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FROM COAST TO COAST, HIGHER ED FACES SAME CHALLENGES

By Charles Ruch, President

On a recent trip to and from the East Coast I had an opportunity to read several newspapers from various cities. Among the various regional differences, I noticed one constant: Throughout the country, issues related to our expanding use of technology have captured the public’s attention.

Whether it’s the impact of a new century on date-sensitive computer chips (the Y2K issue), the shortage of information technology personnel, the “virtual university,” or the use of computers in the classroom, the growth of technology in daily life is increasing at an exponential rate. This university is not immune to these challenges.

In fact, this fall several of those issues were the focus of discussions by the Idaho State Board of Education and the university. Two primary concerns arose: the progress we are making to provide an educated work force that is able to support the growing high-tech economy of the Treasure Valley and the growing use of technology to support increased access to higher education and improve the quality of the services we provide.

Other concerns raised were whether Boise State’s infrastructure could handle an increase in technology use by students, faculty and staff and whether we have the faculty and staff to support expanded technology. These issues illustrate the complexity of this powerful force that is shaping the higher education systems of the 21st century.

How is Boise State responding to these concerns?

TRAINING — Our university offers a broad portfolio of certificate and degree programs designed to serve the many needs of the valley’s high-tech employers. We offer six associate degree programs, six undergraduate programs and three graduate degree programs in areas such as technical writing, equipment installation and maintenance, software development and basic research in chip design and manufacturing. This fall, 1,414 students were enrolled in these technology-related programs — a 19 percent increase from fall 1997.

At its November meeting, the State Board authorized additional scholarships and other incentives to support the expanding enrollment in these majors. Additionally, we are planning several new degree programs in areas that complement and support the valley’s work force needs.

While recent studies highlight the bright future for college grads in high-tech fields, we need to continue focusing on junior high and high school students to encourage their exploration and placement in programs such as science and mathematics, which are critical to their success in the high-tech industry. The university is expanding its efforts in that area.

TECHNOLOGY — Use of computers in the classroom is expanding and more students are taking advantage of our computer labs. For example, one of our chemistry laboratories uses a software program that allows students to conduct virtual experiments that would be too time consuming or hazardous in traditional labs. And fall semester, 64,000 visitors visited the computer laboratory in the Multipurpose Classroom Building. Since the popular lab opened in August 1997, 180,705 visitors have used the 60 PCs, 29 Macs and one special access station for students with visual impairments.

New teaching and research areas housing high-tech equipment are emerging. Witness our new Geographic Information Systems Laboratory in the geosciences department and the microfabrication laboratory operated by the microelectronics program in electrical engineering. These sophisticated units could not be developed without the support we enjoy from the community.

A number of departments are experimenting with the use of technology to deliver courses at work or home. We are piloting the use of a variety of distance learning tools, including radio, television (both land-line and satellite access and computer (on campus and via the Internet). We have much to learn in search of the most effective mix of course content, delivery modes and learner styles. And, of course, our College of Education is actively training teachers — new and experienced — on how to move technology into the K-12 setting.

INFRASTRUCTURE — To meet the university’s need to simplify administrative tasks, we are halfway through the redesign and installation of a new information technology system. Known as Project Access, this new system will make it easier and more efficient for students to engage in “one-stop shopping” — to register for classes and pay fees at one time. We have intensified staff and faculty training to support this effort.

Adapting to the increased need and use of technology is a daunting challenge, especially with Dec. 31, 1999, looming on the horizon. However, we are convinced that the new integrated system will provide both the individual student and the institution needed information in a timely, organized fashion.

Since most of our buildings were constructed in less technology-intensive times, our major capital request of the 1999 Legislature is intended to support a significant upgrade of our electrical and media infrastructure. This is now a seriously limiting factor to our continued expansion in the high-tech world.

As highlighted in a recent Newsweek cover story, Boise is recognized as one of the top 10 high-tech growth communities in the country. For our part, we are moving aggressively to meet the needs of the Information Age while developing internal strategies that will allow us to apply the latest technology to improve the quality of and access to Boise State University.

As always, I appreciate your comments. I can be reached at (208) 426-1491 or by e-mail: cruch@boisestate.edu. □
Boise State students rolled up their sleeves and donated time to the Idaho Food Bank Warehouse and eight other service projects for Into the Streets. About 160 students, faculty and staff participated in the seventh annual event coordinated by the university's Volunteer Services Board. At the warehouse, students helped organize, move and package bulk food items. Pictured in foreground are BSU students Chris Demar, left, and Lea Taala.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AS A UNIVERSITY

A banquet, a basketball game and a theater production will highlight a weeklong celebration of Boise State's 25th anniversary as a university the week of Feb. 22-27.

The opening event will be a dinner in the Student Union's Hatch Ballroom at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 — the date that former Gov. Cecil Andrus signed the bill that made Boise State a university in 1974.

According to Bob Davies, Alumni Association director, the banquet is designed to honor the many people — including campus leaders, legislators and other key supporters — who played a role in helping Boise State attain university status.

Honored guests will be recognized at the dinner, and a list of speakers is still being formalized, says Davies.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Big West men's basketball game between Boise State and Pacific will take center stage. A reception for Boise State athletic boosters and members of the university's athletic Hall of Fame will be held. The highlight of the evening will be a halftime ceremony in which the Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced.

On Friday, Feb. 26, the Boise State theatre arts department will present Cinderella at 8 p.m. in the Morrison Center. A 7 p.m. reception will precede the production.

"There will be other events during the week," says Davies, "but these three are designed to recognize three of the important aspects — academics, athletics and cultural events — that Boise State brings to our community."

For more information, contact the Alumni Association Office at (208) 426-1959.

BOISE STATE HELPS FAMILY BUSINESSES

More than three-quarters of Idaho businesses are family owned; yet they have nowhere to turn when issues arise that are unique to family businesses. The Idaho Family Business Center at Boise State University is ready to fill that void.

The new center, formed through a partnership between the College of Business and Economics and private business, will provide networking, educational seminars and expertise.

In October, the center mailed brochures soliciting memberships at $200 each, according to interim director Ted Salamone.

Family businesses are one of the economy's fastest growing sectors, Salamone adds. This is the first center in Idaho that was established to help family-owned businesses deal with issues that can seem overwhelming.

The passing of a business from one generation to the next may seem simple, but the potential for massive estate taxes, as high as 55 percent of a business's earnings, and disagreement among siblings can complicate the succession process. And what if the next generation isn't interested in running the family business?

How do businesses involve the younger generation? How do they resolve a family dispute that could affect the business? What special legal factors affect only family-owned businesses?

The family business center will be there to help answer these and many other questions with regular workshops, expert advice and special events.

The center also will develop a mentoring program, connecting one owner who has faced a similar issue with another who has faced a similar issue.

Moreover, monthly breakfasts will feature panel discussions on issues that impact family-owned businesses.

The center received its initial funding from major donors Merrill Lynch and Hawley, Troxell, Ennis & Hawley, which each pledged $10,000 a year for three years. Little-Morris Certified Public Accountants and Presnell Gage Accounting and Consulting also each pledged $2,500 a year for three years.

"Idaho needs to maintain its tradition of strong family businesses," Salamone says. "We're here to help any way we can."

Information about the center is available by calling 426-2034.
LISTEN UP IN APRIL FOR JAZZ 'N GENE

A lineup of jazz greats and up-and-coming stars will be in town for the second annual Boise State University Gene Harris Jazz Festival April 7-10.

Headliners will include Boise's own internationally known jazz pianist Gene Harris, Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Arturo Sandoval and Latin jazz and salsa percussionist Poncho Sanchez.

The festival will feature a Wednesday downtown club night, Thursday night concert featuring Sandoval at the Bank of America Centre and a Friday night finale in the Pavilion featuring Harris and Sanchez. Former Boise resident Curtis Stigers and Niki Haris (Gene's daughter and a backup singer for Madonna) also will be in the finale spotlight. Club night performers will include Bill Watrous, Mark Turner, Bobby Shew and John Stowell.

The festival also will include two days of clinics and workshops for more than 1,000 high school and community college music students visiting from throughout Idaho, Oregon and Nevada.

Proceeds from the festival benefit scholarships for students who wish to study jazz at Boise State and allow the university to host guest artists throughout the year to work with students.

Festival-series tickets include admission to the Thursday night and Friday night concerts as well as a half-price ticket to Wednesday's club night. They are available at the Pavilion box office or can be charged by phone at 208-426-1766. Series ticket prices start at $28 and vary depending on seating. Single tickets go on sale at all Select-a-Seat outlets Feb. 8.

Jazz fans who want more information can call 208-426-1203 or visit the festival web page at www.geneharris.org.

EX-CEO DONATES TO BUSINESS FUND

A $100,000 donation from John Elorriaga, a 1949 Boise Junior College graduate and retired U.S. Bank of Oregon chief executive officer, will help fund research and technology efforts in the College of Business and Economics.

Elorriaga's recent gift, made in October, and his earlier donations bring the John Elorriaga Professorship Endowment fund to $250,000. The funds can be used for scholarly conferences, library needs, technology equipment or stipends.

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AGREEMENT LINKS BSU WITH NNC, ACI

The Treasure Valley's two private colleges and Boise State University have joined forces to offer a dual-degree program in engineering.

Under agreements signed in October, students at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa and Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell can now take three years of coursework at their home campus and then finish the final two years of the upper-division engineering curriculum at Boise State.

Students who complete the program will receive a bachelor's degree from NNC or ACI and a bachelor of science in civil, electrical or mechanical engineering from Boise State.

The first students are expected to enter the program next fall.

Boise State College of Engineering Dean Lynn Russell said the agreement is designed for students who want to combine the broad liberal arts program offered at NNC or ACI with an engineering curriculum.

"Students will be well-prepared to enter our engineering college because of the strong academic programs at NNC and Albertson College. The combination of liberal arts and engineering will make those students very attractive to employers," says Russell.

Boise State President Charles Ruch says the program is an example of how the Treasure Valley's three institutions of higher education are working together to benefit students.

"The dual degree gives students the opportunity to earn an engineering degree without leaving the Treasure Valley. We are pleased to provide this opportunity for students," he says.

WOMEN ENGINEERS ESTABLISH CHAPTER

After working for more than a year to establish its identity, the Boise State chapter of the Society of Women Engineers received its charter certification in November.

Fourteen percent of the 524 students enrolled in Boise State's engineering programs are women; the national rate is about 20 percent.

"The formation of our chapter brings many new opportunities such as scholarships and internship opportunities to our members," says President Liz Adams, a junior civil/environmental major from Pocatello.

The Society of Women Engineers is an educational organization with an international membership of 16,000.

The formation of the local chapter has already allowed Boise State students to network with fellow engineering students and professional engineers.
SCHOLARSHIPS SET TO HELP HISPANICS

As a Boise State student in the early 1980s, Greg Chavez wasn't aware of any scholarships to help him get through college. He scrambled, working while attending classes. Now he's a successful businessman and is helping create new opportunities for other students in need.

The 1985 information science graduate has made a multi-year commitment on behalf of his company, Data Cabling, to contribute to the Hispanic Business Community Scholarship, one of two endowments started to defray the cost of college for Hispanic students.

"A lot of Hispanics don't have wealthy families. They need to work to support themselves," he says. "This is a neat way to help them out."

About 20 individuals and businesses from the Hispanic community have made pledges to the scholarships, says sociologist Richard Baker, past chair of the university's Cultural and Ethnic Diversity Board.

The first two $1,000 scholarships will be awarded March 18-19 at the biennial Mexican-American Studies Conference.

The conference will focus on women's issues and feature presentations by Dolores C. Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, Chicago poet/writer Ana Castillo and muralist Judith Baca.

The free conference includes panel discussions on issues facing Idaho's Hispanic women as well as programs about bilingual education, health matters and an overview of the history of the state's Latino population by professor Errol Jones.

BSU HEALTH CENTER GETS ACCREDITATION

The Boise State Student Health Center has been accredited for the next three years by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc.

The stamp of approval means the center has met nationally recognized standards for quality health care set by the Chicago-based accrediting organization.

Jayne Nelson, center director, says her staff prepared for the organization's review for three years.

"We value accreditation and believe that it helps us maintain and continually improve the quality of care we provide our patients," she says.

Among the criteria the AAAHC reviewed were the quality of care provided to students, administration of care, pathology and lab work, teaching and research activities, risk management, rights of patients, pharmaceutical services and the environment of the center.

HISTORIC CHRIST CHAPEL GETS A FACELIFT

Christ Chapel, the small white church that sits in the shadow of Bronco Stadium, was given a second life this fall, thanks to an extensive restoration project.

Formerly St. Michael's Episcopal Church — the first Protestant church ever built in Boise — the building was rededicated as Christ Chapel in 1902 and then moved to the Boise State campus in 1963.

Its bell, the first in Boise, rang for the first time in 1870. In more modern times, the church has been used for weddings, as many as 10-12 each month, and an occasional memorial service.

Those were in danger of coming to an end because of the church's run-down condition, says Bob Koontz, president of the board for the Christ Chapel Historical Society.

The society spent $27,000 this fall to preserve the church and the history that it holds. Richard Gipson of Raven Historic Restoration in Boise says he restored the church as closely as possible to its original condition.

About 80 percent of the lumber was replaced in the bell tower.

A custom mill in Idaho City cut the boards because modern-day lumber mills no longer make the type of lumber needed. The boards on the outside of the church also were custom milled and replaced.

Gipson searched out a 1930 photo of the interior of the church to help guide his work. The floor was replaced, new carpet laid and interior furnishings refinished. He also added an air conditioning system.

Gipson began the project in mid-June and expects to be finished by mid-January.

Many suppliers and contractors donated materials or cut their costs to help.

"We have always believed Boise needed a place where people could get married without paying a lot to rent a church. Christ Chapel fills a bill for that ... We're glad it will survive," Koontz says.

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CHURCH CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON CHINA

China may be a world away from Boise, but the allure of the Far East was enough to capture the attention of the more than 1,000 people who attended the 15th annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs in November.

The conference focused on political and trade relations between China and the United States and featured experts from the universities of Hawaii and South Carolina, as well as Boston College.

But it was the No. 2 person from the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C., who captured the spotlight.

He Yafei, who also represented China in the United Nations, met with Gov. Phil Batt and other officials in Boise during the day. And he told the evening keynote audience that his interaction with Idahoans shows that China and the United States have more in common than people think.

On strategic issues, the United States and China led world opinion when they called for Pakistan and India to cease their nuclear weapons tests and talk about peace rather than hostilities. “It was China and the United States ... that came forward and issued a strong international response — what you have done is wrong,” Yafei said.

As permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, both nations also work together to solve international problems, he said.

While the nations disagree on several fronts, they nevertheless agree on the majority of issues. “Strategically, we do have common interests,” Yafei said.

The two nations also complement each other economically, he said. Boeing and other U.S. companies have found an expanding market in China, and U.S. consumers benefit from inexpensive imports from China. Also, the Chinese welcomed a General Motors plant to Shanghai, and the first model is expected to roll off the factory floor and onto Chinese roads soon. “We’re not happy with small cars,” Yafei joked. “We need bigger and bigger American cars.”

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GIS FORGES PARTNERSHIPS WITH AGENCIES

Boise State is being put on the map — literally — as a result of new programs and partnerships forged by the university’s Geographic Information Systems teaching/training facility.

The GIS facility, which opened in late fall 1997, has collaborated with the Boise National Forest, the state Department of Environmental Quality and other government agencies and industry groups on a range of projects, says geosciences professor Walt Snyder, the facility’s co-director.

The GIS facility has also offered short courses to secondary teachers and other professionals, served as the host site for a major international conference and offered academic training and research opportunities for students and faculty.

“We’ve seen a big increase in the demand for GIS training and services in the short time we’ve been open,” says Snyder. “We expect that demand to continue to grow.”

GIS is a state-of-the-art computer methodology for organizing and analyzing data that includes a location component. It integrates map-making with statistical analysis and allows vast amounts of data to be summarized quickly.

GIS has a broad range of applications, from public policy and resource management to business and science. Boise State’s facility, located in the Math/Geosciences Building, includes a teaching laboratory, PC workstations and other support equipment. According to Snyder, the facility has defined its mission as education and research, roles that ensure it won’t compete with private businesses for GIS work.

Recent projects include a partnership with the Boise National Forest to develop a GIS-based analysis of landslides. Shaub uses the GIS facility for her research. Shaub is creating a GIS model to predict where landslides will occur after an area is burned by wildfire. She is focusing on the Lowman area, burned in 1989, and has worked with the Boise National Forest and U.S. Geological Survey.

“Working with these agencies is definitely enhancing my research and my education. And it’s helping prepare me for professional work after graduate school,” says Shaub.

Snyder believes there is potential for more collaboration between researchers and other agencies and that the GIS facility offers opportunities to integrate discussions of science and public policy in new ways. Among the challenges ahead for the new facility: finding ways to meet demand for GIS classes and training, developing a certificate program for short courses, establishing new partnerships and securing additional funding.

“The importance of this technology to the workplace is only going to increase,” Snyder says of GIS. “We’re excited about the possibilities.”

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B.J.C.'s 1958 national football champs clobbered all comers

By Bob Evancho

Men on a Mission

Take no prisoners. Show no mercy.
Give no quarter.

It's unlikely that Lyle Smith issued such harsh orders during Boise Junior College's national championship football season in 1958 — especially when you see the soft-spoken coaching legend and his former players today. But it's pretty clear that the Broncos were on what amounted to a search-and-destroy mission that fall.

Already the dominant two-year program in the Intermountain West, BJC took its game to another level in '58 as it laid waste to everything in sight en route to a 10-0 season and a 22-0 triumph over Tyler (Texas) JC in the National Junior College Athletic Association title game. The scores that year tell the story: BJC 51, Carbon 0; BJC 49, Weber 7; BJC 55, Trinidad 0; BJC 75, Dixie 6; BJC 40, Oakland 0. With the exception of a 29-20 triumph over Everett (Wash.), the Broncos were never threatened that year.

Interestingly, before they got rolling, only a few of the players had an inkling that they were about to embark on a season for the ages. Returning quarterback Tyree Kiser was one of them.

"I thought we would have a powerhouse coming back in '58," recalls the 65-year-old Eagle resident who guided the Broncos to a 9-1 record the previous season. "It's rare to have a lot of returning players on a junior-college team, but we did that year. A few of us worked out together during that summer, and we talked about our chances of having a great season because of our depth and the high number of players coming back from our '57 Potato Bowl team. But I don't think any of us realized that we would be that good."

Smith's '58 Broncos were good all right — the first national championship team at what is now Boise State University and the school's last football squad to go undefeated.

"It was probably one of our best teams ever because of its depth," says the 82-year-old Smith, who in 1958 was at the halfway point of his hall of fame coaching career at Boise State.

"I also attribute our success that year to the hard work and dedication of the players. It was an outstanding group of young men."

Those "young men" are grandfathers now. And on a recent autumn afternoon on the Boise State campus, 23 members of the '58 Broncos — including Smith and former assistant coach Ray Lewis — were reunited at the Bronco Athletic Association's invitation. In tribute to the 40-year anniversary of their perfect season and national championship, Smith and his former players — all members of the Boise State Athletic Hall of Fame — were the BAA's honored guests during Homecoming '98.

The collective memories of what transpired that splendid autumn 40 years ago remain vivid. "You really don't realize how special it is at the time," says retired educator and Boise resident Jerry Mahoney, 60, who played fullback and was named MVP of the national championship game. "You don't begin to appreciate what we accomplished until years later."

"I've enjoyed a successful business career, and I have a great family. But after those two things, I've got to say that my experience [playing football] at BJC was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life," says Bardell Bailey, a Tigard, Ore., businessman who played end. "They were two years I wouldn't want to replace."

Members of the undefeated 1958 BJC football team gathered in the Boise State Hall of Fame in October for a reunion marking the 40th anniversary of their national championship. From left sitting: assistant coach Ray Lewis, manager Bill Jones, Rey Corpus, Gary Yates, Tyree Kiser and head coach Lyle Smith. Standing: Gene Zhorne, Ernest Hue Sing, Jerry Mahoney, Bardell Bailey, Bud Zarbinsky, Jim Cassan, Elson Leavitt, Jim Fisher, Jim McCaffery, Gerry Young, Willie Crozier, Charles Dine, Len Chow, Ron Ostermeier, Charles Wilson, Pete Lizaso and Wayne Ernst.
November 27, 1958, Idaho Statesman headline.

The 1958 season was anything but a fluke; between 1947 and 1957, Smith had launched an era of excellence that saw BJC’s football teams register an astonishing 96-7-2 mark.

The previous season’s squad was a typical Bronco juggernaut, going 9-0 in the regular season and running the program’s overall winning streak to 17 games before losing to Bakersfield (Calif.) College 28-13 in the Potato Bowl—an annual junior-college postseason contest held in Bakersfield.

“I’d be hard-pressed to say that the 1958 team was better than the ’57 team,” says Kiser, who moved to Eagle in 1994 after retiring from a career with the federal government. “I think the ’58 team had a slight edge because of its depth.”

Or what Yogi Berra might call deep depth.

“I was third on the depth chart at tailback because we had great players like Herb Halliwell and Paul Han ahead of me,” recalls Jim McCaffery, a financial adviser from Bend, Ore. “But I probably played more than they did because in most games we would get so far ahead and coach Smith would start substituting early so [the final score] wouldn’t look so bad.”

One of the reasons that Gene Zhorne transferred from the University of Iowa to BJC in 1958 was because he didn’t expect to see much playing time with the Hawkeyes.

“But when I got here, it was still the same situation,” says Zhorne, a Texas resident who played end for the Broncos. “We simply had an abundance of outstanding players.”

But even with the reserves in, the Broncos hardly missed a beat, says Bailey. “There was always another capable player or two to fill in at any position,” he says. “But the competition for playing time among the players was healthy. We all liked one another.”

Boise insurance executive Len Chow agrees. “It was a close-knit group with the proper attitude,” he says.

But it was the Broncos’ impressive pool of talent that separated them from the others. “Coach Smith basically had three units on both offense and defense,” recalls Chow, 58, a tackle and one of about a dozen Hawaiians on the team.

The Bronco defense that year held the opposition to an average of 7 points per game; in eight of the 10 victories the opposition scored 8 points or less — including four shutouts. Led by Kiser and All-Americans Harry Kealoha, a guard, and Halliwell, a repeat selection at tailback, BJC’s offense averaged 41 points a contest.

“I think a lot of our success was based on the coaching staff,” comments Jim Cassan, a Mercer Island, Wash., business owner who played guard. “I certainly remember Lyle’s intensity and the intensity of coach Lewis and coach [George] Blankley. It rubbed off on us.”

Zhorne agrees. “Coach Lewis could be a tough one,” he says. “But he was teaching more than football, he was teaching the basic skills of life. The coaches never made it personal, but they certainly tested your mettle.”

There was a purpose behind the coaches’ demanding style, suggests Gary Yates, who played quarterback behind Kiser. It was a matter, he says, of separating the wheat from the chaff — and probably another reason why the Broncos went unbeaten that year.

“It was actually during the summer drills before the season started,” recalls Yates, a retired teacher/coach from Lebanon, Ore. “The coaches were not inhibited when it came to giving us direction. We had about 100 guys try out for the team that first day. It was a sweat camp. By the end of the first week, we were down to about 50.

“The tough stayed, and the tough won.”

Harry Kealoha and Darrell Vail with the 1958 NJCAA championship trophy from the 22-0 win over Tyler, Texas.

Tailback Herb Halliwell
Remember way back 25 years ago when Boise State College became Boise State University? This commemorative issue of FOCUS will help. We dug through the archives and dusted off the yearbooks to assemble a retrospective of the past 25 years in the life of Boise State.

Still young at 25 years, Boise State works to build stature

By Chris Bounef

Two women, younger, traditional-age students, sit in the Quad near the Business Building and exchange complaints in a generational rite of passage celebrated each fall on campus. “This professor is too hard, that paper was too easy, I haven’t started to study for my test.” And then one thrusts the dagger that has stabbed Boise State University repeatedly over the years. “I’m just working until I can transfer … to a real school,” she tells her friend.

Twenty-five years after Boise State joined the university ranks, vestiges of its junior college days remain in the minds of some.

But on its 25th birthday as a university, Boise State marks a milestone in addition to its age. Once common perceptions are fading like a slow sunset, lingering on the horizon but just
Where are they now?

Doug Shanholtz

Chile, Venezuela, Guyana, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are among the places Doug Shanholtz has worked since earning a business degree in '74. The 1973-74 student body president's first jobs were with Procter & Gamble and Polaroid. He then worked for LB Industries and the Ogden Co., setting up remote camps around the globe to house construction and mining workers. In 1992, he helped form a corporation in Chile, which he sold last year. Shanholtz now lives in Boise and Reno. He serves on the board of directors of the Salvation Army, on a number of Boise State boards and on an Idaho international trade policy board.

Then & Now

Master's degrees offered
1974: 2
1998: 35

BSU Foundation endowment
1974: none
1998: $50.2 million

Athletic budget
1974: $482,500
1998: $7.6 million

about gone for a university poised for a new dawn.

Yes, some traditional-age students still see Boise State as a second-choice institution, often because they believe its urban, commuter campus lacks a traditional residential atmosphere. And others find fault with the university because it caters to nontraditional students and is "saddled" with vocational education.

Yet Boise State has managed over the past 25 years to transform many of those perceived liabilities into advantages.

Academically, Boise State has bolstered its programs and now attracts some of the best and brightest of Idaho. In fact, more of Idaho's high school seniors enroll directly into Boise State than any other Idaho university, says Mark Wheeler, dean of enrollment services. And the grade-point average of entering freshmen this fall was the highest in university history.

Many students who transfer do so not because of academics — students such as freshman Rachael McIntyre of Marsing, who plans to transfer only because she wants to be farther from home. "The classes were basically the same," says McIntyre, who sampled the academic offerings of her intended university on a recent visit. "They didn't have anything that was far superior."

But more students today find that Boise State's metropolitan setting is ideal, Wheeler says. Boise, Idaho's commercial capital, offers plenty of jobs for the growing number of students who must work while attending school. Its location also fuels an unrivaled internship program, which allows students to gain valuable experience in their fields of study.

And vocational education, once thought of as the bastion of birdhouse makers, is the hottest trend in education and demanded by businesses that want students with a mix of college education and skilled career training.

As the university takes measure after 25 years, it still shows signs of youth, but it also has developed into a flexible, athletic institution with some years under its belt that have added wisdom to its game, like an athlete who's toiled in the background to pay his or
Dyke Nally

After 32 years at Boise State — as student body president, Student Union director and alumni director — Dyke Nally left in 1995 to become superintendent of the State Liquor Dispensary under Gov. Phil Batt. Nally took the helm of the Alumni Association in 1974 and held the position for 21 years. He was recently reappointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Elaine Elliott

When the 1974-75 women's basketball season began, little did freshman guard Elaine Elliott realize that she would become one of the top athletes in school history. She became the first woman inducted into the Boise State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983. Now in her 16th year as women's basketball coach at the University of Utah, Elliott posted her 300th victory early in 1998.


her dues and is ready for a shot at prime time.

An article in the Nov. 9 issue of Newsweek stated Boise State's case. Boise, the magazine concluded, is an up-and-coming city because of its high-tech industries. And Boise State, with the addition of engineering to its portfolio, plays a key role in the city's high-tech boom.

"From the high-tech industry view, Boise State has done an outstanding job as a business school," says Ray Smelek, chairman of Extended Systems, one of Boise's rising technology companies. "And we believe they're poised to do an excellent job in engineering."

The public's perception of Boise State, however, is all over the board, President Charles Ruch says. If you have contact with Boise State as a student, for example, Ruch says you have a positive perception of the university. But if you have no ties to the university, you likely have a hazy image.

In a 1997 statewide study, 20 percent of those surveyed couldn't name one program that Boise State does well. Nine percent named athletics, business programs were next at 7 percent and 5 percent mentioned academics in general.

A majority said Boise State is an asset to Idaho, and overall, people perceived the university in a positive light. But when pressed for details, the majority also couldn't say why they felt that way, which highlighted the survey's main theme: Boise State's image isn't negative, but many people don't have enough information to form an opinion.

While not ideal, the responses show potential, Ruch says. "Images are hard ... to lose," he says. "I'd rather have a blank slate than correct an image that is incorrect."

Painting a positive image is also difficult, Ruch admits, because it takes time. Most "quality" universities have been creating their images for 100 years or more, four times as long as Boise State.

But the university is showing signs that its canvas is filled with the right colors.

The university remains popular among non-traditional students such as 44-year-old Sam Byrd of Boise, who realized that more education would broaden his experience and
skills. Although not vital to his consulting firm, his college education has added new dimensions to how he does business, which he says is a main reason he sought a degree.

“Everything that I’m learning is applicable to what I’m doing,” says Byrd, a multiethnic studies major. “And I have the advantage to use what I learn almost immediately.”

Boise State also has gained new respect for programs such as vocational education, which once nipped at the university’s efforts to improve its stature and which still fights stereotypes despite a more rigorous academic mission.

People don’t realize that most jobs don’t require a college degree, but they do require some college training, whether students want to work for a high-tech firm or as an auto mechanic, says Larry Barnhardt, dean of the Selland College of Applied Technology.

Mechanics and semiconductor technicians need advanced math, science, computer and communication skills just to compete for jobs. And today’s jobs compensate them for their education. Auto mechanics from Boise State’s two-year program can eventually earn as much as $60,000 a year — as long as they stay current with technology through lifelong learning.

Boise State is also the only institution in the Treasure Valley to offer subjects from basic English to a doctorate program in education. A student could conceivably start with an English as a second language course and end with a doctorate degree from the same institution.

And Barnhardt says that both services are vital to an urban university’s mission.

Boise State, with the addition of engineering to its portfolio, plays a key role in Boise’s high-tech boom.

Traditional-age students also know that they can’t just hit the books and get good grades to open doors to employment, whether their degree is from Stanford or Boise State. Employers want experience and an education that complements the skills they seek.

“What employers dislike about higher education is that traditional schools are putting out people who aren’t ready for life or to work together,” says Jan Woodruff, director of marketing and communication at Portland State University in Oregon.

The downtown Portland university mirrors Boise State. Both schools have similar beginnings, and both have similar problems with image, or more accurately, lack of an image.

Portland State, which is 50 years old, is putting a dent into that problem. Mandatory internships for all graduates and a community-based education even attracted national attention when President Clinton visited the school last year.

While playing to an audience at less than capacity — Woodruff says the public is paying more attention but still overlooks the university — Portland State is hitting its marks. The career center last year made 13,000 job referrals, ranking it as the most active placement center in Oregon. So, businesses know about Portland State even if the public doesn’t.

Boise State plays the same role in Idaho, offering traditional academic programs combined with a strong community component. Need engineers? Boise State can help. Want to know the latest business trends? We offer that class. Train teachers to use computers effectively in the classroom? We’ve got it covered.

Ruch says Boise State is creating the new image for higher education. Universities can’t
build on the old definition of quality, which he says is a private, expensive, elitist university that tries to stand above today’s world.

Today’s university, Ruch says, is public, flexible, accessible and in tune with the community’s needs — prime reasons why Boise State gained an engineering college. The high-tech industry identified a need, asked for action and partnered with the university to build a program from conception to construction in four years.

“The old definition of quality is private, [and] by private you mean more expensive,” Ruch says. “Tomorrow’s world is going to be public. It’s going to be [a world where] everyone needs higher education.”

This new definition is still fuzzy to the outside world, Ruch says. But Boise State’s effort to rewrite the meaning of higher education appears to be working among the public and, more important, among traditional-age students.

“I chose Boise State first,” says Lisa Erekson, an 18-year-old freshman from Declo, Idaho. Erekson, in a response that’s increasingly typical among freshman, says Boise State topped her list because of its extensive internship program and its academic offerings. “I looked at other schools,” she says, “but this had more.”

Although Boise State awaits a new dawn, it still faces some long days. Retention and graduation rates have improved but remain below national averages. Boise State’s alumni base is small, but growing.

And the university lacks a cohesive message that signifies quality. With dozens of logos, slogans and ads from a university that tries to be all things to all people, the public sees parts but can’t articulate a message about the whole.

“BSU — the university for...’ and I can’t complete that sentence,” says Karen Vauk, training manager for Micron Technology.

“In the market of higher education, that matters if you want to attract students.”

Despite these drawbacks, however, Boise State now sends one important message to the business community and its graduates: A Boise State degree means something. Once on their own, graduates have the skills to move freely about the employment world like graduates from any other university. And where you go with your Boise State degree says everything about where you’ve been.

Gov. Cecil Andrus changed the course of higher education in Idaho when he signed the bill 25 years ago creating Boise State University. Andrus served four terms as governor, from 1971-77 and 1987-95. He gained national prominence in 1977 when he was named U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Andrus currently heads the Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State, a forum for discussion on the environment and other issues. His autobiography, Cecil Andrus: Politics Western Style, was released last fall. Andrus serves on several corporate boards and is counselor to the Gallatin Group, a Boise-based consulting firm.

John Keiser, John Barnes, Eugene Chaffee


Then
- 70 student organizations
- 63 Student Programs
- Board events
- Whoopie Week
- Self-operated food service

Now
- 152 student organizations
- 120 Student Programs
- Board events
- Spring Fling
- Fine Host food service

1993
- Enrollment passes 15,000

1994
- Child care center opens
- Vietnam MBA program begins
- Football team plays for national championship
- Women’s basketball team goes to NCAA for first time

1995
- Renovated Albertsons Library opens
- Business program in Twin Falls begins
- BSU Foundation receives $7 million gift for Brown scholarships

1996
- Broncos join Big West Conference
- Boise State takes over engineering programs in Boise

1997
- First doctorate degrees awarded
- $6 million Micron Challenge met
- Bronco Stadium expansion completed
- Campus Master Plan approved

1998
- 8,000 people attend first Gene Harris Jazz Festival
- Boise State receives funds to begin Canyon County campus
- Honors College established
Name Gain

Twenty-five years ago, Boise State stepped into its future

By Janelle Brown

A sense of history in the making hung in the air on a wintry afternoon nearly 25 years ago when Boise State College officially became a university.

The date was Feb. 22, 1974. Gov. Cecil Andrus, seated in front of legislators and college officials and flanked by college President John Barnes and student body President Douglas Shanholtz, flashed his trademark grin and signed the bill that granted university status to Boise State. Then the crowd of about 700 students, faculty and business leaders that filled the Student Union for the ceremony erupted into applause.

It was an emotional moment, according to press accounts and the recollections of several of those present. The long, sometimes bitter battle for Boise State's future was finally won. But even as the cheers died down and the crowd trickled away, no one was sure exactly how the future of Idaho's newest university would unfold.

After all, the school founded in 1932 as a church-supported junior college had already undergone profound change. In
1965, Boise State College became a four-year institution. Two years later, the Idaho Legislature approved its transfer from a local taxing district to the state, effective in 1969.

Now, just five years after joining the state system, Boise State had become a university.

In some respects, the name change was symbolic. In other ways, it was the key to opening some very real doors.

"I knew that becoming a university would mean tremendous things for Boise State, though not much immediately," says Barnes, during a recent interview in his Boise home. "It would put us in the same ball game as other regional universities. It would enhance our ability to attract top faculty and students and develop graduate and research programs."

Andrus also envisioned a bright future for Boise State when he signed the historic bill, although he knew the specifics would depend on how the Treasure Valley developed.

"It was important to establish a university where the hub of business was located," says the former governor, who now heads the Andrus Center for Public Policy located at Boise State.

But had Boise State moved too far, too fast?

True, the Legislature had overwhelmingly approved the bill to grant university status, by a margin of 32-2 in the Senate and 54-15 in the House.

But the measure also drew considerable resentment. In some parts of Idaho, Boise State was viewed as a brash, ill-mannered youngster, one that had already gained too much size and strength.

"We already had two universities. Based on the state's limited resources, we couldn't afford it," says former legislator Pat McDermott of Pocatello, who voted no.

McDermott, who still practices law in Pocatello, had Idaho State University in her backyard, and she feared that funding and programs at ISU would suffer if the bill was approved.

A quarter of a century later, McDermott looks back and says those fears were well-founded. "My constituents were hanging off the trees opposed," she remembers.

A similar sentiment prevailed in Moscow, home of the University of Idaho.

During a heated debate on the Senate floor, Orval Snow of Moscow rose to declare that "unless the term 'university' has been completely emasculated," the name change was completely unwarranted.

"It is naïve to think that this would only be a status symbol and not require any money," Snow added, according to a story in The Arbiter, Boise State's student newspaper.

But those were minority views. By 1974, the tide had turned in favor of Boise State. Reapportionment had increased the number of legislative seats in Ada County, which boomed with new businesses and a burgeoning population.

There was a growing clamor for educational offerings to support that growth. Boise State supporters had the votes to get things done.

"The tough battles were already behind us. We'd crossed the critical barriers by becoming a four-year school and part of the
John Elliott

John Elliott, who was editor of The Arbiter student newspaper in 1974 and active in theatre, now owns J. Elliott’s Old Town Gallery at 10th and Main. After graduating in 1976 in theatre arts, Elliott remained active in Northwest theater. In 1991, he wrote, produced and starred in a one-man production at the Morrison Center about playwright Tennessee Williams. He’s also worked with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Stagecoach Theater, Knock ‘Em Dead and other troupes. Elliott has owned and operated antique and used decor shops in the Boise area for 16 years.

Anxious students waited at the Statehouse for news about the university bill.

state system,” says former Sen. Dean Summers of Boise, an outspoken spokesman for the pro-university contingent and the owner of a Boise insurance company.

The bill to grant university status to Boise State was, in Summers’ colorful vernacular, “the last pin in the doll, the icing on the cake, the coup de grace.”

But it still didn’t go down easily with legislators who were smarting from Boise State’s earlier victories. According to Summers, it also didn’t help that Boise State had emerged as a football power that year, wallopimg teams from Moscow and Pocatello and winning the Big Sky conference championship.

“Our rise to athletic competence hurt us,” Summers says.

But the battle over Boise State wasn’t just fought in the Legislature. Long before a bill was even drafted, supporters were laying the groundwork.

One of Barnes’ first efforts was a “quiet study” to compare Boise with universities in the region.

When Barnes found that Boise State compared favorably but needed library development, he helped secure corporate funds to add more books. He also traveled around the state to meet with key legislators and politicians. “I sat at their kitchen tables. I wore cowboy boots. In a state like this, things aren’t done on the telephone,” Barnes says.

While Barnes found some politicians receptive to the idea of a university in Boise, that wasn’t the case with the members of the State Board of Education he gingerly approached. In fact, Barnes says one or two members privately told him that he would be fired if he pursued the issue.

The state board eventually backed university status for Boise State. “I don’t recall that we were reluctant to do that,” remembers former board Chairman A.L. “Butch” Alford of Lewiston, publisher of the Lewiston Morning Tribune. “But the move for a university was driven by the school and by Barnes, as it should have been.”

The momentum continued to build as the Legislature convened in January 1974. Lyle Cobbs of Boise filed Senate Bill 1280, granting Boise State university status.

Boise State students spent long hours at the Capitol, talking to hometown legislators and attending hearings. Student body president Shanholtz, fresh-faced and idealistic, appeared in local TV interviews and ap-
was an era when student activism was flourishing, says Shanholtz. “We tried to make the issue as public as possible,” Shanholtz says. “We said, anybody who voted against Boise State University didn’t take pride in the state.”

On Feb. 1 a gallery packed with students watched nervously as the Senate considered S.B. 1280.

After a lively debate, the bill passed 32-2 and was sent to the House, where it was approved the following week 54-15. An emergency resolution was attached so that the name change would go into effect immediately.

Shanholtz was among those who appreciated that last touch. It meant his 1974 diploma would bear the name “Boise State University” instead of Boise State College.

But even after surviving the battle in the Legislature, the future of the bill was far from certain. Once on Andrus’ desk, the bill was used as a bargaining chip in a game of good old-fashioned power politics.

Everyone assumed the governor would sign the bill. Instead, Andrus made a private phone call and threatened to veto.

“You have Lyle Cobbs to thank that we’re marking the 25th anniversary this year instead of next,” says Andrus with a chuckle.

Andrus tells the story this way: The day the Boise State bill landed on his desk, he was trying to round up enough Senate votes to get a controversial appointee confirmed to the Public Utilities Commission. Andrus, a Democrat, was one vote short on what was a bitterly partisan issue.

So Andrus called Cobbs, a Republican, and said if Cobbs didn’t vote for his appointee, he’d veto the Boise State bill and make Cobbs introduce it again the following year, when he could be assured of the governor’s full support.

“I changed my vote to yes,” remembers Cobbs, who now owns a Boise investment firm. “The Republican leadership was upset about that, but I decided the university was worth more than one individual.”

Andrus’ appointee was confirmed by a single vote. He signed the bill. A sense of jubilation pervaded the campus. A new era at Boise State was about to begin.

Like many others who were involved in Boise State’s transition to a university, Andrus says he’s pleased with how the university has developed in the past 25 years.

Much of the regionalism that fueled resentment to a university in Boise has dissipated over the years as the state has become more cosmopolitan and homogenized, Andrus adds.

Barnes, who resigned as president in 1977, lists Boise State’s new engineering college, doctoral program and research centers as accomplishments that wouldn’t have happened if Boise State had remained a state college.

“I think Boise State is in its adulthood now and that we’re seeing the results of all those earlier efforts,” he says. “It’s been a great joy for me to see how well the university has done.”

Shanholtz still recalls the sense of pride and accomplishment he felt 25 years ago as he sat just to the right of Andrus and watched him sign the Boise State bill.

Shanholtz gave Andrus a present after the ceremony—a giant rubber stamp with the word “veto” on it. Andrus used the stamp on many of the 114 bills he vetoed during his four terms as governor. It’s now on display as part of the Andrus Archives in the Albertsons Library.

Shanholtz also came away with a souvenir from the ceremony—one of the pens Andrus used to sign the bill. It’s a keepsake he may donate back to Boise State during the upcoming 25th anniversary celebration, which he is helping to organize.

“It was one of the most exciting times in my life,” says Shanholtz, who went on to become an international businessman who built construction camps in remote locations around the globe. “It made me realize that if I worked hard, I could make a difference.”

Blue Streak

Just before noon, a lone streaker, thought to be a BSU Frater, took off all his clothes except his socks, donned a black hood to hide his identity and dashed through the Student Union Building.

When asked why he streaked the SUB, he replied, “I had heard of other people planning on streaking here at the university, and I just wanted to be the first.”

The Arbiter
March 14, 1974

When Susan Rinard was crowned Miss BSU in 1975, her dream was to graduate and travel. She did just that, spending 12 years in Paris, Tokyo, Istanbul, Hong Kong and other cities, working as an international model.

Rinard then moved to San Francisco and owned a professional actors’ studio for 10 years. She now lives in Atlanta. Rinard, a ’76 graduate in fine arts, is preparing for an exhibition of her photography and constructing an art studio. She wants to enroll in Georgia Tech to study multimedia productions and open her own business.

Susan Rinard

Jim McMillan

After breaking nearly every Bronco and Big Sky passing record, 1972-74 Bronco quarterback Jim McMillan played in Canada, then joined former Boise State coach Tony Knap at UNLV. After a brief real estate career, he returned to coach at Vallivue High School and then landed a teaching job at Homedale. In his 12 years as football coach at Homedale, his team played in Idaho’s A-3 state championship game 10 times and won five of them. His girls’ softball teams have won the state championship the past three years. McMillan’s No. 14 jersey, the only one ever retired, hangs in the Boise State Hall of Fame.


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Barnes Resigns

It was a slow news day on May 13, 1977, when Boise State President John Barnes issued a terse press release announcing his resignation.

"I sincerely appreciate the opportunity of serving as president for a decade," he concluded, thus ending his stewardship of an era when Boise State began its transition from junior college to state university. The school was just two years removed from its junior college era and had just been admitted into the state system of higher education when Barnes came to Boise from Arizona Western in Yuma in 1967.

Barnes immediately began the task of developing the academic and physical infrastructure needed by the new four-year college, which was experiencing breakneck growth. He hired new faculty, developed curriculum, drafted a building plan, lobbied legislators and raised funds.

Barnes was aggressive — some say ultimately too aggressive for the State Board of Education’s taste — in his drive to develop the new school into a university. Regionalism ran rampant as the upstart school in Boise began to threaten the established order. As the new kid on the higher education block, Boise State under Barnes was frequently cast in the villain’s role, as the budget pie now had to be cut between three major institutions. But Barnes persevered. Master’s degrees were added to the curriculum mix, new buildings sprang up and the school’s operating budget began to grow. Barnes started an alumni association and a foundation for private fund-raising, and developed a high-profile athletic program.

During those formative years of the Barnes presidency, Boise State developed the basic university administrative structure that is still in place today.

It was widely said upon his resignation that Barnes was ideally suited for the task at hand. Like the community and university he led, Barnes was relentless, visionary and impatient to succeed.

From his participation in student stunts, left, to his farewell commencement speech, above, President John Barnes was building a better Boise State.

And then ... After Barnes resigned, it fell to Academic Vice President Richard Bullington to run the school while the state board found a new president. In 1978, the board hired John Keiser, who built on what Barnes had developed in the previous decade.
Broncos Win!

It's still considered the defining moment in Boise State sports: quarterback Joe Aliotti lofting a touchdown pass to tight end Duane Dlouhy in the game's closing seconds to win the 1980 NCAA Division I-AA national football title, 31-29 over Eastern Kentucky.

Before 1980, the football program had continued the tradition of excellence started in its junior college days, but the school's lone national championship came in 1958. Until that memorable game in Sacramento, Calif. And then ...

The nationally televised title victory gave Boise State immeasurable exposure, and the Broncos continued their winning ways for several years. But in 1986 and again in 1992 and 1993, Boise State posted losing seasons. There was a brief return to the program's glory days in 1994 when the Broncos went 13-2 and returned to the I-AA national championship game, only to lose 28-14 to Youngstown State.

Big-name entertainers flew over Boise en route to Seattle, Portland, Eugene, Ore., or San Francisco, and entertainment dollars, as well as cultural opportunities, slipped away. The Pavilion changed all that.

Built with student fee revenue bonds and $5 million from the sale of lifetime seats, the Pavilion filled a void the first month it opened. More than 11,000 people made their way to the Pavilion to hear the Beach Boys on July 9, 1982, the first large concert event. And more than 101,550 people were part of the weeklong, nationally televised Billy Graham Crusade that same summer.

Countless entertainers and millions of people have passed through the Pavilion doors since. Entertainment options have spanned from ice shows to NCAA basketball playoffs, from closed circuit sporting events to major concerts. Fans starved for big-name entertainment lined up for tickets early and often after the Pavilion opened in 1982. And then ...

The Pavilion continues to host major entertainment events, such as the Boston Pops Orchestra in December. And the Pavilion will again be in the national spotlight next year as host to the NCAA national gymnastics championships and in 2001 when the NCAA basketball tournament returns for the sixth time. Other venues have opened as the valley's population has boomed. But the Pavilion can be credited with opening the valley's doors to large-scale, top-name entertainment.

Arts Find a Home

With the Pavilion in place, Boise State had become a regional center for major entertainment and athletic events. But the campus and city still lacked an adequate setting for the fine arts.

A performing arts center had been the elusive dream of Boise arts patron and benefactor Velma Morrison for years. Morrison had offered several million dollars as a catalyst, but she faced roadblocks in the 1970s and early '80s when city voters three times rejected a bond effort to build a center. Then Morrison and Boise State joined forces. At the time, Boise State's
music and theatre arts departments were housed in buildings that dated back to Boise State's junior college days.

The city lacked adequate performance space for the Boise Philharmonic and other local groups, let alone a facility that would entice national performing artists to stop here.

The solution: A building on the Boise State campus that would include a large performing hall and facilities for the departments of theatre arts and music.

Boise State received $5 million from the Legislature for the academic portion, and the Morrison Foundation donated $8 million toward the performance hall.

The community responded with donations that accounted for the remainder of the $15 million project.

Under the leadership of Morrison and Boise State President John Keiser, with the help of Boise banker Ralph J. Comstock and arts patron Fred Norman, the Morrison Center became a reality and was a national model as one of the first performing arts centers built through a university/community partnership.

And then ...

The Morrison Center provides students with a professional setting in which to practice and perform. And Boise-area arts groups have a home for year-round performances.

The Morrison Center has also been used for touring groups, lectures and other gatherings, including a national governors conference and a speech by Ronald Reagan, who was the first U.S. president to visit campus.

In 1998, the center was renamed the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts.

The Morrison Center, built in the shape of Idaho, was one of the first performing arts centers built through a university/community partnership.

Below, arts patron Velma Morrison (third from left) tours the construction site with contractors and architects.

The Canyon County Center, below, has made an amazing metamorphosis from a vacant warehouse to a full-service education center.
classes at Mountain Home Air Force Base, the Canyon County Center was the first "bricks and mortar" commitment to deliver higher education where the community needed it.

And then ...

Boise State is now poised to begin work on a new satellite campus in Canyon County. With a $2 million appropriation from the 1998 Legislature, the university will begin site preparation for a satellite campus that can provide university services to the western valley, where population growth continues to explode.

To be competitive in today's economy, people need higher education. But they need it to be accessible — a lesson Boise State learned with the success of the Canyon County Center.

Library Reborn

On a sunny July day in 1990, a brief speech by former Albertson's CEO Warren McCain brought 700 cheering people to their feet.

Hundreds of faculty, staff, students and friends of the university had gathered to commemorate the newly completed Centennial Amphitheatre.

But thanks to a stunning surprise announcement by McCain, they also learned that Albertson's Inc. and the Albertson family were donating $6 million to expand and renovate the university's crowded library.

The gift supplemented $4 million appropriated by the Legislature for a $10 million library expansion project that included a 50,000-square-foot addition, a new first-floor entrance and three-story atrium, expanded student seating, increased space for special collections, more study rooms and improved access.

Boise State celebrated the completion of the renovation project in 1995 by officially renaming the building the Albertsons Library.

And then ...

Warren McCain personally helped raise $2.5 million for library support through a $1 million challenge grant and $540,000 raised in his honor at the Bronco Athletic Association-Alumni Association auction in 1991.

McCain's efforts have been commemorated in the Warren McCain Reading Room, a large second-floor area that houses a collection of western literature.

The significance of the fundraising efforts and improvements to the facility may not be readily apparent to today's students. But the library expansion project was one of the most important developments in Boise State's continuing efforts to improve its academic standing and provide students and scholars with the best possible facilities.

Keiser Dismissed

On Sept. 21, 1991, Boise State President John Keiser was greeted by the news that he had been fired. With one dissenting vote, Keiser was dismissed by the State Board of Education for a "failure to communicate" with the board.

The news quickly spread through the Student Union, and by the time the vote was formally taken the room was packed with angry students who demanded an explanation. The week that followed was marked by a rally at the state Capitol, a halftime march during the Bronco football game and protests from business leaders.

But the board held firm, and the Keiser era came to a swift, conclusive end.

Keiser was careful to build on the strengths developed by his successors, presidents Eugene Chaffee and John Barnes. Like them, he built bridges to the community for a variety of projects, including the Pavilion and Morrison Center, at the time two of the largest building projects in state history. And he secured the donation from Albertson's and the Albertson family that ensured the expansion and renovation of the library.

Boise State under Keiser was continually trying to keep ahead of itself as it quickly grew into the largest university in terms of enrollment. Keiser positioned Boise State as Idaho's urban university, and he used that emphasis as the basis for several new academic programs and new facilities as the university expanded to meet the needs of the growing metropolitan region.

And then ...

As interim president, Larry Selland used his considerable skills to heal the wounds caused by the Keiser incident. The state board hired Charles Ruch in 1993, and he continues to develop Boise State's metropolitan university theme and nurture the school's close relationship with the community.
Five doctoral students graduated in May 1997. Alecia Baker was the first in line.

renewal of teacher education.

And then ...

Currently there are 33 students enrolled in the program. Boise State has not yet added its second doctorate, but continues to explore other doctorate programs in areas where there is a community need.

Since becoming president in 1993, Charles Ruch has led the school through some of the most monumental changes in its history, including the addition of engineering, a move to Division I-A, construction of several buildings, and the development of the Canyon County campus.

Micron Technology CED Steve Appleton announces in November 1997 that the $6 million Micron engineering challenge has been met.

1994

Doctorate Added
Boise State developed an array of master’s degree programs during its 25 years as a university. But it was still missing one ingredient from its academic menu — a doctorate degree.

That changed in 1994 when the College of Education accepted the first students in an innovative doctorate program designed for classroom teachers. The first doctoral students — five of them — in the university’s history graduated in May 1997.

From the recruitment of students and faculty to leadership positioning in the community and nation, the university’s first doctorate program has enhanced the College of Education.

With the addition of the new degree, the college has become a force in the reform and ability to meet the needs of the area it serves. “It’s the market speaking,” the article stated. “It’s an investment in the community as well. People

1995

Engineering Arrives
On Oct. 19, 1995, in Twin Falls, by a 5-3 vote, the State Board of Education approved Boise State’s request to transfer control of three undergraduate engineering programs in Boise from the University of Idaho to Boise State.

The Page One story in the next day’s Idaho Statesman called the board’s decision “a dramatic change in direction for [Boise State] and Idaho’s higher education system.”

Given the new-kid-on-
want to invest in Boise State."

But it wasn’t easy. The university’s quest for an independent engineering college was fraught with roadblocks, resistance and — in some cases — resentment.

In January 1995 the state board rejected Boise State’s initial bid for independent programs in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering — despite an offer of a $5 million donation from Boise-based semiconductor manufacturer Micron Technology to help establish a Boise State administered engineering program.

But on Oct. 19, the board changed its mind, allowing Boise State to begin a new era.

And then …

In February 1996, Micron issued a $6 million challenge grant to fund a new engineering building. The challenge was met more than a year ahead of schedule.

On July 1, 1996, Boise State assumed administration of the engineering program. The number of students in the three programs has nearly doubled to 524 majors since the creation of the program.

Two new buildings are under construction, and the college hopes to earn the stamp of approval from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, which is expected to make its decision this summer.

1996

Broncos Step Up

It was an inauspicious start to Boise State’s transition into Division I-A football when the Broncos’ receiving team mishandled the opening kickoff.

As the opening-game crowd of 19,258 looked on, a swarm of Central Michigan defenders forced the Broncos out of bounds on the 3-yard line.

Thus began a new era in Boise State athletics. There would be many more moments like that as the Broncos lost 42-21 to CMU and struggled through a 2-10 season in their first year as a member of the Division I-A Big West Conference.

In the previous 26 years, Boise State had built a rich athletic tradition in the Big Sky Conference — a league that plays its football at the Division I-AA level.

But when the Big Sky presidents voted in March 1993 to reduce the number of football scholarships from 63 to 45, the Broncos balked.

New Boise State President Charles Ruch commissioned a task force which concluded that by playing football at a higher level, Boise State had the potential to raise revenue and accommodate future growth in the Boise market.

The State Board of Education eventually approved Boise State’s request to switch conferences, and on July 1, 1996, the Broncos officially joined the Big West and began to schedule games against top-flight opponents like Arizona State, Washington State, Wisconsin and UCLA.

But the disaster that was the ‘96 season — compounded by head coach Pokey Allen’s battle with cancer — was a rude awakening to what I-A football was all about.

It wasn’t all bad news, however, as Boise State completed its first year in the Big West with four league titles — more than any other school in the conference.

And then …

The football program was beset by more upheaval with Allen’s death late in 1996 and the 1997 departure of coach Houston Nutt, who left Boise State after just one year for the head coaching job at Arkansas.

In December 1997, Dirk Koetter succeeded Nutt as the Broncos’ head coach and led the team to a 6-5 record in 1998 — its first winning season as one of the “big boys.”
Chemistry professor Dale Russell holds her “selective mercury electrode,” an invention that gives scientists a way to measure mercury levels at the site of contamination. Russell will share patent rights with Boise State, where she conducts her research.

**CHEMISTRY PROF PILES UP PATENTS**

*By Janelle Brown*

Boise State chemistry professor Dale Russell may be a prolific inventor, but that doesn’t mean she takes leaps of logic to come up with her creative new ideas.

“There are no leaps. It’s step by step,” says Russell, who has 11 U.S. patents to her credit and recently filed for her 12th.

“I make analogies,” she adds. “I look at a chemical process, and I think, how else could this be applied?”

The approach obviously works. Russell, a former Hewlett-Packard scientist who joined Boise State’s faculty in 1995, has generated an amazing array of inventions, from processes that keep water-soluble ink from smudging wet paper, to an instrument that measures mercury and could help detoxify contaminated mine sites, to a glucose detector that might eventually free diabetics from taking daily insulin shots.

A shelf in Russell’s office is crowded with gold plaques from the U.S. Patent Office, each inscribed with her name. The sheer number is impressive, but taken together they hold additional significance. Russell holds the world’s largest individual patent portfolio on a chemical process that attaches or removes electrical charge to particles suspended in fluid.

To get an idea of how the process works, imagine two different kinds of molecules that normally don’t interact. If a specific kind of chemical structure is added to one molecule, it will stick to the other. That chemical bond can be harnessed to accomplish all sorts of practical tasks.

For example, water-soluble ink can be formulated using Russell’s patented process to bond with the carbohydrate structure of paper so that the ink won’t smudge if it gets wet. The same ink will easily wash off your hands, however, because the chemical bond doesn’t occur between ink and skin molecules. Or, using a similar process, glucose can be made to “stick” to a detector to measure blood sugar levels. The patented process might someday be incorporated into an artificial pancreas that regulates insulin delivery in diabetics.

“Dale is a unique individual. She devotes tremendous energy to her students, but she still allocates time to relax and to dream, and I think that’s one of the reasons she is so productive,” says Curtis Olson, a ’97 graduate in chemistry.
Olson now works at SCP Global Technologies of Boise, and he's tapped his former professor to conduct research for his company. Russell is working to develop an electro-chemical method to detect corrosion on semiconductor wafers. The technology may eventually help the high-tech firm redesign its process for cleaning the tiny wafers so that corrosion is minimized.

"It's been great to be able to direct research funding to Boise State," Olson says.

Russell's latest invention is a "selective mercury electrode," a hand-held instrument that might someday be used as part of cleanup efforts at mine sites, or in medical analyses such as telling dentists when to replace fillings. Russell will share rights for her invention with Boise State, where she conducts her research.

The invention gives scientists an easy and reliable way to measure mercury levels without having to send a sample to a lab for analysis, Russell explains. It eliminates the inaccurate readings that sometimes occur because the mercury has vaporized by the time a sample is tested. The same technology could be used to measure other metals, too.

Ask Russell about the invention, and she'll show you a hypodermic needle with a three-electrode system inside. The needle can be directly inserted into a plant or other medium, Russell explains, and works by binding mercury to the surface of the electrode, producing an electrical signal proportional to the amount of mercury absorbed. The device can be recalibrated and used again.

At contaminated mine sites, the invention could be used to measure the mercury levels in mercury-accumulating plants so that they could be harvested when the levels peaked, Russell explains. Successive crops could then be planted and harvested using the same methods, until the mercury was removed.

Senior biology student Jonathon Scaggs assisted Russell in designing the instrument. "It's been fun," he says. "I've had a great opportunity to work with an exceptional professor in a real-life research setting."

Russell, who earned a Ph.D. in chemistry in 1985 from the University of Arizona, plans to refine her selective mercury electrode and continue her research on other fronts. She is studying ways to prevent corrosion on steel, a problem on everything from pacemakers to bridges. Another project might lead to more efficient inhalers for asthmatics.

Her industry background has enhanced her teaching, Russell believes. She speaks from experience when she tells her students that teamwork, meeting deadlines, a positive attitude and professional presentations are critical workplace skills.

"It's not clear to me where the line between research and teaching is drawn," Russell says. "It's important that learning take place on both of these fronts."
PHYSICS PROFESSOR HANNA STUDIES HOW ELECTRONS BEHAVE

By Janelle Brown

The tools that Boise State physics professor Charles Hanna uses to conduct his research are deceptively simple. A chalkboard. A computer. Paper and pencil.

"It's important to have an eraser so you can make changes," Hanna says. "But the really important stuff, you keep in your head.

Hanna is in the second year of a $35,000 national grant to study an aspect of the quantum Hall effect, which involves the way electrons change their behavior in magnetic fields.

He scribbles down equations and runs numerical calculations on his computer, but the real brunt of his work is done mentally. "The answer seems obvious, once you find it," Hanna says. "But it can look completely impossible until you do."

If the quantum Hall effect sounds familiar, there's a reason. Three scientists, including Robert Laughlin, Hanna's former faculty adviser at Stanford University, won the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physics for their work on the phenomenon.

They discovered that a single layer of electrons placed in a strong magnetic field at a temperature near absolute zero can condense into a new type of quantum fluid with fractionally charged particles.

Hanna's research is related. He's studying what happens when more than one layer of electrons, separated by atomic distances, are subjected to the same conditions of a strong magnetic field and extremely low temperature.

He performed an award-winning documentary film on education in Japan. Parrett proudly displays his prize for his film on education in Japan.

PARRETT ADDS AWARD-WINNING FILM TO LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS

By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

Boise State education professor Bill Parrett came to Boise State just two years ago from the University of Alaska and already has added award-winning filmmaker to his resume.

So far, Parrett has completed an award-winning documentary video, co-authored two nationally recognized books, and turned Boise State's Center for School Improvement into a central player in regional efforts to improve school curriculum and teacher performance.

But it's his documentary, Heart of the Country, that has garnered him international attention. The 90-minute video tells the story of a small Japanese community's commitment to educate its children by using their hearts as well as their heads.

"The video takes a critical look at learning in Japan from the inside," says Parrett, who along with his co-producer and director Leonard Kamerling spent three years researching Japanese communities and nine months filming the documentary, living in tiny Kanayama among its 400 residents.

The video is in Japanese with English subtitles and tells the story of how the people of the village work together to educate their children through everyday life.

The video has received much national and international fanfare, including screenings at 10 film festivals — all by invitation only, and 12 premieres — including in Japan, San Francisco, Atlanta, Arizona and Boise.

In 1997 the documentary won a Judge's Award at the Northwest Film Festival in Portland and a Golden Eagle Award from the CINE Golden Eagle Film Competition & Festival in Washington, D.C.

In 1998 the movie was screened at the Cinema du Reel's 20th International Festival in Paris and at the National Education Media Network Annual Film & Video Competition in California where it won the Gold Apple Award.

The documentary is now qualified to be nominated for an Academy Award, but there's one hitch — it has to show for one week in New York or Los Angeles. Also, for the video to be shown at other prestigious film festivals such as the Sundance Film Festival, it has to be transferred onto 16 mm film at a cost of about $10,000.

Parrett and Kamerling are trying to raise money to have the film transferred.
DORMAN HONORS HER MOM’S MEMORY

Sociology professor Pat Dorman has taught at Boise State for 31 years. When her mother, Phyllis DeBois, died in 1991, Dorman established a nursing scholarship in her memory. Dorman speaks with pride of her mother’s character and accomplishments. “My mother was highly supportive of education. She was an avid reader and always wanted to go to college herself. She was also a health nut and was very conscious of health issues and nutrition. She taught county extension nutrition courses. I felt establishing a scholarship in her name was the best way to memorialize her and help others.”

DONOR NOTES

- Anonymous, $1,000 for an English and Engineering Scholarship Fund and $5,000 for a Pre-Med Scholarship.
- Association of Western Universities, $4,500 and Lockheed Martin Corp., $6,000 to the Lockheed Martin Restricted Scholarship.
- Diana L. Berge, $1,000 and Fred R. Minckler, $1,000 for the Sarah Minckler Biology Endowment.
- BMC West Corp., $5,000; K2 Construction, $5,000; Harry W. Morrison Foundation, $200,000; Preco, Inc., $33,300; and Richard and Carole Skinner, $1,000 for the Micron Engineering Building Challenge.
- Boise Cascade Corp., $3,000 and Chris and Mary C. Beck, $2,000 to the Idaho Bird Observatory.
- Isabel and Vernon Brassey, $500 to Foundation Honors Scholarship and $500 to the Nursing Library Resources Fund.
- Dorothy J. Brunker, $1,000 for the Nursing General Scholarship.
- Rose W. Burnham, $1,500 to the Willis L. and Rose W. Burnham Geology-Geophysics Research Fund.
- Caterpillar Foundation, $5,000 for the Western States Scholarship.
- CM Company, Inc., $2,000 to the Technology-Engineering Building Fund.
- Pamela and Sam Collier, $1,000 for the Sandra Eggers International Scholarship.
- ComputerLand Computers, $1,500 to the Accounting Endowment.
- James and Diane Crawford, $1,000 for the Fund for Graduate Accountancy.
- John and Diane Crim, $1,000 for Partners for Health Administrative Account.
- Sam and Yolanda Crossland, $1,000 and Arthur and Esther Oppenheimer, $1,000 to the Frank Church Chair of Public Affairs.
- Belinda and Jim Davis, $1,000 for the Patrick Davis Memorial Scholarship.
- John Elorriaga, $95,300 to the John Elorriaga Endowed Professorship.
- Gwen Entorf, $1,000 for the John Entorf Endowed Scholarship.

- Corrine Tafoya and Jack Fisher, $1,000 and Dr. Rosa Maria Terrazas, $1,000 to the Mexican American Studies Scholarship.
- Hawley, Troxell, Ennis and Hawley, $10,000; Little-Morris, CPAs, $2,500; Merrill Lynch & Company Foundation, $10,000; and Presnell Gage Accounting and Consulting, $2,500 for the Idaho Family Business Center.
- Idaho Peterbilt Inc., $2,500 to the Gary Moss Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- Idaho Society for Clinical Social Work, $5,000 for the clinical social work scholarship in its name.
- Douglas and Ann James, $1,500, to the Ella Judith James Memorial Scholarship and $3,700 for the Ann and Douglas James Early Childhood Education Scholarship.
- Donald and Cecelia Lojek, $3,000 for the Lojek Family Nursing Scholarship Fund.
- Merchants of Eighth and Idaho, $1,000; Preco, Inc., $1,000; and US Bank, $4,700 to the Gene Harris Endowment.
- John Nagel Foundation, Inc., $35,000 to the nursing scholarship in its name.
- Donald and Doli Obee, $1,500 for the D. Obee Biology Scholarship.
- Quest for Truth Foundation, $12,500 to the History of Idaho Hispanics Research Fund.
- William and Nancy Russell, $25,000 for the Carl Burke Endowment for Public Policy.
- Ronald and Karen Stratton, $1,000 for the Accounting Department Administrative Account.
- US West Foundation, $30,000 for the US West Distance Learning Network Scholarship Fund.
- Marie White, $1,000 for Partners for Health Scholarship Fund.
- Casa Valdez, $1,500 to the Hispanic Business Community Scholarship.
- Katherine and Virgil Young, $1,000 for the Virgil Young Scholarship for Rural Idaho.

- S. Hatch Barrett, president of Trebar Kenworth Sales; Sam Crossland, attorney and retired Morrison-Knudsen executive; JoAnn “Jody” DeMeyer, retired vice president of St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center; Velma Morrison, president of Harry W. Morrison Foundation; Pete Richardson, attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; and Charlie Wilson, president of Wilson Properties L.P.

- John Entorf, president of John Entorf, president of Wilson Properties L.P.

- Robert Maynard, chief investment officer for Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho; Doug Shanboltz, retired president of LBD Chile; and Pat Sullivan, president of Sullivan and Associates.

- Allen Dykman, president of A. Dyke’s Electric Inc., representing the Bronco Athletic Association and Jim Davis, attorney, representing the Boise State University Alumni Association.

BSUF APPOINTS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

The Boise State University Foundation elected its officers at a recent meeting. Officers are as follows:

- President: Jim Nelson, president of Nelson Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.; vice president: Roger Michener, president of Michener Investments; secretary, Barbara Wilson, US WEST Idaho and regional vice president; treasurer: Dale Nagy, president of Wenco, Inc.

- Directors who received renewed three-year terms are Jim Nelson; Steve Appleton, chairman of the board and CEO of Micron Technology; S. Hatch Barrett, president of Trebar Kenworth Sales; Sam Crossland, attorney and retired Morrison-Knudsen executive; JoAnn “Jody” DeMeyer, retired vice president of St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center; Velma Morrison, president of Harry W. Morrison Foundation; Pete Richardson, attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; and Charlie Wilson, president of Wilson Properties L.P.

- New directors appointed to the board are V. Dale Babbitt, president of J.A. Terteling & Sons; Patty Bedient, managing partner of Arthur Andersen LLP; and Evelyn Loveless, CEO of Global Travel.

- Others include Robert Maynard, chief investment officer for Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho; Doug Shanboltz, retired president of LBD Chile; and Pat Sullivan, president of Sullivan and Associates.

- Directors serving one-year terms on behalf of associations are Allen Dykman, president of A. Dyke’s Electric Inc., representing the Bronco Athletic Association and Jim Davis, attorney, representing the Boise State University Alumni Association.

FOUNDATION ENJOYS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Boise State University Foundation received $4,799,386 in private contributions for fiscal year 1997-98, a 136 percent increase over fiscal year 1996-97.

- Contributions came from 4,438 donors.
- The foundation’s scholarship endowment balances also grew 23 percent from $20,289,853 to $24,963,152.
- In addition, the foundation’s permanent assets increased 9.2 percent from $46,110,632 to $50,336,979.
NAVARRO PLAYS ROLE IN MAJOR MERGER

By Amy Stahl

A dozen cardboard boxes stacked in his office remind Rick Navarro of his role in one of the biggest mergers in grocery industry history. Inside the well-traveled cartons are files required by the Federal Trade Commission for its investigation of the pending acquisition of American Stores by Albertson’s Inc.

As Albertson’s group vice president and controller, Navarro is responsible for documenting the deal that will make Boise-based Albertson’s the biggest grocery-drug chain in the United States. Biggest, at least for a while. Albertson’s will be bumped to No. 2 with the completion of a pending merger between Kroger Co. and Fred Meyer Inc.

Navarro doesn’t mind being No. 2. The deal still gives Albertson’s the potential for $36 billion in sales — up from $14.7 billion in FY 1997.

“We’re going to be the leader in our industry,” says the 1975 Boise State accounting graduate. “We won’t be the biggest, but we will be the best.”

He predicts that the grocery business won’t escape the merger mania that’s gripping the nation. “Right now, our whole industry is going through a consolidation process. There are so many stores now it doesn’t make sense to build so many more. There are just so many calories to be consumed.”

Unlike some companies, however, Albertson’s doesn’t engage in hostile takeovers. “Top management gets a signal [from competitors] that they want to be sold,” says Navarro.

After CEO Gary Michael makes some headway, the Albertson’s acquisition team then kicks into high gear. Typically, the team includes Navarro, a lawyer and a real estate expert.

The bigger deals are frequently negotiated with tight security in secret locations. Navarro admits to getting a thrill out of the process. For the American Stores merger, the acquisition team traveled to New York City where it worked around the clock putting the package together.

Details were still being hammered out when top executives were preparing to announce the pending merger on national television at 8:30 a.m. “The sun’s coming up and we’ve been working all night but we’re not tired,” Navarro says. There was no time to sleep until he stepped onto the corporate jet for the ride home.

After a deal is closed, Navarro puts the pieces in place to consolidate financial operations for new stores. Even small mergers can be “huge,” he says.

The challenges come in converting financial systems, private labels and management operations. Albertson’s tries to ease the transition through a loaner program that sends current store employees out to new stores around the country.

The company further standardizes administrative functions through a centralized system based in Boise. Payroll, accounts payable and other accounting practices are all funneled through headquarters.

In recent years, Albertson’s has been on a dizzying upward spiral of growth. As of late November, the company employed more than 100,000 people at 973 stores in 25 Western, Midwestern and Southern states. Albertson’s also owns and operates 11 distribution centers, including one in Boise.

Navarro got his start with the company fresh out of Boise State in 1975. From his first position as an accountant trainee, he worked his way through seven jobs to his current role. He oversees all financial operations, including internal and external reporting, taxes and property accounting.

Navarro appreciates his company’s promote-from-within philosophy. When he started with the company, he says, “everybody worked on everything. It’s more specialized now but it’s still small enough that people can get a perspective on the whole company.”

Although his job requires extensive travel, Navarro has been a devoted volunteer for Boise State. He serves on the university’s Foundation board of directors and chairs the advisory board for the department of accounting. He’s frequently asked to speak to classes or to student groups like the Alpha Beta Psi accounting fraternity.

Dressed casually in a button-down shirt but no tie, Navarro reminisces about his college years in his comfortable first-floor office overlooking Boise’s Greenbelt. He remembers his college years fondly and is quick to praise caring faculty members such as John Medlin and the late Bill Underkofler.

A native of Meridian, Navarro and his wife, Bobbie, are the parents of two children. Their daughter is married and lives in California; their son is a freshman in college.

To relax, Navarro enjoys tailgating with Albertson’s employees at Bronco football games and playing a round of golf whenever he can.

As the company grows, Navarro plans to remain at the financial helm. It’s easy to be loyal to Albertson’s, he says. “It’s always been a fun place to work. You work hard and you play hard,” he says.
By Mary L. Larson

Learning is a daily priority for Alvia Henderson. “You have to continue learning to move forward,” she says.

She speaks from experience. Her constant embrace of learning has brought her a successful career at the Morrison-Knudsen Co.

Henderson, a Florida native, came to the Treasure Valley in 1968 and received a bachelor of arts in psychology from Boise State in 1973. She worked for the Department of Corrections until 1979, when she was hired as an employee relations counselor at MK.

“MK was really good to me,” she says, “because I didn’t have experience in human resources at that time.” Her willingness to learn propelled her through the ranks, and in 1984 she moved to San Francisco as the personnel manager for MK’s International Engineering Co.

In 1989, Henderson made a conscious choice to return to Boise, even though it meant her new position would have less scope than what she had been doing.

Morrison-Knudsen and Henderson have been a good fit. “I wanted the lifestyle in Boise — that’s what brought me back,” she says. That choice also brought her another opportunity: In 1993, she moved to the corporate level as vice president of human resources.

She now works with senior executives and the MK board of directors to integrate the needs of all MK’s stakeholders — from employees to stockholders. “Before, I dealt with the employees,” she says. “Now, I deal with how the employee benefits affect the bottom line of the company.”

Henderson’s vast experience includes employee relations, international human resources management, training, recruiting, downsizing and policy development. She is an advisory board member for both the Family and Workplace Consortium and Boise State’s Center for Management Development.

In addition, Henderson serves on the boards of the Idaho Black History Museum, Treasure Valley United Way-Ada County and the Boise Education Foundation.

To be successful, current students should “learn how the numbers work — the financial aspect,” Henderson says. “You have to be on top of technology. Stay in a constant learning mode. There is no job or position where you learn it all, then remain static.

“There will continue to be new issues to address, and I will constantly be in the learning curve,” she says.

By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

One problem, he says, was that higher education was not making an effort to recruit Hispanic students or address needs that were unique to them such as cultural differences, language barriers and the mobility required of migrant families to earn a living.

But programs such as CAMP and HEP have changed that by providing the emotional and structural support the students need to complete their education.

Francisco Garcia tells the story of a 4.0 GPA high school student from Oregon who asked her school counselor for information on financial aid for college. “Why are you asking?” was the counselor’s reply to the Hispanic student.

As director of the Office of Migrant Education in the U.S. Department of Education, Garcia wants to help migrant students overcome those disparaging attitudes and give educators information they can use to better understand the needs of migrant students who often drop out of high school, much less attend college.

“My job is to be sure they have a voice,” he said during a recent visit with students in Boise State’s High School Equivalency Program and the College Assistance Migrant Program.

Garcia earned his M.A. in education from Boise State in 1975. His interest in migrant matters began as a graduate student working on a federally funded desegregation project.

Now a national education leader, Garcia began his career in southwest Idaho.

“Learning is a daily priority for Alvia Henderson. “You have to continue learning to move forward,” she says.

She speaks from experience. Her constant embrace of learning has brought her a successful career at the Morrison-Knudsen Co.

Henderson, a Florida native, came to the Treasure Valley in 1968 and received a bachelor of arts in psychology from Boise State in 1973. She worked for the Department of Corrections until 1979, when she was hired as an employee relations counselor at MK.

“MK was really good to me,” she says, “because I didn’t have experience in human resources at that time.” Her willingness to learn propelled her through the ranks, and in 1984 she moved to San Francisco as the personnel manager for MK’s International Engineering Co.

In 1989, Henderson made a conscious choice to return to Boise, even though it meant her new position would have less scope than what she had been doing.

Morrison-Knudsen and Henderson have been a good fit. “I wanted the lifestyle in Boise — that’s what brought me back,” she says. That choice also brought her another opportunity: In 1993, she moved to the corporate level as vice president of human resources.

She now works with senior executives and the MK board of directors to integrate the needs of all MK’s stakeholders — from employees to stockholders. “Before, I dealt with the employees,” she says. “Now, I deal with how the employee benefits affect the bottom line of the company.”

Henderson’s vast experience includes employee relations, international human resources management, training, recruiting, downsizing and policy development. She is an advisory board member for both the Family and Workplace Consortium and Boise State’s Center for Management Development.

In addition, Henderson serves on the boards of the Idaho Black History Museum, Treasure Valley United Way-Ada County and the Boise Education Foundation.

To be successful, current students should “learn how the numbers work — the financial aspect,” Henderson says. “You have to be on top of technology. Stay in a constant learning mode. There is no job or position where you learn it all, then remain static.

“There will continue to be new issues to address, and I will constantly be in the learning curve,” she says.

By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

One problem, he says, was that higher education was not making an effort to recruit Hispanic students or address needs that were unique to them such as cultural differences, language barriers and the mobility required of migrant families to earn a living.

But programs such as CAMP and HEP have changed that by providing the emotional and structural support the students need to complete their education.

Francisco Garcia tells the story of a 4.0 GPA high school student from Oregon who asked her school counselor for information on financial aid for college. “Why are you asking?” was the counselor’s reply to the Hispanic student.

As director of the Office of Migrant Education in the U.S. Department of Education, Garcia wants to help migrant students overcome those disparaging attitudes and give educators information they can use to better understand the needs of migrant students who often drop out of high school, much less attend college.

“My job is to be sure they have a voice,” he said during a recent visit with students in Boise State’s High School Equivalency Program and the College Assistance Migrant Program.

Garcia earned his M.A. in education from Boise State in 1975. His interest in migrant matters began as a graduate student working on a federally funded desegregation project.

Now a national education leader, Garcia began his career in southwest Idaho.
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40s

JACK T. BARRACLOUGH, AA, general arts and sciences, '48, is serving a fourth term in the Idaho Legislature. Barracloough also was selected to serve a three-year term on the Pacific Fishery Management Council as one of two members to represent Idaho.

50s

DARRELL K. MERRILL retired after 34 years as a captain with TWA Airlines. Merrill resides in Midway, Utah.

BONNIE NELL LAMBERT, AA, nursing, '59, retired as a staff registered nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa.

60s

TERRY P. SMITH, AA, general arts and sciences, '61, is vice president of Idaho Independent Bank in Meridian. Smith has 42 years of banking experience with Idaho First National Bank and its successors.

FRANCIS M. "FRANK" TUNING, BA, art/secondary education, '67, owns Tuning Studio & Gallery in Burns, Ore. Tuning retired in 1997 after teaching high school art for 30 years. His curriculum has been recognized nationally in the U.S. Excellence in Education Program and Redbook's Best Schools in the U.S. Tuning was one of three finalists for Oregon State Teacher of the Year in 1997.

JAMES WALKER, BA, advertising design, '68, owns JW Graphics and B&B Guest Reservations in Boise.

70s

GARY T. DANCE, BA, social science, '70, was recently elected to the six-member board of Moffatt Thomas Barrett Rock & Fields Chartered in Boise. Dance is responsible for the firm's Pocatello and Idaho Falls offices.

KEITH D. BURKE, BS, physical education/secondary education, '71, is vice president of Natchiq, Inc., the largest oil field contractor in Alaska.

LUCY A. (Desaulniers) CONLEY, BS, physical education, '72, teaches sixth grade at Mossyrock Elementary School in Mossyrock, Wash.

STEVE FORREY, BS, mathematics/secondary education, '72, is bank manager with U.S. Bank in McCall. Forrey has been in the banking industry for 23 years.

JOSEPH S. PICCIONE, BA, general business, '72, is an account executive with Post Insurance Services in Boise.

JEANETTE "JAN" (Kilmaster) CHRISTOPHERSEN, MA, elementary education, '73, is the county extension director for the University of Illinois Extension in Belvidere, Ill.

DUANE "SMITTY" SMITH, BA, general business, '73, is a realtor associate with Engen Realty in McCall.

JAMES BARKER, BA, social work, '74, is a psychiatric social worker with the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Palo Alto, Calif. Barker also teaches Vietnamese language and culture courses at Mission College in Santa Clara.

JOHN L. BISSON, BS, physical education/secondary education, '74, teaches health and physical education at Lakeside High School in Plummer. Bisson also coaches boys varsity basketball and middle school football.

RUTH A. (NORRIS) GRAVES, BA, psychology, '74, is a research process manager at Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, Calif.

CAROL A. (GROW) KEARNEY, AS, medical office assistant, '74, is owner/partner of Kearney, Boyle & Associates, Inc. in San Francisco.

ALLEN E. KNUTSON, BA, finance, '77, is vice president of Silver State Financial, a subsidiary of the Nevada-based Silver State Bank. Knutson will manage the Boise loan production office.

RONALD J. WILPER, BA, communication/English, '77, has been named a Fourth District Court judge by Gov. Phil Bilt. Wilper has been Canyon County chief deputy prosecutor for the past three years.

ROBERT E. OMBERG, BA, history/secondary education, '77, is supervisory attorney in the office of the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C.

CHERYL B. PETERSJUE, AS, fashion merchandising, '78, is sales manager for Comfort Inn in Butte, Mont.

JILL L. (Mecham) HOWELL, AS, nursing, '78, is vice president of patient care services at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Howell has worked at the center for 20 years.

THOMAS H. HOGG, BA, social science, '78, is sales and marketing manager for the building materials distribution division of Boise Cascade Corp. in Boise.

RICHARD G. "DICK" CONLEY, MA, elementary education/content enrichment, '79, is principal at Napavine Elementary School. Conley lives in Morton, Wash.

80s

DENNIS JAY BASSFORD, BBA, accounting, '80, was elected to a one-year term with the National Check Cashers Association, Inc. Bassford is president of Money Tree, Inc. in Seattle and has served on NCCA's board for five years.

MCENTEE PAVES WAY TO PARTNERSHIP

By Bob Evancho

With his deep roots in the Idaho construction industry and ties to Boise State, Terry McEntee does more than just build roads and highways in his home state.

A third-generation contractor and 1986 graduate of the Boise State construction management program, McEntee, 39, recently completed his term as president of the Idaho chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. But that doesn't mean he won't continue to be one of the industry's top leaders or a key advocate of the program where he received his college degree.

In fact, McEntee currently serves as chairman of the Boise State Construction Management Advisory Committee, a group of industry representatives that provides input to the faculty on curriculum and industry trends.

"Boise State's construction management program was and is excellent," says McEntee, president of Central Paving Company Inc. in Boise. "The members who sit on the board believe in Boise State's program and the type of students that it produces."

It was in 1977, the year that McEntee graduated from Boise's Bishop Kelly High School, that the Boise State construction management program began after the AGC of Idaho approached the university with a request to establish a program to serve Idaho's construction industry.
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MARK ALLEN EVANS, CC, heavy duty mechanics, ’80, is the host of Auto Talk on KIDO radio in Boise. Evans developed and patented an automatic transmission cooler that is being sold by Prodyne. Evans is president and CEO of the company.

SUSAN E. (CARTER) ROOD, BA, elementary education, ’80, teaches first grade at Ridgemoor Elementary in Sun City, Calif. Rood recently was appointed district trainer for the Project Read literacy program and is a member of the district language arts program.

CAROLYN L. “KAY” ADDINGTON-MACDONALD, BA, elementary education, ’80, teaches eighth grade and sophomore English, journalism and speech at Council High School in Council.

JOANNE C. ANGEL, BA, social work, ’81, is a hospice social worker with VNA Home Health Systems in Santa Ana, Calif.

DAN LESTER MONTGOMERY, MPA, ’81, works at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. Montgomery has been with the company for nine years.

MICHAEL R. WALLER, BS, mathematics, ’81, is a Y2K project manager for Micron Electronics, Inc.

SANDRA LYNN HAARSAGER, MPA, ’82, is an associate professor of communication at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

TAMMY N. (NAKAMURA) WHEELER, BBA, finance, ’83, is vice president and regional sales manager with Western Bank in Boise.

MARK SHERMAN BOYLAN, BA, communication, ’83, is a graduate student at Hood College in Frederick, Md.

JACKIE EVELYN (DINNEEN) BEATTY, BBA, management/general business, ’84, recently received her MBA from the University of Phoenix.

DANA RAE BENNETT, BA, history, ’84, owns Research by Design in Reno. Bennett’s firm provides analysis and research to lobbyists, associations and businesses interested in the Nevada Legislature.

BILLY ERNEST CHADWELL, BBA, computer information systems, ’84, is a supervisor computer specialist/programmer GS-13 for the Defense Logistic Agency System Design Center in Ogden, Utah.

MARY (WESTIN) MILLER, BS, nursing, ’84, is director of corporate development for HCX, Inc. a medical cost containment company in Pennsylvania.

DIANE L. RINEER, CC, practical nursing, ’84, works at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise.

JOE W. FAGENSTROM, BA, communication, ’85, is vice president of Star One Federal Credit Union in Sunny Vale, Calif.

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Kimberly Anne Strathearn, BA, anthropology/social science, '86, recently received her master's degree in intercultural administration from the School of International Training in Brattleboro, Vt. Strathearn presently lives in Turkey and is employed as a program account­ant by Grand Circle Tours, Inc. of Boston.

Kevin Ray Perron, BA, English, '87, teaches sixth-grade language arts and reading at Buhl Middle School in Buhl. Perron previously taught high school English in Blackfoot for four years.

Tara Prince-Hughes, BA, English, '87, is an English professor at Pierce College. She lives in Tacuma, Wash.

Gordon D. Steinbis, MA, education/reading, '87, is principal at Kamiah High School in Kamiah. Steinbis previously taught at Wood River High School in Hailey for 15 years.

John K. Simpson, MBA, '87, is a shareholder with Rosbott, Robertson and Tucker in Twin Falls.

Joanna Lorette Dickey, BA, advertising design, '88, is a graphic designer at AIM International Inc. in Nampa.

Carey H. McNeal, BBA, marketing, '88, is a partner with Buffington Mohr McNeal, a registered investment advising firm in Boise. McNeal previously was vice president of a private banking group.

Candace K. Pellinen, MBA, '88, is executive director of Ballet Idaho in Boise.

Kenneth Wayne Wroten, BBA, finance, '88, is a marketing representative with Alliance Title and Escrow for Canyon and Owyhee County.

John C. Bideganeta, BS, construction management, '89, is president of Bideganeta Construction Inc. in Mountain Home.

William D. Yeih, MA, history, '89, is a part-time instructor teaching archaeology at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Ore.

90s

Valerie Anne Aker, BA, elementary education, '90, is assistant principal at Caldwell Senior High School in Caldwell. Aker previously was assistant principal at Minico High School in Rupert and taught seven years at Cole Elementary School in Boise.

Charles Eugene Carter, BFA, art/advertising design, '90, was the feature artist of the month in September at Boise Photography and Darkroom Supply in Boise. Carter is a photographer who composes surreal Dali-like photomontages from multiple black and white negatives.

Patricia Marie Duncan, BA, English, '90, and her husband, Douglas Clegg, BS, social science, '91, recently departed on a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps. Duncan and Clegg are rural outreach educators in the Republic of Vanuatu in the South Pacific.

James Grunk, BS, political science, '90, is executive director of the Washington County Economic Development Commission in Weiser.

Eric Ernest LeMott, MS, exercise and sports studies, '90, is associate dean of Information and Technology at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn.

Cynthia Lee Sherman, MA, education/reading, '90, teaches reading recovery for at-risk students at Mountain View Elementary School in Boise.

Joseph E. Yochem, BA, English, '90, is assistant principal at Lowell Scott Middle School in the Meridian School District.

Jess A. Davis, BBA, marketing, '91, is a media planner/buyer with Steele, Stolitz and Associates in Boise.

Brenda Blades Hall, MA, education/special education, '91, is preschool director at Wendell Elementary School in Wendell.

Tamera Wheeler, BBA, marketing, '91, is director of marketing for Sysco Food Services of Idaho in Boise. Wheeler has been with the company since 1984.

Harold A. Johansen, BA, political science, '92, is a research analyst principal in charge of the Bureau of Labor Statistics E202 program for the state of Idaho.

Jeanne Marie London, BS, radiologic technology, '92, is a mammography coordinator and cardiovascular technologist with West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Anne (Steffler) Peterson, BS, nursing, '92, works at Vencor Home Health in Meridian.

Jennifer Rae (Brist) Tuckett, BA, elementary education, '92, teaches fifth grade for Basin School District in Idaho City.

Joshua L. Luck, BA, political science, '93, has reported for duty with Marine Attack Squadron 211, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz. Luck, a captain, joined the Corps in 1993.

Karan E. Tucker, BBA, accounting, '93, is a manager at PriceWaterhouse Coopers LLP in Boise.

Matthew R. Amos, BBA, computer information systems, '94, is employed by CRI/The Resource Group in Boise. Amos' most recent project was a weather viewer application for the Discovery Center of Idaho. He also earned Microsoft certification for developing applications with Visual Basic.

Mere canvas isn't enough for artist

By Sherry Squires

Dennis Conger's art has moved from the canvas to a much larger surface — a wall in his hometown of Omak, Wash.

The 1980 Boise State bachelor of fine arts graduate recently completed a 20-foot by 30-foot mural to honor the orchard community's pioneers.

Conger has been an art teacher at Omak High School for 13 years. His talent came to the forefront when the Omak Chamber of Commerce announced plans to paint the mural. Conger won the bid and set to work last spring.

The mural mimics a photograph taken in the early 1900s. It depicts four women, five men and a child picking apples in an orchard.

"I painted it in a limited palette of browns and blacks, white and a little yellow to give it a feeling of age," Conger says. The mural is complete with picture-album photo corners.

Conger spent from mid-May to early August of last year working on the mural.

"It was a very hot summer to do it," he says. "We were over 100 degrees for 20 days in a row."

The Omak mural wasn't Conger's first. He painted some murals at an old movie theater in Coeur d'Alene, which has since been torn down, as well as several sign paintings and other small mural projects.

But the weather and large-scale challenges of the Omak mural stand out. The mural is just a couple of miles from his home, on the east side of the Stormy Mountain Fruit Co. building. Anyone who leaves the small community to head for Spokane or Wenatchee must pass it.

"I've had a lot of good feedback from the community," he says. "It was fun to paint on a really large scale — to get away from the easel."

After leaving Boise State, Conger earned a master's degree in art education from Whitworth College and received his teaching certificate from Eastern Washington University.
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Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz. studies, '95, is a clinical research coordinator for lives in Salmon.

Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs at the research firm in Boise.

Commendation Medal at a ceremony in the elected as Lemhi County commissioner. Burke administration, '95, is a research technical assistant with Clearwater Research, a marketing

Ward is a first lieutenant stationed at the relations representative at university in Bloomington.

executive with Rockey Associates, a strategic marketing firm in Boise.

Katherine Elena Ellis, BA, elementary education, '94, recently received a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to attend medical school at Washington University, a private school in St. Louis. Ellis was a special education teacher in the Meridian District before returning to Boise State to take premed courses.

REBECCA EVANS, BA, communication, '94, is a speech therapist at Fruitland Elementary School in Fruitland. Evans also works with adults with communication and swallowing disorders.

Holly Gilchrist, BFA, art, '94, recently received her master's of fine arts degree from Indiana State University. Gilchrist also received an appointment to Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas, as a tenure track assistant professor of printmaking.

Sheri Lynne Klug, BS, earth science education, '94, is director of Mars education outreach for the Arizona State University Planetary Geology Department. Klug's department is controlling an instrument which is mapping Mars' minerals from orbit. Klug previously was the gifted and talented facilitator and science enrichment coordinator for the New Plymouth School District in New Plymouth.

Tristan Michael Purvis, BA, political science/ French, '94, is a graduate student in political science and African studies at Indiana University in Bloomington. Purvis recently returned from a Crises Corps assignment in Guinea, West Africa, working with refugees from Sierra Leone. He was a 1994 Top Ten Scholar at Boise State.

Leslie Louise Teegarden, BA, communication, '94, is an assistant account executive with Rockey Bowler Public Relations in Portland, Ore. Teegarden previously was a public relations representative at Oliver, Russell and Associates, a strategic marketing firm in Boise.

Vaughn L. Ward, BS, political science, '94, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal at a ceremony in the office of then-U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne. Ward is a first lieutenant stationed at the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Scott M. Banner, BS, criminal justice administration, '95, is a research technical assistant with Clearwater Research, a marketing research firm in Boise.

Patricia Beth (Sim) Burke, BS, social science, '95, is social services director with the Discovery Care Center. In 1996 Burke was the first woman elected as Lemhi County commissioner. Burke lives in Salmon.

Kimberly D. Castelberry, BS, health science studies, '95, is a clinical research coordinator for Pharmatex Research in Amarillo, Texas.

Elizabeth Joann Jacobsen, BS, biology, '95, is enrolled in the physician assistant program at Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz.

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KELLI L. LAUBER, BA, anthropology, '95, has received her master's of forensic science degree from National University in San Diego. Lauber is employed with the San Diego County Probation Department working with juvenile gang members along the Mexican border.

SHANNON DIANNE FLOWER MENARD, BA, political science, '95, is a paralegal with Seiniger Law Offices, P.A. in Boise.

PAUL RICHARD "RICK" HALE, BA, art, '96, teaches art crafts and hobbies at McCain Middle School in Payette.

ANGELA DAWN KELLY, BS, health science studies, '96, recently graduated as the valedictorian and summa cum laude from Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Ore. Kelly is currently practicing in Coeur d'Alene.

JENNIFER MICHELLE MARTIN, BS, biology, '96, teaches science to grades seven-12 at Wilder High School in Wilder.

EDGAR ALLEN TUCKETT, BA, criminal justice administration, '96, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army National Guard. Tuckett is the head tennis coach at Borah High School in Boise.

MICHAEL TODD BATDORF, BS, mathematics, '97, is serving in the Peace Corps in Papua, New Guinea, for two years.

MAGDALENE "MAGGIE" CHENORE, BA, English/writing, '97, is a copy editor for Tamarack Books Inc. in Boise.

BRENT D. CLARK, BA, mass communication, '97, is a staff writer with The Priest River Times in Priest River.

AMY MARIE DENTON, BA, English/technical communication, '97, is an ambassador with Youth Engaged in Service sponsored by the national Points of Light Foundation. Denton will work closely with AmeriCorps and other service organizations for young people.

JON L. HARTWAY, BS, physical education/secondary education, '97, is an aviator with the U.S. Army flying AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopters.

JORDAN RICHARD LePLANE II, BBA, management/human resource, '97, is a staffing manager with Robert Half International Inc. LePlane resides in Nampa.

ELLEN M. "ELLY" (BOKMA) LOMAN, BA, history, '97, teaches at Castleford High School in Castleford.

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JOHN C. BOSTRON, BM, music/composition, '98, is attending graduate school at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He is studying organ performance.

AGNIESZKA DOLINSKA, BA, criminal justice administration, '98, is attending school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

RICK E. FOLWELL, BA, elementary education, '98, teaches sixth grade at Marsing Middle School in Marsing.

USA KAY Funkhouser, BBA, general business management, '98, is co-owner of The Book Shelf in Boise with her sister, LIANE MICHELLE LEMONS, BBA, accounting, '97.

CHRISTY L. Garrett, BBA, management/human resource, '98, is working on a human resource/payroll software implementation at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

CHERIE L. GOERS, AS, nursing, '98, works at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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MARCELLA Hurtado-Gomez, BS, psychology, '98, is an organizer for Idaho Citizens' Network.

COREY REID Johnson, BS, social science/public affairs, '98, is attending graduate school at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

He Johnson also is a graduate assistant coaching running backs for the Idaho football team.

USA L. BILODEAU, BS, health information management, '98, is an assistant commercial real estate property manager with Thornton Oliver Keller in Boise.

LINDA Dawn Lyons, BM, music education, '98, teaches music at Buhl High School and Buhl Middle School.

TAMMY Lee (KELLEY) Majors, BA, criminal justice administration, '98, is a senior research analyst for the Idaho Department of Corrections in Boise.

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KELLY F. McLEOD, MS, education/educational technology, '98, is an education specialist at The Discovery Center of Idaho in Boise.

DAWNA D. MILLER, BBA, marketing, '98, works for NCR Corp. in Boise.


RYAN JAMES PERCFIELD, BS, biology, '98, is a graduate student at Iowa State University of Science and Technology in Ames, Iowa. Percfield is researching disease on the tall grass prairies in the state.

AMY A. Simons, BS, nursing, '98, is a registered nurse at Chandler Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

LOISANN (HIMMELBERGER) SMART, PVC, office occupations, '98, is office manager at Caldwell Pet Hospital and Health Center in Caldwell.

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KATHY JEAN Vogt, BS, physical education, '98, teaches English at Caldwell High School in Caldwell.

KRISTEN M. WAT, BA, elementary education, '98, teaches seventh grade at McCain Middle School in Payette.

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OBITUARIES

LEE VERNON AUEN, BA, general business, '70, died Nov. 14 in Eagle at age 55. Allen was a property accountant with Idaho Power.


SUSAN EMILE EISMANN, AAS, childcare and development, '75, died Nov. 23 at age 46. Eismann was employed for many years at Parkview Bible Fellowship Day Care in Boise.

RUTH ANNA EVANS, BA, elementary education, '83, died Sept. 9 in Caldwell of cancer at age 37. Evans taught fourth grade at Wilson Elementary and Washington Elementary Schools in Caldwell.

MICHEAL ARNOLD GEARHARD, AS, general arts and sciences, '69, died Nov. 8 in Boise at age 55. Gearhard owned Boise Comfort Footwear and Living Earth Nutrition Center, both in Boise.

MICHELLE SHAWN LANDERS, AAS, drafting technology, '98, died of cancer Oct. 12 at age 33.

PEGGY ANNE LEATON-PETerson, AS, radiologic technology, '35, died Sept. 18 of cancer at age 51. Leaton-Peterson had worked in a physician's office in Ontario, Ore.

RICHARD ALBERT MAULE, AS, engineering, '40, died Oct. 23 in Walla Walla, Wash., at age 80. Maule was a hydraulic engineer with the Corps of Engineers until he retired in 1982.

MARSHA KAY MCLUSKEY, BA, social work, '75, died July 27 in Star at age 52. McCluskey was the human resources manager for Peveco in Reno, Nev.

KERRICK MOORE, BBA, accounting, '81, died Sept. 27 in Elko at the age of 44.

CARL FRANKLIN O'BENCHAIN, AA, general arts and sciences, '55, died Oct. 31 in Lincoln, Neb., at age 68. He had worked at INEEL.

CHARLES R. PLotts, diploma, general arts and sciences, '69, died Nov. 9 in Mountain Home at age 70. He retired in 1967, after 21 years of active duty from the Air Force.

WILLIAM G. QUINNEY, MA, elementary education, '76, died Oct. 4 in West Jordan, Utah, at age 75. Quinney was an elementary teacher and principal from 1950 to 1985 in Boise and Idaho.

JOANNE (KALOUSEK) RICHARDS, BA, social work, '73, died Sept. 12 in Boise at age 62. Richards worked for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare until she retired in 1996.

LELAND MYRON STRONKS, diploma, general arts and sciences, '53, died Nov. 7 in Las Vegas, Nev., at age 73. Stronks had a dental practice in Ashton, Ore., and Rupert.
### BSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Nominations are being sought for the 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award.

In addition, the Alumni Association is seeking nominations to serve on its board of directors.

Each year, the Alumni Association recognizes up to three individuals who have excelled in their chosen field, community service or university service. Past recipients include CEOs of major corporations, actors, movie directors, doctors, researchers, teachers, statesmen and historians.

The board of directors is comprised of 25 board members plus representatives from chapters and other Boise State organizations.

Board members serve three-year terms. This year, seven directorships will be filled. The board of directors meets on a quarterly basis throughout the year in addition to various committee meetings.

Nominations for both the Distinguished Alumni Award and board membership should be sent to Bob Davies, executive director, Boise State University Alumni Association, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725.

Nominations should include a letter of support, a resume and any additional material that supports the nomination.

### AFFINITY PLATES ON SALE

Boise State boosters are starting to show their colors on their license plates.

New Boise State specialty plates on sale since last summer feature a galloping bronco on a white background.

The plates cost $50 annually in addition to the regular license fee.

Of that, $25 of the initial fee returns to the university. Each time the plate is renewed, $35 will return to the university.

The funds will be used for scholarships or as matching funds for academic programs sponsored by the Boise State Alumni Association.

Boise State fans who want to purchase the plates can obtain applications from the Alumni Office, their county assessor's office or the Department of Transportation.

### HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

This year's Homecoming festivities will be Oct. 4-9, culminating with the football game vs. Eastern Washington.

The Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help plan various events. If you can help, please contact the Alumni Office at (208) 426-1959.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dr. Micheal Adcox, President
BSU Alumni Association

With the holidays behind us and winter in full swing, it’s a good time to pause and reflect on the year gone by and the one we’re just beginning.

As I reflect just on the last quarter, it is evident that Boise State University continues to evolve. A record-breaking number of students completed the fall semester. Recent scholarship recipients were recognized at the BSU Foundation Luncheon for Academic Excellence. Members of two student service organizations, the Valkyries and the Intercollegiate Knights, held a reunion during Homecoming.

Athletically, the Boise State-Idaho football game became a showcase for the state of Idaho. The largest number of spectators ever assembled for an athletic event in the state were treated to college athleticism at its best.

In addition, Boise State fans went berserk as the men’s basketball team defeated the University of Washington Huskies, who were nationally ranked coming into the Pavilion.

Culturally, the campus came alive with numerous holiday festivities and once again hosted the Boston Pops.

Looking into the future, one gets the sense of a university well positioned to serve Idaho. Picture an enclosed university campus without surface parking that becomes an ever-increasing architectural gem positioned between the Boise Depot and the Capitol. Picture a university that is a leader in video technology and the application of that technology to enhance rural education. Imagine the possibilities that a College of Engineering brings to the city, state and the Northwest.

Envision the continued striving for excellence at the highest levels of intercollegiate sports. Fancy a university that continues to be accessible and woven into the very fabric of our culture and continues to produce role models for our youth.

President Charles Ruch and his administration continue to campaign tirelessly on behalf of higher education in Idaho. As Warren Miller would say, “Remember, if you don’t join the alumni this year, you’ll just be one year older when you do.”

ALUMNI DUES DRIVE

The Alumni Association is in the middle of its 1999 dues drive. Annual dues are only $25. Dues support a variety of alumni events and publications as well as Boise State and its programs.

Membership benefits include discounted tickets to selected athletic events, theater productions and movie theaters and discounts on Internet access and e-mail.

For your convenience, a membership application is included on page 44.

AUCTION ’99

Every two years, the Alumni Association and the Bronco Athletic Association team up to sponsor the Boise State University Auction. Auction ’99 will be held May 1 at Boise Centre on the Grove.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to fund scholarships for students and to support facility enhancements at the university. Auction ’97 raised nearly $276,000.

“The auction is a great way to support the university. It is a very fun and festive affair, and you can also get some great buys," says Bob Davies, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Auction ’99 will begin at 4 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the live auction. Tickets are $85 and must be purchased in advance at either the Alumni Association or Bronco Athletic Association offices.

Auction items include fishing trips, a 32-inch color television, clothing, Rolex watches and a Classic Model A.

As executive director of the Alumni Association and the Bronco Athletic Association are seeking volunteers to help solicit items, sell tickets, decorate for the event and much more. If you can help, contact Davies at (208) 426-1959, or Bob Madden at the Bronco Athletic Association at (208) 426-3557.

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CHAPTERS HELP ALUMNI KEEP IN TOUCH

The Alumni Association is working to provide programs and events that cater to a wide array of alumni and friends. One way is through the formation of alumni chapters—individuals who live in the same area, or who share a common interest. Following are updates on chapter activities. For more information about events in your area, call the contact person for each group listed below:

The PUGET SOUND alumni chapter met in conjunction with the Boise State vs. Idaho football game in November. “Even though we did not win on the field, it was good to see Boise State alumni at our event rallying support for our alma mater,” says chapter president Dennis Ward. The chapter is looking for more ways to get alumni involved in various programs and projects. Contact: Ward at (253) 839-7627, Tom Dougherty at (425) 640-2325, or send e-mail to mot@halcyon.com.

EASTERN IDAHO alumni are forming a chapter. Plans include golf tournaments, social events, recruitment of area high school students and trips to Boise State athletic events. Contact: Todd Mary at (208) 522-5656 or Doug Ball at (208) 522-5656.

Several events have been held in the SPOKANE area to serve alumni living in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Contact: Ross Anne Childs, (208) 777-9145 or Jeff Turpin at (509) 926-4782.

Alumni living in CANYON COUNTY are gearing up for their annual golf tournament. Proceeds support a scholarship for a student from the area. Several social events are also being planned, including meetings with Boise State faculty and coaches. Contact: Dave Croft, (208) 454-8676 or Dianna Longoria at (208) 426-3166.

Dennis Wetherell and Mike Miller have planned alumni golf tournaments for those in the MOUNTAIN HOME area for the past two years to raise scholarship money for a local student to attend Boise State. Family picnics and other events are also being considered. Contact: Wetherell, (208) 587-9091.

The MAGIC VALLEY chapter of the association has in the past year sponsored a golf tournament that raised enough money to help six students attend Boise State. The chapter also sponsored a booster bus for alumni to attend the Boise State vs. Washington State football game. In December, the chapter held a social that helped raise money and provide gifts for the needy in the Magic Valley. The chapter has also sponsored events involving faculty members and Boise State President Charles Ruch. Contact: Emmett Brollier, (208) 736-1306 or Todd Blass, (208) 733-3821.

The COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS chapter, the first official academic chapter of the association, is led by Laura Kubinski. Among other events, the chapter hosts “First Tuesday” each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Louie’s restaurant in downtown Boise. First Tuesday features a presentation on a business topic by a Boise State faculty member or alumni. The chapter also has sponsored a golf tournament to raise funds for non-traditional business students. Contact: Kubinski, (208) 395-6743.

Anne G. Glass, past president of the Alumni Association, is helping the association plan events in the PORTLAND area. Contact: Glass, (503) 699-9262.

Last fall Boise State alumni employed by ALBERTSONS CORP. held an alumni social in Boise to meet other alumni working for the company and to raise scholarship money. The Albertsons alumni scholarship fund now totals more than $10,000. Contact: Steve Tucker, (208) 395-6497.

A “basketball night” and other events are being planned by Darryl Wright at MICRON who is starting a Micron chapter. Contact: Wright, (208) 384-1471 or send e-mail to dwright@micron.com.

The Alumni Association is also planning activities and programs for RECENT GRADUATES of Boise State, including golf tournaments, career planning seminars and more. Contact Dawn Kramer, (208) 426-1831.

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