, just like I am without church."

Their faithfulness is motivated by fear, says Deymonaz. "I guess it's the fear of God that keeps them going to church. Crazy parents and crazy preachers tell them that if they don't go to church, God will hate them and they will go to hell."

But Pettinger, who didn't care much for playing by the rules before, now lives by standards motivated by love, not fear. "If you truly love God and

want to do right by Him, you'll stay within these boundaries purely because you want to." She believes her peers are hung up on the idea of having to follow rules. "They think it's all about rules, and they don't want to follow the rules. They don't want to give up fun. It's not that there's rules, but there are boundaries that God has set up to protect people."

Staying within the boundaries isn't easy. The temptation to try to temporarily satisfy longings with things that don't ultimately fulfill her is a very strong one, according to Pettinger. "For me, it's a constant challenge to not try to find instant gratification somewhere else. The life-style [drugs, promiscuity] is not fulfilling, but it's instantly gratifying ... instantly, for a moment."

Why doesn't she give in to the temptation? Pettinger says she wants to spend her time on earth preparing for what she believes will be the eternal gratification of heaven. "I realize God really does want the best for me. When I turn my life over to Him, everything works out. But it's a struggle every day not to take my life into my own hands and to realize that God knows what He's doing," she says.

But if this hope and peace is available, why aren't more kids enticed by it?

"So many kids come from dysfunctional homes that they don't really want to believe that somebody really does care," Pettinger says. "They don't want to be vulnerable and risk getting hurt."

Werner, like Pettinger, believes his peers can only find true hope in God. He stresses

that there are alternatives to the church as a means of finding God. "I think the only way to find a personal relationship with God is through knowing Christ, but I can see where they might not find it at church. They can find a relationship with God and learn about Christ from friends and other people. I understand that the church is the most obvious place to do this, but there are other ways."

But whether through the church, friends or an independent search, Werner thinks youths who are searching for answers about faith in God tend to give up too easily. "They haven't really given it a chance," he says. "They need to find a setting where they are comfortable and start to learn about it. All you need is a Bible. That's all you really



need. Go ahead and study.

There will definitely be questions, so you will definitely need a support network of some type."

But going it alone seems necessary to the search for faith, or at least, necessary to arriving at some conclusions to the big questions. "When I was there, nobody could say anything to me. I had to find out for myself," says Pettinger of her personal search. "The more people talked, the more I didn't believe it. You have to get to the point where you're willing to risk it. You risk getting hurt, finding out He really doesn't care. Sometimes it feels like that — It's a feeling, but it's not a fact."

But McKinney, like most teen-agers, is still searching. Even though she says she is an atheist, she admits she's open to a change of heart. "I've never seen the light. What I see is a human race and animals that are on this earth. I find it difficult to believe in something that isn't there making itself known. But when I say I don't believe, it doesn't mean I won't." □

Fatal Judgments

Teens use a final solution
for temporary problems

By Bob Evancho

The thought of suicide is a great consolation: by means of it one gets successfully through many a bad night.

— Nietzsche

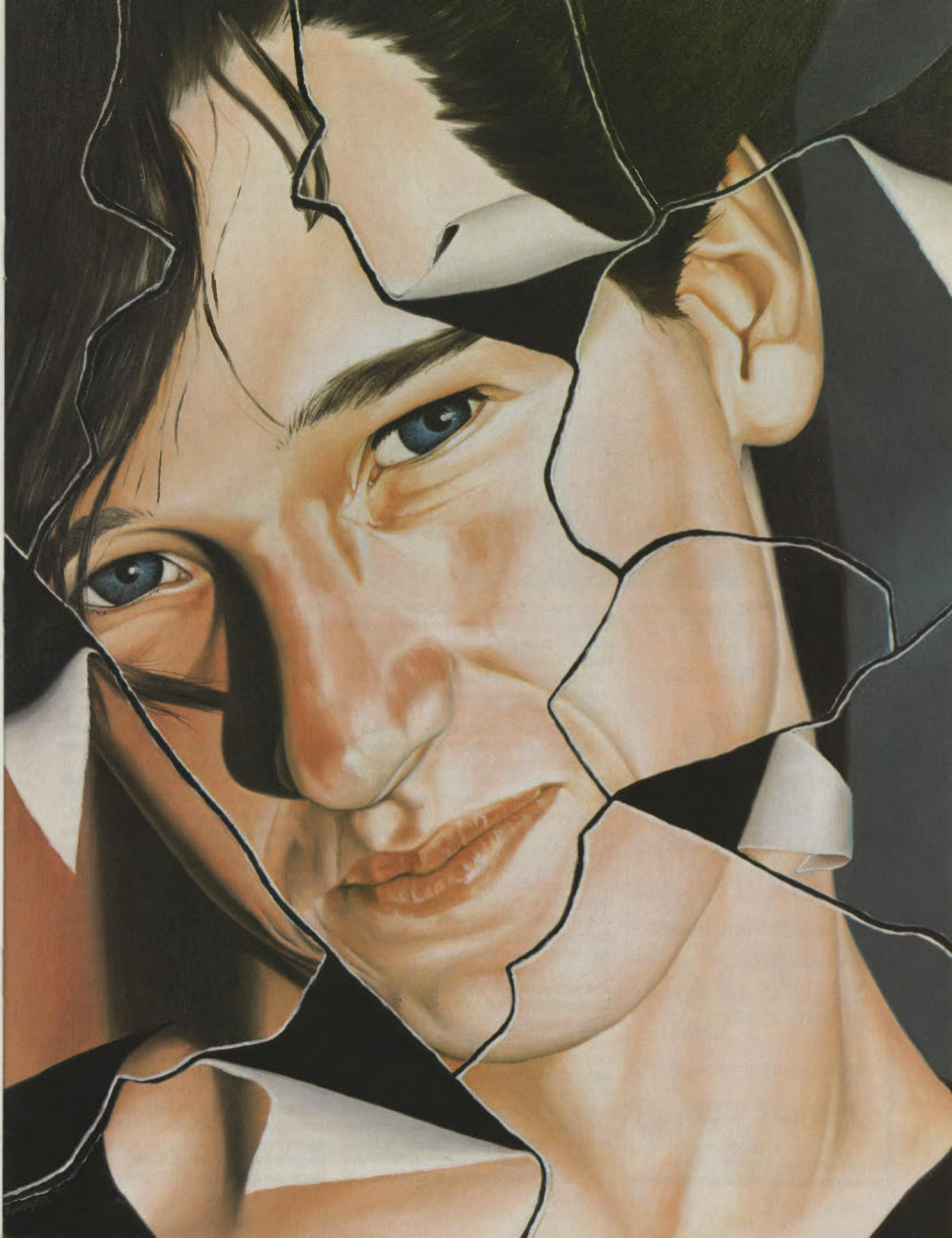
**'He got mad and
did it without
thinking.'**

Sometimes the imprudence and impulsiveness of youth can be fatal. That's the most damnable thing about many teen-age suicides.

As Nietzsche implies, the line between contemplating and committing suicide is sometimes thin and indistinct. And with their frail young psyches unable to cope with whatever is tormenting them, some teenagers topple over the edge — impulsively and tragically taking their own lives over a "crisis" that eventually would have passed.

And while it's true that some teen-agers commit suicide because of deep-seated and prolonged depression or other personal agonies, others kill themselves while in a state of acute and short-lived despondency called "reactive depression," a fairly common malaise among adolescents.

Such situations may be ephemeral, but they can also be deadly, warns Boise State psychologist Jim Nicholson. Because of their puerility and





Sandra Forrey (with photos of Isaac): "It's like a part of me died; I'll never be the same."

'The crisis causing their problems may blow over in a relatively short time.'

inexperience in dealing with life's cruelties, some teens are ill-equipped to cope with certain traumas, and their problems are blown out of proportion to their true measure. It is during this interval of time, says Nicholson, when some teen-agers may become suicidal.

"When you combine reactive depression with the impulsivity and lack of perception of reality common among some adolescents, you get a window of high risk when they are more likely to commit suicide," says Nicholson, chair of BSU's department of counseling. "Often the crisis that triggers this state of mind is real — a kid flunks out of school, or a friend is killed, or a boyfriend or girlfriend ends a relationship — and the pain they are feeling is in fact a normal reaction. But what happens to some adolescents under these conditions is that they become less logical and more depression-prone."

According to Nicholson, suicidal depression and thoughts of doom can manifest themselves during this window of susceptibility, "but the crisis causing their problems may blow over in a relatively short time," he says. "In many cases with adolescents, the high potential for suicide is short-lived, and the person is eventually reconnected with reality and thinking more rationally. What you need to do when dealing with someone in this situation is to make sure they know that there will be some sense of hope and relief, often in the next few days. With reac-

tive depression, that window of high risk can last for weeks or days, sometimes just hours or minutes."

Sadly, 15-year-old Isaac Forrey apparently slipped through that "window" three years ago and killed himself. Forrey committed suicide following what seemed to be a fairly harmless quarrel with his mother. But as his parents would later discover, there were other factors that led to the tragedy.

Sandra Forrey sits in the dining room of her quaint and comfortable Boise home. It's midday and the house is quiet. Isaac was the seventh of her and her husband's 10 children; their ages range from 34-13. In the spring of 1991 Isaac shot himself in the head with a small-caliber handgun alongside an irrigation canal near his home. "I can talk about it today without crying," she says, "but some days I can't." She doesn't cry, but once or twice she blinks back tears; occasionally her voice wavers.

Forrey is willing to share her story because it might help other parents avoid a tragedy like hers. Yes, she says, her son's suicide was an impetuous act that might not have happened had he cooled off. Yes, it came without warning. Yes, that makes it all that more difficult to accept.

"Kids at that age will do it on impulse, and Isaac was impulsive," she says. "That was his nature — a lot. He would get real mad and be un-mad five minutes later. We had absolutely no forewarning [of the suicide], so

that made it really hard.”

In hindsight, Forrey believes her son was experiencing some problems in the weeks and months preceding his death—but nothing more than what most junior-high-aged boys grapple with.

“He loved football. He was real close to all his football buddies, and in the winter, I don’t know, he began to become disgruntled with some of the friendships he had,” Forrey says. “And one night in January he called us at almost midnight and said for us to come get him, and I said, ‘What’s going on?’ and he said, ‘Well, they’re drinking, Mom, and I don’t want to be here.’ And he had us come get him. And we were just real proud of him, because it’s hard to do that.”

“But later after he died he had some journals at the school that they gave us, and [we discovered that] he was getting harassed because of some of this. And some of his friends after his death. ... Well, one of the boys sobbed and said, ‘It’s our fault. We were on his case all the time, calling him wimp and weanie and everything else because he wouldn’t party.’

“And instead of realizing how hard it was on him we just thought he was strong.” Forrey continues, “and now I’m thinking he was a lot more unhappy and frustrated with lots of things than we realized. ... He would act like it didn’t bother him, but I think it was ripping him up inside. I think it was real hard for him to have his best friends calling him a chicken.”

Other than a minor episode a few days before he died in which he got “kind of mouthy” while shopping with her, Forrey says there were no signs of her son’s inner turmoil. “It wasn’t even a big deal,” Forrey says of the incident. “We didn’t even argue about it. ... Other than that situation until the day he died, nothing out of the ordinary occurred.”

Then it happened.

During a family outing a few miles from their home Forrey says Isaac became frustrated by a lack of recreational facilities. “He said to me, ‘This is dumb, this is stupid, this is lame; I don’t want to be here,’” she recalls. An argument between the two ensued and the younger Forrey said he was leaving and going to a friend’s home. Sandra Forrey, who had her younger children to tend to, decided to let him go: “I said, phooey, he’ll just cool down, he’ll be all right, I won’t worry about it.”

Isaac went home and called a friend who he was supposed to meet the next day and told him not to bother. “All he said was, ‘Don’t come over tomorrow, I’m not going to be here,’” his mother recalls.

He pulled down a gun that was tucked away on a closet shelf and walked to the canal.

There are lots of teens like Isaac Forrey—teens with the same potential to rid them-

selves of some self-torment with the most drastic of measures. Fortunately, many of them receive professional help from people like Nicholson before they impulsively self-destruct.

“In a situation where you think someone is severely suicidal, you don’t want to overplay the situation, but you also have to take it as far as necessary to make sure the person is safe,” says Nicholson. “In some situations you have to take over for the individual and function for them. If the person is at high risk, you need to make it incumbent upon them to tell you why they shouldn’t be put in a high-security hospital situation.”

In retrospect, Sandra Forrey believes it was a matter of untimeliness. First, her son did not overtly exhibit the clinical symptoms that indicate suicidal tendencies.

“He was a little irritable that week, like that time in the mall, but nothing serious,” she says. “That’s why it’s so bizarre. He got mad and did it without thinking. I also think there’s an element at that age where they think they’re indestructible, that they aren’t going to die and nothing bad is going to happen to them.”

Second, he was alone after the argument and no one was around to defuse his irrational behavior. Unfortunately, he may have just missed running into his grandmother by mere minutes before he went to the canal.

“My mother lives nearby and she walked over to our house because the phone line was busy; I think he took it off the hook,” Forrey recalls. “I think if he had seen her, that might have broken his chain of thought.”

Despite the second-guessing, Forrey has been able to cope with the loss of her son through her professional and educational background and her strong religious beliefs. A 1992 graduate of BSU with a degree in psychology, she is serving an internship at a Boise counseling center as part of her work toward a master’s degree in counseling from Idaho State University.

“I know I was mad at him that day, but I could be in the loony bin if I let myself think I drove him to that,” she says. “I guess I knew that it was bigger than that, that little argument. ... The overwhelming sense I had is that God was in control of this and to let God have it. I said to my husband, ‘Richard, this isn’t my fault, or your fault or anybody’s fault. We’ve got to just let God have this.’”

Her inner strength is impressive. “We don’t go around pretending that he just died or that it was an accident,” she says. “He shot himself.”

But a minute later, her emotions take over—the emotions of a mother who has lost her son. “I still sleep with his Raiders T-shirt under my pillow,” she says.

She stops, sighs and searches for the right words—but there aren’t any. “It’s like part of me died; I’ll never be the same.” □



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BIOLOGISTS UNEARTH SECRET LIFE OF SOIL

By Glenn Oakley

The most critical and endangered life-form in the Idaho desert may be neither the Bruneau snail nor the California bighorn. It could well be the crust of the soil, says Boise State biologist Marcia Wicklow-Howard.

Called the crypto-biotic crust, it is a conglomeration of lichen, algae and mosses that develop in the top one-quarter inch of the desert soil. Wicklow-Howard, who is supervising two interdisciplinary graduate student studies in biology/geology of the crust, says this layer of microorganisms literally holds the desert together. The crust holds the soil beneath it in place, minimizing wind and water erosion, she explains. The organisms also provide nutrients for native plants. Of particular importance and interest is the role the crust plays as a barrier to invader weed species like cheat grass.

Yet the crust has been destroyed throughout much of Idaho, primarily by cattle grazing, says Wicklow-Howard. She notes that the crust is relatively soft and resilient when moist in the winter and spring. This is when native wildlife like antelope, deer and bison would graze the Idaho desert. But when the crust is dry it crumbles to dust under the hooves of cows, the feet of hikers or the tires of trucks and bikes. "With regard to the crust you have to be careful of the season that you graze," she says.

Graduate student Kelly Larsen has established and monitored 34 test plot grids in the desert east of Boise. Within her grids, she has studied the seed germination of native and invader species after removing the crust entirely, crumbling the crust and leaving the crust intact. Her studies are funded by the Bureau of Land Management.

It appears, says Wicklow-Howard, that the intact crust serves as a barrier to invader cheat grass because the cheat grass seeds cannot penetrate the surface. Conversely, the two native stipas or needle grasses have specially evolved seeds that literally auger through the crust. She notes that cheat grass has become a major problem in the Idaho desert since it displaces native species and has a tendency to repeatedly burn in increasingly destructive range fires. "Wherever you have huge expanses of cheat grass the crust has been destroyed," she says.

The role of the crust in recovering from fires is the subject of graduate student Julie Kaltenecker's research. With funding from

the U.S. Army, which operates the Orchard Training Range south of Boise, Kaltenecker is comparing natural post-range fire revegetation with seed drilling revegetation. The microorganisms in the crust are killed during a range fire, but the impact of planting machinery which plows under that crust is unknown.

When she is not supervising these projects or teaching courses on microbiology, Wicklow-Howard is studying the role of root-dwelling fungi in alpine plants. Under an Idaho Space Consortium NASA grant she is analyzing plants growing atop California's White Mountain. The University of California maintains a research station on the mountain at 12,000 feet where she stays and conducts lab work. She explains the NASA interest as learning "more about life in low-oxygen environments."

Wicklow-Howard is collaborating with former BSU student Wayne Owen on her White Mountain project. Owen now works for the U.S. Forest Service and did his Ph.D. work on the plants of White Mountain. "He knows the plants and I know the fungi," she says. □

COMPUTER DONATION PROGRAM STARTED

The number of "electronic classrooms" in Idaho schools is likely to expand thanks to a cooperative effort among Boise State, the Army Research Institute and the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The three partners have merged their resources to start a program that will supply Idaho schools with technology training and used computers and link those schools via the computers. The program will seek to enhance the "distance education" capabilities of the schools involved in the program, says Ruth Phelps chief of the Boise ARI office, which is located on the BSU campus.

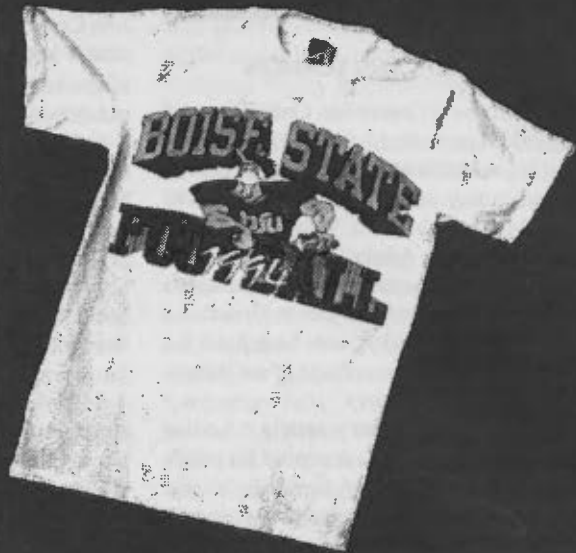
With the assistance of the ARI and INEL, the BSU College of Education is collecting old and outdated computers from government and corporate donors, retooling the computers, and giving them to public schools throughout Idaho.

As of late July, more than 55 donated computers were being housed by the College of Education and technicians were working to revamp and update the equipment. The ARI donated the first group of computers and provided graduate student assistants to help the teachers and students in the pilot program, which electronically connected students from South Junior High in Nampa and Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian the past academic year.

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RESEARCH BRIEFS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

"Cardinals of Countable Cofinality and Eventual Domination," an article by mathematician **MARION SCHEEPERS**, was accepted for publication in the journal *Order*. His article "Meager-Nowhere Sense Games (V): Coding Strategies Again" was accepted for publication by *Quaestiones Mathematicae*. Another article titled "A Direct Proof of a Theorem of Telgarsky" was accepted for publication in the *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*.

TOMEK BARTOSZYNSKI's article "Adding One Random Real" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Symbolic Logic*. Bartoszynski gave two presentations recently in Israel. He presented "Sets Related to Trigonometric Series" at the Frontiers of Research meeting in Bar-Ilan and "Measure and Category in Set Theory" at Bir Zeit University on the West Bank.

JOANNA KANIA-BARTOSZYNSKA presented "Topological quantum field theory and 3-manifolds," at the American Mathematical Society meeting held at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

ALAN HAUSRATH's "Analysis of a Model Predator-prey System with Refuges" appeared in a recent issue of *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*.

Artist **JOHN KILLMASTER**'s enamel painting "In the Lost River Range, Idaho" has been acquired by The Enamel Museum in Cold Spring, Ky., as part of its permanent collection of American enameling.

Killmaster's enamel "The Dreamers Awaken" was displayed in the "Screams with Laughter — Storytelling in Northwest Craft" exhibition at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle and the Canadian Craft Museum in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Killmaster's painting "The Fisherman" was awarded third place at the "Inland Exhibition XXX" at the San Bernardino County Museum in California.

A drawing by **CHERYL SHURTLEFF** was selected for inclusion in the 24th annual Works on Paper exhibition. The national juried show was held in February at Southwest Texas State University. Four drawings by Shurtleff also were included in the recent LaGrange National XVIII Biennial Exhibition in LaGrange, Ga.

Works by **MARY STIEGLITZ WITTE** recently were displayed at "Digital Photography '94," Peoria Art Guild Gallery, Peoria, Ill. Witte's works also have been printed in recent publications: *The Copy Art Catalog* by Xerox Corporation and exhibition pieces from *Digital Photography '94* were published electronically by the Peoria Art Guild on Internet,

World Wide Web and Compuserve.

At the Society for Photographic Education Conference in Seattle, Witte's presentation "Photography/Digital Imaging: Parallel Histories" was recorded on CD-ROM and published in conference papers.

Several works by Witte were shown at the following exhibitions: Art of Nature, North Museum, Lancaster, Pa.; A World of Maps, Anchorage Museum of Art; and the 10th annual North Coast Collage National Exhibition, Washington State Center, Seattle. She also received an award at Paper Trail West 1994, an exhibition held at the Snowgrass Institute of Art, Casmere, Wash.

Vision and Revision: A Reader for Writers, English professor **KAREN UEHLING**'s second book, was recently published by Harper Collins. The book is a companion volume to her first book, *Starting Out or Starting Over*.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

A book titled *Essentials of Business Statistics* by **DAVID GROEBNER** and **PATRICK SHANNON** was recently published.

"Political Transaction-Cost Manipulation: An Integrating Theory" by economist **CHARLOTTE TWIGHT** was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.

"The Regional Distribution of Bank Closings in the United States from 1982 to 1988: A Brief Note" by **CHRISTINE LOUCKS** was accepted for publication in the July issue of *Southern Economic Journal*.

Three books co-authored by **GREGORY** and **WITA WOJTKOWSKI** and **EMERSON MAXSON** from the department of computer information systems/production management will be published by Boyd and Fraser Publishing Company. The books are titled *Object-Oriented Programming with C++*, *Object-Oriented Programming with Smalltalk* and *Object-Oriented Systems Development*.

CIS/PM professors **GARY GREEN** and **ROBERT MINCH** had two papers published in the proceedings of the *27th Hawaii International Conference on Systems Sciences, Volume III*. The papers were titled "An Exploratory Study of Hypermedia Support for Problem Reduction" and "An Exploratory Study of Hypermedia Support for Problem Decomposition."

MIKE BIXBY presented "Johns-Manville Corporation and Its Use of Bankruptcy Chapter 11: Reparation, Rehabilitation and Responsibility" at the Western Decision Sciences Conference.

GUNDARS KAUPINS presented his paper "A Comparison of Latvian, American, and Russian Workplace Motivators and Frustrations" at the Conference on Baltic Studies at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Two papers by Kaupins recently were published: "My Training Program is the Greatest and Other Lies" in the proceedings of the Academy of Business Administration and "A

Comparison of Trainer Opinions of Twenty Training Methods" in the proceedings of the Academy of Human Resource Development.

NANCY NAPIER authored two articles that were accepted as chapters in books. "The Role of the International Human Resource Manager: Managing from the Outside and the Inside" will appear in *Handbook of Human Resources Management* by Blackwell Publishers and "Strategy, Human Resources Management, and Organizational Outcomes: Coming Out From Between the Cracks" will appear in *Human Resources Management, Third Edition*.

NEWELL GOUGH presented "Predictors of Small Acquirers' CE Behavior and Performance" at the 14th annual Entrepreneurship Research Conference and "Export Planning and Performance: Preliminary Results for Small Electronics Firms" at the International Council for Small Business 39th annual world conference.

"The Effect of Collective Goal-setting and Group Efficacy on Value Creation Performance: Group Behavior and Entrepreneurial Outcomes," a paper by **WON-SHUL SHIM** and Gough, was presented in June at the Biennial Conference on Advances in Management.

Shim and Napier authored "Expatriate Management Policies and Practices Among U.S., Japanese, German, and British Multinationals," which was recently presented at the annual conference of the Western Academy of Management.

A paper by **KEVIN LEARNED** titled "Symposium in Qualitative Research Methods in Management" was presented at the Academy of Management's annual meeting.

LARRY WALDORF wrote a chapter for the fourth edition of *Modern Management*, published by Allyn and Bacon. He also presented "The 1993 Survey on Manufacturing Quality Implementation" at the Western Decision Sciences Institute.

A journal article titled "The Impact of Implementing JIT in Hewlett-Packard on Employee Job Attitudes" by accounting professor **MIKE MERZ** was published in a recent issue of *International Journal of Operations and Production Management*.

Accounting professor **DENISE ENGLISH** presented "Accounting for the Securitization of Receivables: an Empirical Investigation of a 10 Percent Recourse Threshold," a paper she co-wrote with marketing and finance professor **DIANE SCHOOLEY**, at the 23rd annual Western Decision Sciences Institute in Hawaii.

Schooley recently presented "Risk Aversion Measures: Comparing Reported Attitudes and Asset Allocation," a paper she co-wrote, at the Midwest Finance Association annual meeting.

Schooley and English also collaborated on a paper titled "Accounting for the

Securitization of Bank Assets as Secured Borrowing Versus a Sale: An Empirical Investigation of a 10 Percent Recourse Threshold" to be presented in October at the Financial Management Association annual conference.

Customer Satisfaction Measurement: Using the Voice of the Customer to Drive Continuous Improvement, a book by **EARL NAUMANN**, was recently published by Southwestern Printing in Cincinnati.

"The Vulnerability of Integrated Advertising: Anticipating 'Boomerang' Effects," a chapter co-authored by **ED PETKUS**, will appear in the book *Integrated Marketing Communications*. He also will present "A Role Identity Perspective on the 'Expert Shopper': Implications for Retail Strategy" at a Canadian conference titled "Recent Advances in Retailing and Services Science."

"Facilitating Research in Multi-cultural Business Communication," a journal article by **MOHAN LIMAYE**, was published in an issue of the *Bulletin of the Association of Business Communication*. An article titled "Cross-cultural Business Communication Research: State of the Art and Hypotheses for the 1990s," co-authored by Limaye, has been selected for inclusion in the book *A Management Reader in Cross-cultural Behaviour* to be published by Butterworth-Heinemann in Oxford. Limaye also co-presented "An Extended Model of Politeness and Compliance" at the Western Association of Business Communication conference.

Marketing and finance professor **GARY MCCAIN** and **STEVEN LOUGHRIN-SACCO**, chair of modern languages, presented "Spanish for Business: A Cross-campus Collaborative Model" at the Western Marketing Educators Association meeting. The paper was co-authored by marketing and finance professor **NINA RAY**.

Ray and Loughrin-Sacco presented "A Collaborative Model for Securing Funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program" at the Western Decision Sciences Institute.

During a sabbatical last fall, Ray participated in a Department of Education grant in which she investigated the Mexican perceptions of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Her paper "The Endorsement Potential Also Rises: The Merchandising of Ernest Hemingway" was published in the spring 1994 *Hemingway Review*.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Social work chairman **MARK LUSK** spent two weeks on a lecture tour in Mexico with the U.S. Speakers Program. Under the sponsorship of the U.S. Information Agency, Lusk provided consultation and made a series of presentations on street children and home-

less youth in Latin America — an area of research he has been working on for the past eight years.

Lusk and fellow professors **DAN HARKNESS** and **MARIE HOFF** gave presentations at the Council on Social Work Education annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., last spring. Lusk's presentation was titled "Diversity vs. Unity: the International Challenge." Hoff discussed "Linking Concepts of Poverty, Work & Economics: A Classroom Policy Practice Model." Harkness' presentation was titled "Supervised Social Work Practice and Client Outcomes: Testing Causal Models with Linear Panel Analysis."

Hoff also has co-written "The Global Environmental Crisis: Implications for Social Welfare and Social Work," which was recently published by Gower House/Avebury Books.

Anthropologist **MAX PAVESIC**'s book, *Backtracking: Ancient Art of Southern Idaho*, was selected as a "notable document" and featured in a recent issue of *Library Journal*.

Political science chair **GREG RAYMOND** recently traveled to Amsterdam to attend the third conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation and to present "Why Necessity Demands When It Speaks: The Impact of Attribution Biases on Foreign Policy Argumentation." While in Europe, he attended the International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, where he presented "Democracy and the Argument From Necessity."

An article by sociologist **PAT DORMAN** recently was accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of *The Social Science Journal*. Her article was a study of Idaho's compliance with the Pregnancy Discrimination Act.

At the Western Social Science Association annual conference in Albuquerque, N.M., Dorman presented "1993 Maternity Benefits Survey of Idaho Employees." She also served as section coordinator for Women's Studies and moderated a panel on "Women, Society and Social Problems."

Other SS/PA faculty who attended the WSSA conference included political scientist **LES ALM**, who presented "Policy Windows and Two Level Games: Explaining the Passage of the Clean Air Act of 1990"; sociologist **DICK BAKER**, who presented "Los Dos Mundos: Mexican-American/Anglo Race Relations in a Rural School"; political scientist **DENNIS DONOGHUE**, who presented "The Power to Persuade: The Clinton Presidency After One Year"; political scientist **JOHN FREEMUTH**, who moderated a panel on "Emerging Trends in Natural Resource Policy and Administration"; and Canadian Studies director **RUSS TREMAYNE**, who presented "Deeper Than Economics: Canadian Nationalism and Anti-U.S. Thought, 1956-

1973."

Two articles by criminal justice administration professor **MARY STOHR** were published recently: "Gender and Jail Work: Correctional Policy Implications of Perceptual Diversity for the Work Force" in *Prison Journal* and "He Said, She Said: Sexual Harassment in the Fractured Criminal Justice Workplace" in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

She is also co-writing a book tentatively titled *Bereft Communities and Bulging Corrections: A Critique of the Drug War*. Stohr also has had two co-authored articles accepted for publication: "Staff Stress in Contemporary Jails: Assessing Problem Severity and the Payoff of Progressive Personnel Practices" in the *Journal of Criminal Justice* and "Staff Management in Correctional Institutions: Comparing DiIulio's 'Control Model' Outcomes in Five Jail Settings" in *Justice Quarterly*.

Historian **TODD SHALLAT**'s article on explorer Stephen Long will appear in the 1995 edition of *The Encyclopedia of American Science*. Shallat is also at work on a documentary film about the Columbia River, a project sponsored by the Oregon and Washington state humanities councils.

Political scientist **GARY MONCRIEF**'s article "A Note on Election Financing in Canada and the United States" was published in the spring 1994 issue of *Canadian Parliamentary Review*. Moncrief also traveled to San Antonio to present "Veteran State Legislators' Perceptions of Institutional Change: Are Norms of Behavior Different Today?" at the Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting.

An article by political scientist **STEVE SALLIE** titled "The Role of the Semitic Peoples in the Expansion of the World Economy Via the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade" will be published in the fall issue of *Journal of Third World Studies*.

Psychology professor **GARVIN CHASTAIN**'s article "Location Coding with Letters vs. Unfamiliar, Familiar, and Labeled Letter-like Forms" was accepted for publication in the *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

Sociology adjunct faculty member **LAURA DESFOR EDLES** is the author of "Rethinking Democratic Transition: A Culturalist Critique and the Spanish Case," which will be published in *Theory and Society*.

Sociologist **STEVE PATRICK**'s article "The Dynamic Simulation of Control and Compliance Processes in Material Organizations" will be published in the January 1995 issue of *Sociological Perspectives*. Patrick recently presented "Complex Model Variations: The Effects of Selected Parameter Changes to Simulation Outcomes" at the TIMS Workshop in Mathematical Organization Theory in Boston. □

GRAD SAYS HELLO TO HOLLYWOOD

By Edie Jeffers

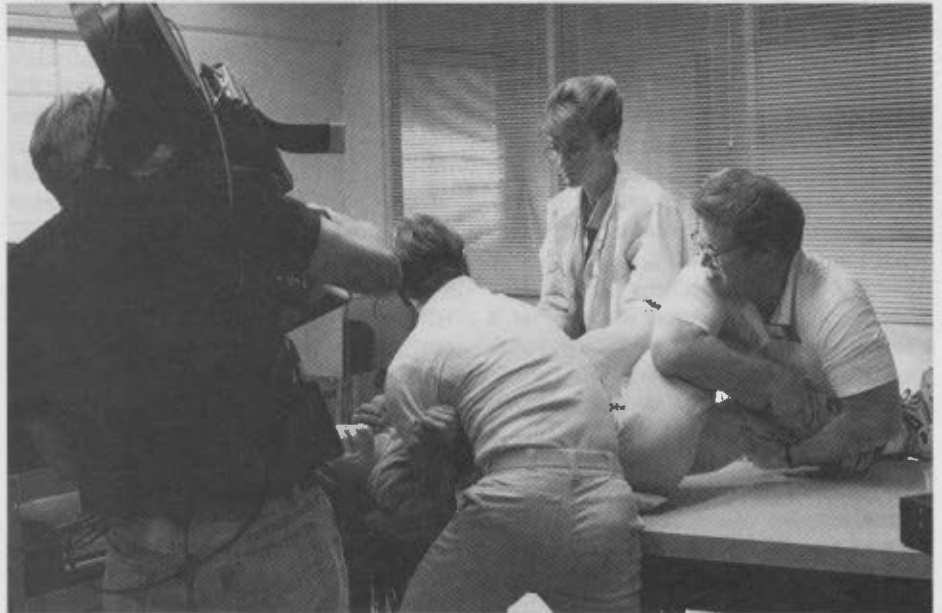
Anne Merrem is living the dream of thousands who come to Hollywood with high hopes of making it onto the silver screen. But "making the big time" was not even a dream that this BSU graduate ever had. Merrem, who received her master's degree in 1987 and then taught German as a second language and reading and study skills at Boise State, planned to remain on the academic career path and get her Ph.D. in linguistics.

Instead, Merrem made the jump from academia to what she calls "the real world" when she moved to Los Angeles in 1988. There, she fell into an improbable series of events that led in just two years to roles in movies and friendship with the Arnold Schwarzenegger family. It goes like this:

After leaving BSU, Merrem, like many California dreamers, arrived in L.A. with money in her pocket and a suitcase in hand. She wasn't looking to be discovered by a big time agent; she was just looking for a job. Merrem took a part-time position teaching test-taking skills to international students in L.A. She supplemented this job with an evening position at a private school where she taught English as a second language. That teaching position eventually brought her into contact with a circle of Hollywood types, like the aspiring German actor, Ralph Moeller (*Universal Soldier*).

Through Moeller, Merrem met producer Thomas Schuehly (*The Name of the Rose*), a fellow German who was working with Oliver Stone on the yet-to-be-produced *Alexander The Great*. Merrem ended up doing research work for Stone on that project and on *The Doors*. During the same period, Arnold Schwarzenegger was looking for someone to teach his mother English. He went to Moeller for a recommendation, and Merrem got the job.

Through her regular sessions with Aurelia Schwarzenegger, Merrem quickly became the younger Schwarzenegger's trusted assistant. "I took care of and coordinated everything in his immediate environment, from his activities with the President's Council on Physical Fitness to meetings with agents, lawyers, publicists, friends, family, directors and producers," she says. During the production of *Kindergarten Cop*, *Terminator II*, *Christmas in Connecticut* and *Last Action Hero*, Merrem was on the set with the actor every day as his assistant. But she had no



Anne Merrem (center) prepares to give a shot to *Terminator II* co-star Linda Hamilton.

idea that she was about to fall into the American dream — her own life mirroring the plot of a 1930s movie.

One day during the production of *Kindergarten Cop*, Schwarzenegger sent the first assistant director to take Merrem to makeup, then to wardrobe. She assumed there was a problem. "Is there something wrong? What's happened?" she said. He replied, "Didn't you know you're going to be the nurse today?"

Merrem says being tapped for this brief appearance was a perfect surprise. "I didn't know that this sort of thing happened — unless family was involved.

Merrem soon learned that she would have other opportunities to act. "After *Kindergarten Cop*, Arnold said, 'I'm going to put you in every movie as a nurse,'" continues Merrem. In *Terminator II* she played a psychologist. "I worked for two weeks, which is significant, since I'd never done any acting — except in a small German theater group years before. I was really grateful to have that opportunity because if you look for it you don't always get it."

Merrem made a departure from her medical roles to work as a hooker in *A River Runs Through It*. Merrem was also assistant production coordinator on the film directed and narrated by Robert Redford.

"I had yet another opportunity to study someone turning an idea into a reality which can be shared with thousands," says Merrem.

Most recently, Merrem was back in a medical role in *Last Action Hero*. She was a

paramedic who tended to Jack Slater, (Schwarzenegger) while in a van during a high speed chase scene.

She credits BSU for paving the way to her Hollywood activities. Ironically, it was her abilities as a teacher that helped her to make it onto the movie scene. "What I did at BSU brought me into this, so whatever you do, do it 100 percent because you never know what will come from it," she advises. Merrem knows she has gotten to live the American dream. "If you do what you know and enjoy it, you never know what will happen. I never thought I'd be doing this. I wasn't even attracted to it."

These days, Merrem is the assistant to the executive vice president at Columbia Tristar Film Distributors International, distributors to 54 countries and territories. She says it's a lower-energy job that gives her free time to work on her future plans, but still provides her with valuable work experience. "I needed to learn how the real world works," she says. "I'm learning the business, how men go about business, how to think more analytically and less emotionally. I'm learning to move within the corporate structure. Up until coming to L.A., I had been in an academic background all of my life."

With so much enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunities she's had and the lessons she's learned, she feels her next step must be one that takes her back to her academic roots. "I've learned so much. I want to give back. I need to go teach again." Perhaps she'll pass on some dreams. □

EX-BRONCO WOOLSEY: FROM SUPER BOWL TO BUSINESSMAN

By Chereen Myers

When Rolly Woolsey played on his high school football team in the early '70s, he never dreamed he would some day play in the Super Bowl. After all, Woolsey played eight-man football for tiny Rimrock High School in rural southwest Idaho.

"When you're a little kid you watch TV and say, 'Someday I wanna play in the NFL,'" says Woolsey, a former football and track standout at BSU, "but it's hard to believe that when you play eight-man football."

Woolsey, now 40, played defensive back for the Broncos after graduating from Rimrock in 1971.

Looking back, Woolsey says he didn't seriously think about an NFL career until his junior year in college. At the end of his collegiate career, his dream became a reality when he was drafted by Dallas in 1975 and earned a spot on the Cowboys' roster that year. The dream continued when the Cowboys reached Super Bowl X that season.

Woolsey's four-year career in the NFL also included stints with Seattle, Cleveland and St. Louis. His final season was 1978, although that wasn't the original plan.

Before the '79 season, Woolsey began preparing for his life "after football" and purchased the Seattle franchise of *Homes & Land Magazine*, a nationwide publication that focuses on local real estate and rental information.

When an employee quit two weeks be-



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Woolsey has made a smooth transition from the gridiron to the corporate world.

fore Woolsey was scheduled to leave for St. Louis' training camp, he had to make a decision that would change the rest of his life. "I didn't think the business would survive," he says, "so I decided to take a year off to keep it going." But Woolsey never returned to football and devoted his efforts to his career in the publishing business.

Today he and his wife Gayle (Jurkovich), also a BSU graduate, live in Tallahassee, Fla., where he works for Homes & Land Publishing Corp. — the same company he purchased his business from — as vice president of business development. "I was Homes & Land's biggest customer and when they

had a reorganization a few years ago, they asked me to come here to work on strategic planning and other development projects," he says. His own Homes & Land franchise is still thriving in Seattle.

Woolsey tries to downplay his NFL career today. "Early on in business [dealings] I tried to keep it quiet," he says. "When people find out, it sometimes gets in the way of business." Although Woolsey's 6-foot-2, 190 pound frame is far from lean, he says people are often surprised that he was a professional football player. "They don't realize defensive backs weren't that big," he says. "They just look bigger on TV." □

SCHOLAR HUDSON LAUDS BSU TEACHERS

By Glenn Oakley

For being "knocked on my can" and "refuted almost daily during my first year of studies," Hud Hudson says he owes a debt to the Boise State philosophy department.

Now a tenured philosophy professor at Western Washington University with a freshly published book to his credit, Hudson's career has soared since he took his first philosophy course from BSU professor Warren Harbison 10 years ago. Originally an English major, Hudson says "after one [philosophy] course I was hooked."

"I had so much critical attention from those three [philosophy faculty members Harbison, Alan Brinton and Andrew Schoedinger]," says Hudson. "And I don't mean hand-holding attention. They knocked me on my can. They did it extremely well." His education at BSU, he says, was "better than any undergraduate program that any of my colleagues had."

After graduating in 1986 with a bachelor's in philosophy, Hudson accepted a scholarship in the Ph.D. program at the University of Rochester. During his first year at Roch-

ester, Hudson wrote a paper on the 18th century German philosopher Immanuel Kant that was published in the leading Kant journal. His doctoral dissertation has just been published as a book, *Kant's Compatibilism*, by Cornell University Press. Hudson dedicated the book to Harbison and Brinton.

Hudson says the book defends Kant's proposition that "the world is thoroughly determined" yet "humans are free." In other words, even though "the past and natural laws determine the future," people still are free to make choices — they are not helpless pawns of fate.

After earning his doctorate in May 1991, Hudson took a position teaching at Washington University in St. Louis. But being "a great fan of the Northwest" and wanting to raise his son in the region, Hudson moved to Western Washington in Bellingham, where after just two years he was awarded tenure.

Hudson has co-edited a volume on Kant's aesthetics and has published articles in the *Journal of Social Philosophy* and the *Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

Hudson acknowledges that "the job mar-



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Hudson is philosophical about his career.

ket is horrendous in philosophy. But I was so hooked I didn't care. I thought it would make me a better person." He explains that philosophy ultimately seeks to answer the question: "What ought I do?"

For Hudson, the answer was obvious. □

ALUMNI IN TOUCH...

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40s

Longtime BJC registrar **ALICE HATTON** moved from Boise this June to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Friends can write to her at 18180 11th Ave. N.E., Poulsbo, WA 98370.

DOROTHY (HAWORTH) RICHARDS has retired after 20 years as director of volunteers at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Va.

50s

VICTORIA BERNICE (CROFT) WHEATLEY, AA, education, '51, is secretary of the People's Memorial Association, a funeral pre-planning society.

60s

STEPHEN E. LAWRENCE has joined the law firm of Williams & Trouturue in Portland, Ore.

JO (THOMPSON) PARRIS, AA, general arts and sciences, '62, was elected president of Idaho Press Women for 1994-96. She has had poetry published in several anthologies and literary magazines and has received numerous state and national journalism awards. Parris is a public information specialist at Idaho State University.

JOHN C. BULLOCK, BA, general business, '68, is an independent distributor for Enrich International. Bullock lives in Renton, Wash.

70s

FRED E. FRASER, MA, education, art emphasis, secondary education, '70, has taught art in the Richland (Wash.) Public School system for 24 years. Fraser recently won an award in a regional art exhibit/competition at the Carnegie Art Center in Walla Walla.

GRANT KINGSFORD, BA, social science, secondary education, '71, teaches economics and government at Meridian High School. He has been mayor of Meridian since 1983.

LOWELL C. WISE, AS, nursing, '71, is a nurse researcher at Stanford University Hospital and teaches nursing administration for the statewide nursing program at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

JOHN H. THOMSON, BS, physical education, '71, is director of educational services for U.S. Games in Dallas and is an educational consultant for Sportime in Atlanta. He was named National Physical Education teacher of the year in 1991.

RICK E. HARVEY, BFA, art, '73, recently returned from a pilgrimage to Calcutta, India, where he worked with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. Harvey owns Artsmiths Jewelry in Boise.

BUSINESS GRAD TAKES 'CONTROL' AT BOISE FIRM

By Chereen Myers

Persistence has paid off for Melvin Landers.

The recently promoted controller for TJ International set his sights on the Boise-based company as a Boise State undergraduate majoring in accounting, and his determination helped him land a job that would begin a 20-year career with the firm.

Landers recounts his job search of 1972: "I looked around the area at companies that interested me," he recalls. "I was real persistent. They got tired of me and finally hired me."

Although Landers already had an associate's degree in drafting, he became interested in accounting after working with TJ International's accounting department.

Landers, now 47, juggled his full-time day job and a full-time course load at Boise State until he graduated in 1980.

As TJ International's controller, Landers reports financial statements to the public and the company's board of directors and sets up new accounting procedures.

In addition, he manages investor rela-



CHUCK SCHEER PHOTO

tions and internal auditing.

Managing partner and majority owner of Trus Joist MacMillan, TJ International manufactures and markets wood and vinyl windows through Norco Windows.

When it comes to higher education, Landers advises today's students to pursue a degree with the same determination he used to land his job at TJ International.

"Once you have an education," he says, "nobody can take it away."

Of course, a little persistence pays off, too. □

MARY L. PEARSON, BBA, general business, '73, recently passed the Washington State Bar exam. Pearson is the attorney for the Suquamish Indian tribe and is working toward a master's degree in judicial studies at the University of Nevada. She was previously a judge for the Northwest Intertribal Court System.

ELEN MAY ERSKINE, BA, criminal justice administration, '74, is classifications-programs coordinator at the Canyon County Jail in Caldwell. Erskine was the first policewoman in Idaho to become a supervisor, heading up the investigative division for the Caldwell Police Department. Erskine has worked in law enforcement for 20 years.

NANCY LEE (KING) ASAY, AS, nursing, '75, is director of nursing at Oneida County Hospital in Malad. Asay has been employed with the hospital for 19 years.

RONALD M. HILLIER, BBA, marketing, '75, is branch manager of Norwest Financial in Twin Falls. Hillier was previously an assistant manager in Norwest's Boise office.

MARCUS MEYER, BBA, marketing, '75, is assistant vice president of investments for Piper Jaffray in Boise.

STEVEN A. REIDHAAR, MBA, '75, is an assistant professor of marketing at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell. Reidhaar previously owned and operated a roofing business in Boise.

RANDY H. SHROLL, BBA, marketing, '75, is

manager of business development for the Idaho Department of Commerce in Boise and also is a certified economic developer.

JOSEPH RAY STRAHLER, MBA, '75, is a real estate sales associate for Phil Chriswell & Co. in Boise. Strahler specializes in business sales, income properties and commercial buildings.

JULIE A. (SHAKE) TANNER, AS, medical records technician, '75, recently graduated from Portland State University with a bachelor of science degree in arts and letters.

TIMOTHY BLEVINS, BS, psychology, '76, is owner and editor of the Council Record in Council. Blevins previously worked for Aircro Temescal and Aircro Coating Technology.

JANET S. (COUCH) BYERS, BA, elementary education, '76, is coordinator of the Newspaper in Education program for the *Idaho Statesman* in Boise. Byers previously taught elementary school and also taught in BSU's teacher education department.

NORMA L. (ROSS) LALLY, MA, education, content enrichment, '76, recently retired as public affairs officer of the Internal Revenue Service's Las Vegas (Nev.) District.

MICHAEL S. MELOTH, BA, psychology, '76, is an associate professor of education at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Meloth teaches courses in educational psychology and conducts research on learning in cooperative groups.

RALPH D. ELSTON, BA, criminal justice administration, '77, recently retired after 23 years as a correctional officer for the Idaho State Correctional Institution in Boise.

MARY GAIL FLOYD, BBA, accounting, '78, is vice president and senior financial analyst at West One Bancorp in Boise. Floyd joined West One in 1982 in money desk operations.

MICHAEL S. La TOUR, BBA, marketing, '78/MBA, '81, was awarded tenure at Auburn University, where he is an associate professor of marketing.

JUDITH SEYFERT, BBA, real estate, '79/MBA, '81, was elected president of the Middle Tennessee chapter of Information Systems Audit and Control Association for 1994-95. Seyfert is president of High Output, Inc., a computer systems/consulting company.

MARK PAUL VILLANO, BBA, marketing, '79, is president and CEO of Gate City Distributing, a beverage distributor in Pocatello.

80s

VIKKI F. ASCUENA, MA, education, English emphasis, '80, was named Teacher of the Year in the Meridian School District. Ascuena teaches literature and composition at Meridian High. She has been with the district for 19 years.

CARY GENE CADA, BA, English, secondary education option, '80, is head coach for the boys basketball program at Borah High School in Boise. Cada has been the head sophomore coach, assistant varsity coach and the head golf coach for the last nine years.

MICHAEL DOLTON, BA, criminal justice administration, '80, has been named director of community development for the City of Ontario, Ore.

NORBERT J. DeKERCHOVE JR., BA, communication/English, '81, has completed the National Association of Home Builders Institute of Residential Marketing course in advertising, promotion and on-site merchandising strategies. DeKerchove works for Group One in Boise.

CHRISTOPHER D. ROOD, BS, physical education, secondary education option, '81, is a fighter pilot with the 124th Fighter Group at Gowen Field in Boise. Rood is serving with the coalition forces in support of Desert Storm Southern Watch and Cease Fire.

SUSAN I. (WESSELS) SELLERS, BS, physical education, secondary education, '81, is program specialist for health and physical education for Shoreline School District in Seattle. She was recently named state fitness coordinator for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

KELLI DIANE TOOLE, BA, elementary education, '81, is a second grade teacher at Dora Erickson Elementary School in Idaho Falls. Toole has taught at the school for 12 years.

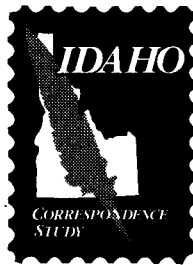
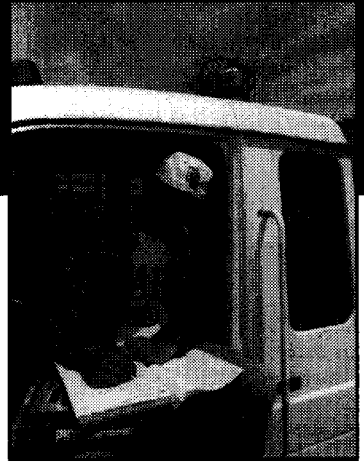
CHARLES G. AVERY, JR., MA, education, content enrichment, '82, was named Teacher of the Year at Centennial Elementary School in Nampa where he teaches physical education.

LORI A. GRAHAM, AS, nursing, '82, is director of nursing at Idaho County Nursing Home in Grangeville. Graham previously worked at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise and St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston.

KEVIN JOHN HASENOEHL, AAS, drafting technology, '82, and his wife Tammy, have been named Young Farmers of the Year by the Idaho Women for Agriculture. They live in Orofino.

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RICK A. LAUDA, BBA, marketing, '82, is branch manager at West One Bank in Hagerman. Lauda previously worked as a loan officer at the bank's Buhl office.

ANNE ELIZABETH LINDSEY, BA, communication, '82, is an assistant professor of communication at New Mexico State University. Lindsey earned her doctorate from Purdue University in 1993 and was previously an assistant professor at the University of Georgia.

KAY LYNN MILEY, BA, elementary education, '82, recently received an outstanding teaching award from Ricks College. Miley teaches in Jerome, where she works with learning disabled fourth- and fifth-grade students and children with severe mental retardation.

ANDY BRUNELLE, BS, political science, '83, is special assistant of natural resources to Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus.

JEANI ANN (OSTRANDER) HAGGERTY, AS, medical record technician, '84, has been named president-elect of the Alaska Health Information Management Association. Haggerty is director of medical records at Central Peninsula General Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska.

HARVEY B. HARRIS, BA, communication, '84, is a highway and subdivision permits specialist with the Virginia Department of Transportation in Amherst, Va.

CECILIA A. (SHOWERS) JEROME, AS, medical record technician, '84, is a coder at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

JOHN ALAN NELSON, BBA, finance, '84, is owner of Bay Area Mortuary in Coos Bay, Ore.

DEANNA (GIBLER) WEAVER-WATSON, BS, political science, '84, is Section 8 and Homeless Program officer for the Idaho Housing Agency in Boise. Watson previously was program development specialist in IHA's Branch Operations and Grant Programs Department. Before joining IHA, Watson worked for Micron Technology in Boise.

MARY CARMEN WESTBERG, BBA, accounting, '84, has been appointed by Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus to a six-year term as bureau chief at the Bureau of Occupational Licenses in Boise.

LINDA SUSAN BAKER, BBA, management, behavioral option, '85, is an assistant vice president at First Security Bank of Idaho, Boise Consumer Loan Center. Baker joined the bank in 1976 as a teller.

JULIANN LEE DODDS, BBA, accounting, '85, is regional sales manager for West One Bank in Pocatello, university office. Dodds joined the bank in 1986 and has been branch manager since 1991.

RONNIE RALPH HALL, CC, auto body, '85, received the overall Special Achievement Award for Paint and 1st place in his class for his 1968 GT Mustang at the 1994 Boise Roadster Show. Hall has been employed by College Boulevard Body Shop since 1985.

KELLY MICHAEL MERRITT, BS, physical education, secondary education, '85, is corporate fitness director for Goodyear in Lincoln, Neb. Merritt was named the 1993 Coach of the Year by Nebraska Special Olympics and also was appointed powerlifting chairman for NSO.

RODGER CLARK COUCH, BBA, management, '86, recently opened Rocket's Sports cards in Boise.

TOMAS A. HOPKINS, BA, history/political science/social science, '86, is completing his doctoral dissertation at the University of Arizona and will serve as a visiting professor

SEEING THE WORLD IN GRAINS OF SAND

By Glenn Oakley

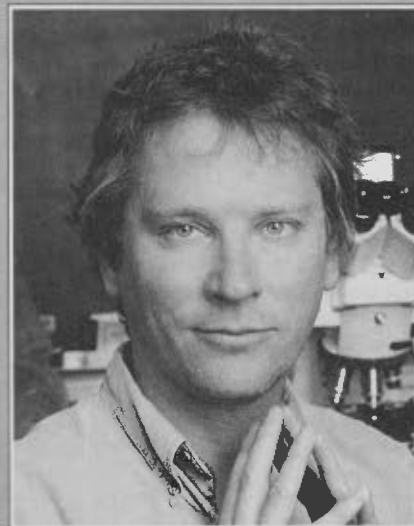
At 11,500 feet in the Colorado Rockies, Steven Schmidt is examining how auto exhaust from Denver is affecting the ability of microbes in the alpine soil to absorb the methane released by rain forests burning in Guatemala. Such is the complex web that is this Earth.

It is Schmidt's undertaking to study that web.

Now an associate professor in the department of environmental, population and organismic biology at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Schmidt is nationally recognized for his research in microbial ecology. In the past three years the 1979 Boise State biology graduate (*magna cum laude*) he has received more than 10 grants from the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Park Service to study soil-nutrient processes in the alpine ecosystems of Colorado.

"I call myself an environmental microbiologist. And that's a booming area right now," he says. Among the five graduate student projects he currently oversees are studies on bacteria that break down toxic chemicals in the soil. That has obvious practical applications in the creation of new biological technologies to dispose of hazardous wastes, he notes. But Schmidt adds that his research is "not just looking at what the microbes can do for us, but what is happening to them."

Much of that research focuses on the Colorado Front Range. Pollution from Denver rises up the Front Range and settles out as nitrogen in the snowpack. Schmidt says that influx of nitrogen is causing soil microbes to release more gases



while it simultaneously shuts down the ability of soil bacteria to consume methane gas. Methane gas has increased dramatically worldwide as a result of rain forest burning, among other practices. Soil microbes have been one of the major consumers of methane.

"Most of my work is looking at bigger scale effects of pollutants on microorganisms and ecosystems," he explains. The research is conducted both in the field — by using precision instruments to measure the exhalations of microbes — and on the computer. "These days most of the work I do on organisms is different kinds of modeling exercises," Schmidt says. He sets up computer models through which the effects of increasing pollution, for example, can be extrapolated.

Schmidt began his exploration into soil microbes while an undergraduate student at Boise State, working with biology professors Marcia Wicklow-Howard and Robert Rychert. "I was always fascinated by soil," he says. "Hardly anyone knows anything about it. It's a very complex system." □

next year in Monterrey, Mexico.

DENISE L. KECHTER, BBA, management, behavioral option/finance, '86, is office business manager at TCI Cablevision of Treasure Valley in Boise. Kechter joined TCI in 1987 and has worked in the accounting data processing and credit/collections operations of the company.

VICKIE L. (RUTLEDGE) SHIELDS, BA, communication, '86, has received her doctorate degree from Ohio State University.

LINDA B. (BONNETT) SPANGLER, BA, communication/English, '86, is office manager and executive secretary to the director of Seattle Academy, a college prep school.

DONALD L. GARNER, BS, criminal justice administration, '87, is director of the juvenile detention center in Rupert. Garner was previously employed at Ada County Juvenile Court Services for six years.

HOLLY F. HOLVERSON, BM, music, performance, '87, is a professional jazz pianist in the Denver area. She recently opened for Little Milton and the Blues Revue in Denver and also has recorded an album with blues musician Sammy Mayfield.

JAMES A. COZINE, BAS, '88, has been selected to attend U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Cozine is a lieutenant colonel with the Army Aviation Support Facility, Idaho Army National Guard in Boise.

MICHAEL G. DOLBY, BBA, management, human resources, '88, recently graduated from the School of Dentistry at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. Dolby works at Harrison Professional Center in Boise.

TAMARA R. EYMANN, BA, music, '88, sang with the chorus in Boise Opera's spring production of *Madama Butterfly*.

DANIEL RAYMOND GIZINSKI, BA. communication, '88, is major account representative for Dictaphone Corporation in Seattle.

KIMBALL "KIM" LEE HUMPHREYS, BBA, accounting, '88, is CEO, CFO and FAO of Humphreys International Corp., Play It Again Sports of Mid-Missouri with locations in Columbia and Jefferson City.

THORPE ORTON, BS, political science, '88, is an associate with the law firm of Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton in Boise. Orton previously was a clerk for the Idaho Supreme Court.

KEN WROTEN, BBA, finance, '88, received the Credit Professional of the Year award from Nampa Credit Professionals (NCP). Wroten is a loan officer at West One Bank's 12th Avenue branch and is vice president of NCP.

JOEL D. WILLIAMS, BM, music, '88, is district music coordinator for the Mountain Home School District. Williams conducts the high school band in Mountain Home and also directs Desert Winds, a local adult concert band.

RICHARD JEREB, BA, elementary education, bilingual/multicultural, '89, received a master's degree in education from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. Jerreb teaches at Ontario High School in Ontario, Ore.

JOSEPHINE ANNETTE JONES, MA, English, general option, writing emphasis, '89, teaches writing through the Writers Voice Program, which is funded by the Idaho Humanities Council. Jones is a nationally published author of articles, reviews, fiction and poetry.

MONIKA MARCELA MARSH, BA, political science, '89, is an international freight forwarder for George S. Bush & Co. in Portland, Ore.

SUZANNE E. MCINTOSH, BA, political science, '89, is attending law school at the University of Idaho. She recently served a one-year term as secretary of the Student Bar Association.

GARLAND A. RISNER, BBA, finance, '89, is an investment officer with the Investment Management Division of West One Bank. Risner manages fixed income and equity portfolios for private clients and qualified retirement programs.

LAWRENCE R. WALTERS, BA, music, '89, is rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Columbia, Tex. Walters previously served as Interim Rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Houston.

CYNTHIA "KAY" WRIGHT, BA, history, '89, is an account manager for Smith, Kline and Beecham Clinical Laboratories in San Diego.

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KEVAN DOUGLAS FENDERSON, BS, political sciences, '90, is the public and government affairs representative for EnviroSafe Services of Idaho, Inc. in Boise.

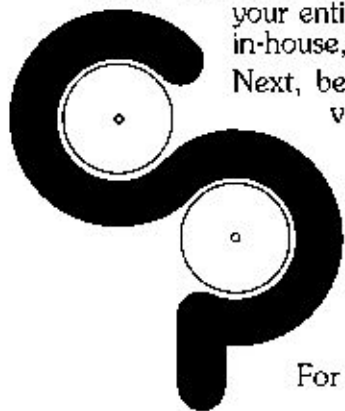
LINDA LEE HYDE, BBA, management, human resources, '90, is office manager for the Boise chapter of Idaho Special Olympics.

JEFFREY SCOTT RILEY, BS, political science, '90, is director of finances for Smith, Kline and Beecham in Caracas, Venezuela. Riley received a dual MBA/international business degree from Arizona State and the Thunderbird School of Management and has worked in London and throughout South America.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS ATKINSON, BIS, '91, is a salesman for Nor-Safe, an industrial safety products company in Boise.

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CHRISTINA MARIE CHRONINGER, BBA, production management, '91, is a senior research analyst for the Idaho Department of Employment.

STEVEN GRAVIET, BA, political science, '91, is attending law school at the University of Idaho.

KATHLEEN LYNNE HAUGK, BS, biology, '91, recently received a master of science degree in animal science from the University of Idaho. Haugk is a research technician at U of I.

JULIE ANN (ABEGGLEN) HILL, MA, education, reading emphasis, '91, is teaching seventh-grade reading at Eagle Rock Junior High School in Idaho Falls.

PAT ALLEN HOXSEY, BS, athletic training, '91, recently received a master of science degree in exercise science, with honors, from Michigan State University.

JAY JANOUSEK, BS, political science, '91, is attending law school at the University of Idaho and serving on the Student Legal Board.

LISA MARIE KAUFMAN, BA, elementary education, '91, is teaching sixth-grade at Stephensen Middle School in Mountain Home.

DENNIS JAMES PORTER, BS, political science, '91, is a special projects assistant with Boise City Housing Authority.

SHANNON NICOLE ROMERO, BA, political science, '91, is administrative director of the Idaho Women's Network in Boise.

SANDRA JO STEWART, BS, physical education, secondary education option, '91, has been

named volleyball coach and physical education teacher at Boise High. Stewart previously taught and coached at Pocatello High School.

VICKI S. BIONDI, CC, surgical technology, '92, is a certified surgical technologist at the Fresno Surgery Center in Fresno, Calif.

MARK W. BUIE, BA, history, '92, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Basic School, in Quantico, Va.

VELYN M. CATES, BA, music, '92, has been recognized as a nationally certified teacher of piano by the Music Teachers National Association. Cates is an independent music teacher and organist at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Boise.

DEBORAH H. CHRISTIAN, MA, education, curriculum and instruction, '92, has been awarded the Golden Apple of the Year for excellence in education by Payette High School. Christian has been with PHS for seven years and teaches business education and marketing.

DIANA B. KOTFWA, BA, communication, '92, is attending graduate school at Colorado State University.

MARIA RENEE (LEWIS) LEATHA, BA, music, business, '92, sang the role of Kate Pinkerton in Boise Opera's spring production of *Madama Butterfly*.

MARK L. RAPER, BA, communication, '92, is coordinator of the Idaho Transportation Department's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. The program assists minorities and women-owned businesses.

BRYAN A. RASMUSSEN, BA, communication, secondary education option, '92, is teaching freshman English, yearbook and newspaper at Coeur d'Alene High School. Rasmussen also was appointed head track and field coach.

JEFFREY ALLEN STOPPENHAGEN, BA, political science, '92, is campaign manager for the Winder for Governor campaign.

S. ANDY SWENSON, BS, social science, '92, is manager of the golf shop at Plantation Golf Club. Swenson has also worked as statistician and official scorer for the Boise Hawks baseball team for the past two years.

JODEE SUE WARWICK, BA, political science, '92, is a management trainee with West One Bank in Boise.

LAVETRA ANN CASTLES, BS, criminal justice administration, '93, is a probation and parole officer for the Idaho Department of Corrections in Boise.

SARAH LYNN CRAWFORD, BA, advertising design, '93, is a freelance illustrator in the Treasure Valley area and works part time with Ed Guthero Design Studio of Boise.

JUSTIN JAMES DAVENPORT, BFA, advertising design, '93, is a sculptor in Nampa. His work has been shown in galleries in Boise, Nampa, Joseph, Ore., and Des Moines, Iowa. He previously worked for Anderson Foundry in Boise.

DEREK ALLEN DAVIDSON, BA, history, '93, is in the management training program with First Security Bank in Boise.

ROBIN LYNN DENISON, BA, political science, '93, is attending Harvard Law School.

CHRISTINA MARIE HALL, BBA, accounting, '93, is a tax accountant with Deloitte & Touche in Boise.

RANDI S. McDERMOTT, BA, political science,

'93, is a grants management specialist for the State Board of Education in Boise.

CINDY LEE PRUDHOMME, AAS, business and office education, '93, is a legal secretary with Westberg, McCabe and Collins in Boise.

JEFFREY LEE WOODS, BBA, accounting, '93, is an accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick in Dallas.

FABIOLA V. JUAREZ, BA, political science '94, is head of the Hispanic Advisory Committee for Idaho Sen. Larry Craig. Juarez was a former intern for Craig.

JACK H. PRUDEK, BBA, management, entrepreneurial option, '93, is employed by Quintex Corp. in Nampa.

WEDDINGS

RITA J. HANSEN and Ryan W. Clayeux, (Boise) Feb. 5

BRAD CROSSLAND and Chris Bonar, (Buhl) March 5

LYNDA FRIESZ and Brian Martin, (Boise) March 19

JULIE ANN HUGHES and Scott Win Hedrick, (Sandals, Ocho Rios, Jamaica) March 23

ANNE CARLSEN and Larry Parks, (Emmett) March 25

DOUG McROBERTS and Mary Jo Eash, (Boise) March 26

WILLIAM D. WILLIS III and Paula Lee Parsell, (Kamiah) April 9

KRISTINE ELLEN QUICKSTAD and Richard William Erne, (Boise) April 16

ANDREA BENINTENDI and Chuck Simonsen, (Boise) April 23

MORGAN DETHMAN and Steve Ellis, (Boise) April 30

WENDY R. KOCHAVER and Michael J. Farrell, (Fort Lewis, Wash.) May 7

SCOTT K. ARNOLD and Maura L. Goddard, (Boise) May 14

KIMBERLEE ANN COPPERI and Jeffrey Thomas Irby, (Boise) May 14

WENDY SUE HOLLOWAY and Steve Dillon, (Boise) May 21

JOSEPH S. McELHINNEY III and Christine L. Kimberly, (Reno, Nev.) May 21

MARGARET ARMSTRONG and Steve George, (Boise) May 28

MARY ELIZABETH BUERSMEYER and Jonathan Peter Cecil, (Boise) May 29

DEATHS

FREDERIK A. ALLEN, AA, general arts and sciences, '55, died June 9 in Kalispell, Mont., at age 58. After Allen received his dentistry degree from the University of Oregon Dental School, he opened a dental practice in the Flathead Valley in Montana where he practiced for many years.

DEAN R. BIGLER, MBA, '75, died May 6 in Boise at age 69. Bigler was a CPA who worked in both the public and private sectors, retiring from the Internal Revenue Service in 1989. He was one of the originators of the Kite Festival in Boise.

SUSAN C. BONNEY, BA, elementary education, '67, died May 12 in Reno, Nev., at age 47. At the time of her death Bonney was a counselor at Reed High School in Sparks, Nev.

FRANCES M. BROWN, BA, English, '78, died May 16 in Boise at age 77. Brown helped form

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SILVER MEDALLIONS AWARDED TO THREE

A longtime administrator, a standout student and Idaho's leading political figure over the past two decades were the recipients of the Silver Medallions at commencement ceremonies in May.

For 23 years the Silver Medallion has been Boise State University's highest award for outstanding achievement or service to the university.

This year President Charles Ruch presented the awards to Asa Ruyle, BSU's outgoing president of finance and administration, 1994 graduate Tristan Purvis, and Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus.

- Ruyle, who retired at the end of June, was lauded for his guidance of BSU's financial affairs during the past 18 years. His retirement marked the end of a 40-year career in higher education.

Ruyle also served many years as treasurer and director of the BSU Foundation and for 10 years as director of the Greater Boise Auditorium District, helping to lay the foundation for what is now Boise Centre on the Grove.

- Purvis, a graduate of Nampa High School, was recognized for his involvement with fraternal, university and civic activities. Earlier this year, he was honored as one of BSU's Top Ten scholars, being the only student ever nominated for the honor by two colleges. He was also named to the ASBSU Hall of Fame and the National Collegiate Honor Society. He was also selected for Leadership Quest, the Japan-America Student Conference and *Who's Who Among American Universities*.

Purvis, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in French and political science, earned distinguished honors from BSU's Honors Program. Ruch noted that Purvis was one of a select few who has earned early confirmation for placement as a United States Peace Corps volunteer. Purvis began serving as a health extension agent in the French-speaking Republic of the Congo in July.

- Andrus was first elected governor in 1970 and re-elected in 1974. In 1977 he became the first Idahoan to serve in a presidential cabinet where he spent four years as secretary of the interior with the Carter administration.

He returned to Idaho and was re-elected governor in 1986 and again in 1990, making him the state's only four-time governor. Andrus will retire at the conclusion of his current term.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ann Hester, President
BSU Alumni Association

As Boise State University moves into the 1994-95 academic year, I am honored to serve as your new Alumni Association president. Once again, our executive director, Dyke Nally, has assembled an Alumni Board that is enthusiastic and willing to work for the association and university to meet upcoming challenges.

With your help, over the next 12 months the board hopes to continue the dedication and commitment of the Alumni Association to serve the university and BSU alums with the excellence they have known in prior years. A sincere thank you is extended from the Board to last year's president, Mike Bessent, who through his capable leadership was able to accomplish some of the following: The completion of our Long Range Plan; an endowed scholarship program; the establishment of a Governmental Affairs Committee; an alumni outreach program and a host of events to bring our alums together as friends and supporters of Boise State University.

As the new year begins, I am looking forward to assisting you and the other members of the Board in supporting these programs and several new ones. One of the programs I would like to see implemented is a strong partner/mentoring program between graduating seniors and alumni to help facilitate career direction and placement.

We need the help of our alums in order to serve the needs of a university whose enrollment now exceeds 15,000. It is *your* association and we as a board welcome your input and assistance in helping to make our university one of the finest institutions of higher education. Won't you please join us in helping to meet the upcoming challenges by becoming a member of the Alumni Association? Your involvement as a member can help make a difference in providing a quality education for others.

If you would like information regarding membership or involvement, please contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-824-7017 ext. 1698 (outside Idaho); 1-800-632-6586 ext. 1698 (inside Idaho); or (208) 385-1698 or write to BSU Alumni Office, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your support. □



ALUMNI CHAPTER RAISES FUNDS

More than 100 golfers and guests participated in the Magic Valley spring golf tournament and barbecue, which raised \$4,000 for scholarships. Twelve BSU students from the Magic Valley received scholarships ranging from \$250-\$500.

The Alumni Association would like to thank all participants and extend a special thank you to the organizers of the event: Greg and Helen Brown, Mike and Vickie Guerry, Emmett and Kathryn Brollier, Katie and Scott McNeley, Mike and Vickie Bourner, Kyle Chapin, Frank and Cathy Arana and Marie Brush. □

'LIL BRONCOS MAKE VICTORY TUNNEL

Little Broncos Club members will have the opportunity to rally 'round their favorite football team during BSU's Homecoming Oct. 7-8. On Friday evening, club members will be invited to march in the annual Homecoming parade through downtown, and on Saturday, the Little Broncos will form their annual "victory tunnel" for the BSU football players as the "big Broncos" enter the field for their game against Weber State.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Alumni Office at 208 385-1698. □

BSU SEARCHING FOR FORMER ASB LEADERS

The BSU Alumni Office is searching for the addresses of former student body leaders of BJC, BC, BSC and BSU. If you were a student body leader, or know anyone who was (student body officer, senator, homecoming chair), call the Alumni Office: 1-800-824-7017 ext. 1698 (outside Idaho); 1-800-632-6586 ext. 1698 (inside Idaho); or (208) 385-1698. □

ASSOCIATION BEGINS ANNUAL DUES DRIVE

November will kick off the campaign for alumni to renew their dues for the 1995 calendar year. Dues are \$25 per person (or per household if both spouses have earned a minimum of 16 credit hours at the university).

Benefits of membership include use of BSU's recreational facilities (with payment of a P.E. user fee); use of the library; discounted movie theater tickets; special invitations to alumni social events; discounts to Morrison Center, theater and music department-sponsored events; a life insurance program at reduced rates; the Quest travel program; and Alumni MasterCard program.

Reduced rates are also offered to dues-paying alumni at the BSU Human Performance Center and Student Union Recreation Center.

For further information, contact the Alumni Office: 1-800-824-7017 ext. 1698 (outside Idaho); 1-800-632-6586 ext. 1698 (inside Idaho); or (208) 385-1698. □

UPCOMING EVENTS

Several social gatherings are planned for BSU alumni and boosters this fall. Watch your mailbox for information about these events:

SEPT. 17 — BSU vs. Nevada. Pre-game social, Boise.

OCT. 8 — Homecoming vs. Weber State. Pre-game wine-tasting reception, Boise.

OCT. 15 — BSU vs. Idaho State. Pre-game social, Pocatello.

NOV. 19 — BSU vs. Idaho. Pre-game brunch; post-game victory party, Boise. □

BRONCO FOOTBALL '94

SEPT. 3 — Northeastern (Mass.), 7:05 p.m., Boise

SEPT. 10 — Cal State Northridge, 7:05 p.m. Boise

SEPT. 17 — Nevada, 7:05 p.m., Boise

SEPT. 24 — Liberty, 7:05 p.m., Boise

OCT. 1 — at Northern Arizona, 7:05 p.m.

OCT. 8 — Weber State, 7:05 p.m., Boise

OCT. 15 — at Idaho State, 6:35 p.m.

OCT. 22 — at Montana State, 12:05 p.m.

OCT. 29 — Open

NOV. 5 — Montana, 1:05 p.m., Boise

NOV. 12 — at Eastern Washington, 1:05 p.m.

NOV. 19 — Idaho, 1:05 p.m., Boise □



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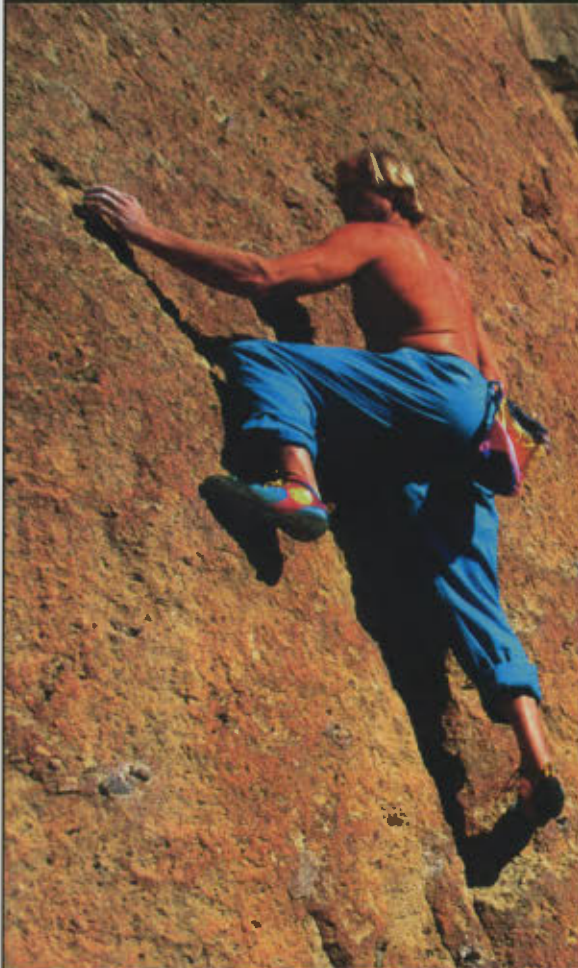
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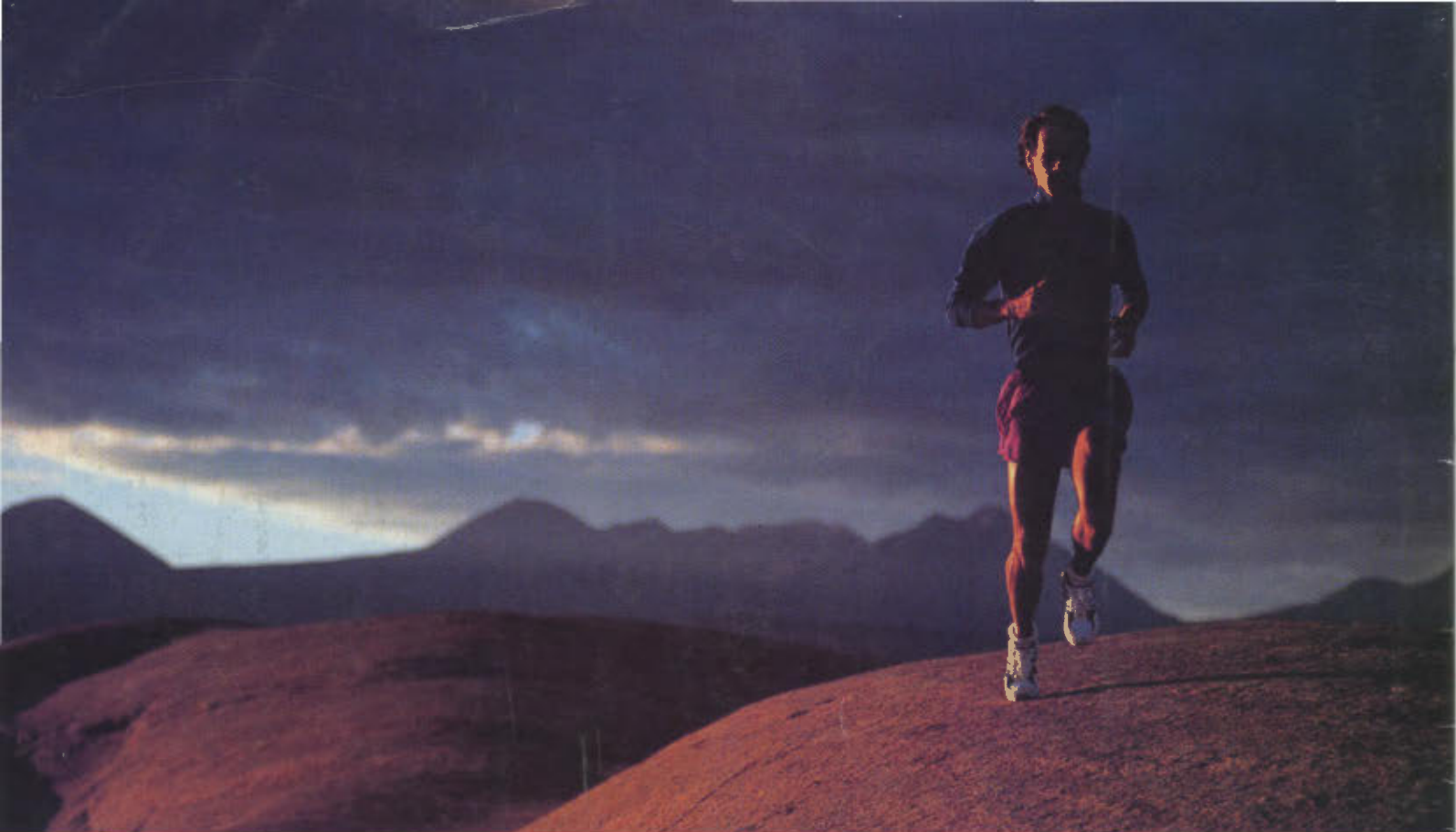
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