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ABOUT THE COVER: As in the story of the lion and the mouse, acts of charity and kindness often have a lifelong impact on both the recipient and the giver. In this issue of FOCUS, we look at volunteerism at Boise State and highlight the generosity and compassion of some members of the Boise State community — including stories about two groups of Boise State students who traveled to Latin America, providing assistance to a Mexican orphanage and an El Salvador hospital. Illustration by Boise State art professor William Carman.
RUN THE UNIVERSITY LIKE A BUSINESS? YES AND NO.

By Charles Ruch, President

In this era of fast-paced change, downsizing and limited resources, the frequently held opinion is that if universities were managed more like the private sector, our efficiency and effectiveness would dramatically increase.

Well, yes and no. Like most complex issues, simple solutions are seductive, but not always applicable. Here are a few thoughts about our efforts and limitations in this regard.

For those who do not spend their lives in colleges and universities, our structure, process and culture appear mysterious. Yet, internally, these elements serve to define the uniqueness of an institution of higher education. From the outside we look a lot like a large corporation. We have corporate officers and divisions, established business practices and a desire to serve our clients.

Yet, this same organization, viewed from the inside, looks more like a shopping mall — common physical superstructure, many independent units with considerable autonomy and limited interchangeability of functions. The core of a university is the faculty, with each performing similar functions — teaching, scholarship and service. Yet, they very much are single specialists in their areas of intellectual interest.

Furthermore, as a creation of the state, public colleges and universities have many of the characteristics of state government. Our human resources, purchasing and facilities are governed by state statute and regulation. Our governance must conform to state statute and open meeting laws. While the state's general account provides about 38 percent of the university’s revenues, all expenditures are subject to state regulation.

Finally, there is the matter of institutional culture that is so important to the success of any enterprise. We are made up of three cultures, each contributing to the mission of a university — to provide for the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge.

The academic culture places the highest value on learning and teaching. This culture is enhanced by a desire to suspend judgment until all the evidence has been presented, a willingness to explore the widest variety of questions — even those not held in popular regard — and a willingness to openly challenge positions held in high regard. The more robust the academic environment, the more intellectual discourse, debate, and in some cases, disagreements.

The student affairs culture is dedicated to the proposition that important learning occurs in areas beyond the classroom. Interpersonal and physical development are the purposes of student affairs programming. Leadership, citizenship and public service are part of that mission.

Finally, universities are indeed businesses. As such they need to be conducted consistent with the best of business practices. Efficiency, cost effectiveness, outstanding service, focused mission — these are important dimensions of this element of the university. It is to this sector that much of our efforts at responding to the challenge to "run the university like a business” are being directed.

A few examples:

Our signature project is the total redesign of our management information system, moving from a mainframe to a distributed and integrated computing environment. Project ACCESS is a coordinated effort to re-engineer each function and then design and install the appropriate computer support. Our efforts in this area follow the traditional corporate model. Teams are empowered to examine all aspects of a function, identify the key steps, assign responsibilities, reduce or eliminate redundancy and interconnect with other functions.

Project ACCESS is having a dramatic effect on how this campus does business. To date 10 teams involving more than 150 individuals have completed four process innovation projects for student registration, student financial aid, accounts payable/purchasing, and human resources/payroll. Additional components will be added this year.

We should enter the new millennium with a system that is user friendly, integrated and Y2K dependable. More importantly, we will have adapted all our business functions to meet current demands, established a culture of re-examination and improvement, and built the infrastructure for cost effectiveness.

Similarly, entertainment and service venues — including the Velma Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, The Pavilion, Bronco Stadium and the Student Union — have all developed multiyear business plans.

Each is conducted as a small business, and as such is facing all of the marketplace changes occurring across the Treasure Valley.

Finally, the university is always looking for constructive partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities. We are developing new relations between the Idaho State Botanical Gardens and our horticulture program and with the Boise and Meridian schools in the development of a transportation training center. In addition, we have a number of collaborative research and/or service activities with the private sector.

In many ways, Boise State has accepted the challenge to be "run like a business.” But only so far. Otherwise departments with low enrollments any given year might disappear, the library might not purchase volumes that only a few might read, important issues might not be discussed or debated, wild ideas might not be explored, or social or historical commentary might be excluded from the public discourse.

Our core functions — teaching and learning, research and scholarship, and public service — are not malleable into a corporate model or, for that matter, a governmental model. Universities are — and must continue to be — unique organizations.

Universities need a businesslike approach to their business function — a part but not the whole of a university.

As always, I appreciate your comments. I can be reached at (208) 426-1491 or through e-mail: cruch@boisestate.edu.
BOISE STATE BUDGET INCREASED SLIGHTLY

The 1999 Idaho Legislature approved a 4.9 percent increase in higher education budgets for the fiscal year that begins in July.

The new budget, says Boise State President Charles Ruch, will provide funds to accommodate a portion of the university's recent growth and salary increases for faculty and staff.

Boise State's final budget won't be determined until the State Board of Education allocates the funds later this spring.

But preliminary estimates indicate that Boise State will receive an increase of more than $3.5 million to its base budget. Of that, $1.7 million will go toward a 3 percent increase in salaries and benefits. Another $861,000 will result from the "workload adjustment" formula that is used to help universities meet the costs of enrollment growth.

"This is basically a maintenance budget," Ruch says. "But given the needs of public education, corrections, health and welfare and other agencies, this is about what we expected."

The Legislature also approved $500,000 to renovate the campus' technology infrastructure. The university requested $9.8 million to relocate and upgrade data cables, rewire buildings and modernize classrooms with new computer and multimedia technologies.

"I am encouraged by their initial support. We have laid the groundwork to return with another request," Ruch says.

Also included in the appropriation is a new "excellence initiative" that provides $1.3 million in matching funds for universities to address faculty needs in high-technology fields. Funds will be divided among the state's universities and college.

GRANT BRINGS TOP STUDENTS TO BOISE FOR SUMMER RESEARCH

Standout students from across the nation will come to Boise State the next three summers to gain invaluable research experience in the university's growing microelectronics program.

"Undergraduates don't typically have the opportunity to actually perform research, so we want to give them a taste so they will consider attending graduate school," says electrical engineering professor Susan Burkett, who will be the principal researcher for the program along with her husband, Boise computer systems professor John Lusth.

A $198,000 grant from the National Science Foundation will pay for student scholarships and other program expenses.

Each summer 10 visiting students will develop skills in areas such as clean room procedures and systems, alternative wafer-cleaning techniques, computer modeling and polymer processing.

According to Burkett, the program will emphasize attracting qualified students from groups that are underrepresented in engineering and the sciences.

"We want all qualified students to apply, but in particular we are targeting students from historically black colleges and tribal colleges," she says. "Many of these schools do not have the laboratory facilities available at Boise State."

Much of the student research, she adds, will take place in the Idaho Microfabrication Laboratory, a newly constructed clean room outfitted with $2.25 million in equipment.

SPRING ENROLLMENT SURPASSES FALL'S

Enrollment at most universities almost always drops from fall to spring semesters.

But that wasn't the case this spring at Boise State, where enrollment surpassed the fall total for the first time since 1981.

A record 15,832 students enrolled for spring classes. That is 88 more than last fall and a 3 percent increase over last spring's 15,384 student total.

Such a large increase in spring students is very unusual, says Mark Wheeler, dean of enrollment services. "Five years ago we had 1,400 fewer students in the spring semester than the fall. Each year we have narrowed that gap, but this exceeded even our high expectations." (See enrollment chart page 14.)

The growth, says Wheeler, demonstrates that Boise State's efforts to offer new programs are being well received. Enrollment is up in engineering, now in its third year. And Boise State's outreach programs in Canyon County and Gowen Field also recorded enrollment increases.

"It's affirming to see that new programs, and new ways of delivering them, are being well received," Wheeler says.

The strong enrollment figures also stem from a record number of new freshmen who attended last fall, an increased number of new freshmen who entered this spring, and a 20 percent increase in the number of students enrolled in applied technology programs.

Wheeler says Boise State's enrollment continues to grow at a steady and managed rate.

"We can serve everyone's needs better when we operate efficiently — consistent enrollment from semester to semester allows that," he says. □

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GOING GLOBAL WITH NEW GRANTS

A new $138,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education will form the foundation for the development of a Boise State University Center for Global Entrepreneurship with a regional emphasis on Mexico.

The two-year grant creates exciting new learning opportunities for students and supports businesses hoping to increase trade with Mexican companies, says Kevin Learned of the College of Business and Economics’ Entrepreneurship program. Mexico is now Idaho’s No. 2 trading partner.

With the additional funds, Boise State can establish a new academic emphasis for global entrepreneurship, create a new capstone course on global entrepreneurship strategy, and institute a business certificate program targeting Idaho companies with untapped export potential. It also expands a pilot exchange program with a university in Guadalajara, which is located in Idaho’s sister state of Jalisco.

The grant proposal was submitted by Learned, who was named president of Albertson College of Idaho in late March, and Nancy Napier, director of Boise State’s International Business Consortium with assistance from IB coordinator Stephanie Hunt.

“We’re trying to teach students to integrate what they learn in international business and entrepreneurship courses and give them a central perspective,” says Learned. “Graduating students who are more knowledgeable is important to the labor pool.”

Global entrepreneurship students will be required to complete an internship funded, in part, by a $55,000 two-year grant from the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. The Idaho Small Business Development Center, working closely with the Idaho Innovation Center in Idaho Falls, will coordinate internships with businesses in Boise and eastern Idaho.

It’s hoped that new global entrepreneurship programs will give small businesses more tools to be successful in the global marketplace. Of Idaho’s 3,000 small businesses, 17 percent currently engage in international trade.

This is the fourth grant Boise State has received in six years through the U.S. Department of Education. Previous grants enhanced the international curriculum and strengthened links between the university, business and government through courses and training for faculty to teach international business courses. They have also assisted Boise State’s International Business program in efforts to strengthen relationships with the Idaho Department of Commerce, the Boise Area Chamber of Commerce, and the business community.

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Summerfest Goes for Baroque

Boise State's Summerfest will celebrate 10 years of musical entertainment this summer. The outdoor concert series will feature three weekends of classical music during July at the Centennial Amphitheatre along the Boise River.

Boise State music chair James Cook will conduct the Summerfest Orchestra for the opening concert titled "Going Mostly for Baroque" July 9-10. The evening will also feature dance choreography by Marla Hansen and solos by Joseph Makassarre, guitar, and Brad Peters, trumpet.

Music professor Craig Purdy will direct the orchestra for the second weekend, July 16-17, presenting "A Space Spectacular." The 49-member Summerfest Orchestra reaches for the stars with works by Holst, J. Strauss, John Williams and others.

The concert series closes July 23-24 with music professor Marcellus Brown conducting a tribute to heroes of the past century. The show will be a celebration of America's rich musical heritage.

Tickets for all performances will be available May 1 at Select-a-Seat outlets. For more information call (208) 426-1772.

Summer Jazz Concert Returns

Jazz Under the Stars will return to Boise this summer after a two-year hiatus. The popular summer music event will feature outdoor concerts Monday evenings, July 12 and 19 at the Boise State Centennial Amphitheatre.

Jazz Educators of Idaho, in association with the Boise State University music department, will present the event, which formerly was held at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival theater.

Organizer Brad Peters, a music department graduate assistant, says guests will include Pete Christlieb, a tenor saxophonist from Los Angeles who is a former Tonight Show band member; and Jeff Jarvis, whose recordings as a jazz trumpeter and composer have received national air time and critical acclaim.

Jarvis performed as part of the inaugural Boise State Gene Harris Jazz Festival in April 1998. As a studio musician, Jarvis has appeared on more than 100 albums for top artists, including Lou Rawls, Melba Moore and Michael Jackson. His live performance credits include appearances with Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Bellson, Joe Williams, Henry Manchini and Doc Severinsen.

Tickets for Jazz Under the Stars will be available through Select-a-Seat early this summer. For more information, contact Peters at (208) 426-3310.
THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Key leaders in Boise State’s move to university status 25 years ago returned to campus Feb. 22 for the anniversary banquet. Attending the recreation of the historic bill-signing ceremony were former student body president Doug Shanholz and Gov. Cecil Andrus (both seated) and President John Barnes (standing to the right of Andrus) with 14 legislators who voted on the university bill. The 25th anniversary celebration also included a party for faculty, staff and students, a reception for members of the Athletic Hall of Fame, a reunion of former student body officers and a reception for theater patrons attending Cinderella.

GRADS TRAIN FOR NEW TEACHING CAREERS

For Jaime Campbell, the desire to become a teacher came after he was already well-established in his career as a juvenile services social worker dealing with troubled teens.

Too late to change career paths?

Not at Boise State, where a new teacher education program has given Campbell and eight fellow graduate students, called interns, an opportunity to begin second careers as teachers.

“Each day that I worked with kids in trouble, I realized that if I was to help them, it might be more effective when they were younger and still in school,” says Campbell, a 1995 Boise State psychology graduate.

To prepare them for their new calling, the interns are participating in Curriculum Connections, a program designed to move non-traditional teachers-in-training into the classroom environment during their first semester so they can integrate instructional theory from the college classroom with teaching experiences in the public schools.

Boise State’s instructional faculty visit the interns and their supervisory teachers in their classrooms each week to observe and provide guidance.

“It’s neat to study teaching methods in class one day and then see that in practice in the classroom the next,” says Jane Walther, an aspiring French teacher.

The interns spend their first semester observing, tutoring and assisting teachers in Boise’s junior and senior high schools. The second semester they begin their full-time student teaching assignments. And throughout the year, they take enough graduate-level courses to earn master’s degrees in education.

“Critics of traditional teacher education training programs claim teachers-in-training don’t get enough practical classroom experience mixed in with their academic studies,” says secondary education professor Scott Willison, program coordinator.

“That’s why it’s so important that new teachers have as much classroom experience as possible.”

Teresa Harrison, an assistant professor of education, points to another benefit of the Curriculum Connection program: It attracts a cadre of new teachers who bring a wealth of “real world” experience with them.

“We are seeing non-traditional students who have had successful careers become teachers so they can share their life experiences with young people,” she says. “They become a very valuable resource to the education process.”

Applications are being accepted for the second group of Curriculum Connections interns. More information is available by calling (208) 426-1964.

PROGRAM RENEWS TIES WITH ASIA U.

Twenty-nine students from Asia University in Tokyo joined the Boise State campus community in February for a month of language instruction and cultural exchanges.

Boise State signed an agreement with Asia University to host students annually under the Junior College Asia Program. The program is a version of the Asia University America Program, which Boise State hosted until 1998 when Japanese officials canceled the yearlong exchange program because of waning student interest in foreign studies.

The Japanese students lived on campus and attended cultural events and intensive English classes. The students were on break from their classes in Tokyo while in Boise.

Coordinator Molly O’Shea says that Asia University sought a chance to renew ties with Boise State after canceling the AUAP exchange.

Despite the loss of AUAP, foreign exchange enrollment is up 5 percent this year to 237 students. About 30 Boise State students will study abroad this spring.
Hosting the 1999 NCAA Track and Field Championships is a “logistical nightmare” for Herb Criner. And he means it quite literally.

“I wake up in the middle of the night lots of times,” says Boise State’s assistant athletic director for operations. “I’ll lay there and retrace my steps from the day before and think about what I’ve got to get done tomorrow. The meet is two and a half months away, but I feel like that’s still not enough time.”

Criner will likely lose more sleep until the meet is held June 2-5 at Bronco Stadium. After all, as meet director he’s spearheading the huge effort to host one of the world’s premier track and field events.

Maybe if he hadn’t done such a good job when Boise State hosted the NCAAs in 1994, Criner wouldn’t be facing this daunting task again this year. Modesty prevents him from taking his fair amount of credit, but in track and field circles it’s well-known that Boise State threw one heckuva meet in ’94.


They should. The 1994 meet was run smoothly and under ideal conditions; Boise State also set an overall record attendance of 34,816 for four days and an overall paid amount of humanity during the four days.

The event will draw not only 750 athletes and 500 coaches from more than 150 Division I schools, but also 175 officials, 200 support staff, 150 media representatives and between 75-100 medical personnel. With the obvious exception of the media members, all those who work at the meet — even the physicians — do so on a volunteer basis and must commit to the entire four days, says Criner.

Criner reports that the facilities in Bronco Stadium will be shipshape by the time the meet rolls around. “We put new surface granules on the track and jumping areas, and we need to work on the grass field at the north end of the stadium. But that shouldn’t be a problem once the growing season begins,” he says.

Criner certainly will be relieved when the meet is over. But he won’t have much time to relax because there’s another national athletic event to host. In 2000, the Boise State gymnastics team will host the NCAA National Championship Finals in The Pavilion.

More than likely, Criner’s sleepless nights will then return.

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And now there are four. **WRESTLING** standout Kirk White became the fourth individual in Boise State history to reach the pinnacle of intercollegiate athletic competition on March 20 when he won the 165-pound division at the 1999 NCAA National Championships at Penn State.

White, a junior from Tacoma, Wash., became the Broncos’ first national wrestling champion when he defeated Rodney Jones of Oklahoma 3-1 in the title match, finishing the 1998-99 season with a 39-1 record.

White joins skier Bill Shaw (1974 slalom) and track athletes Jake Jacoby (1984 outdoor high jump) and Eugene Green (1991 indoor triple jump) as Boise State’s only NCAA individual national champions.

Boise State’s other two national champs are the 1958 and 1980 football teams, which took the junior college and Division 1-AA titles, respectively.

The previous top finish at the national tournament by a Boise State wrestler was Scott Barrett’s runner-up finish in the 126-pound class in 1982.

Larry Quisel, wrestling in the 157-pound division, finished third in the national meet, going 8-0 in the consolation bracket after a first-round loss. As a team, the Broncos finished in 10th place.

White and Quisel won the Pac-10 individual titles in their weight divisions, as the Broncos lost to New Mexico State in the Big West Tournament championship game. Bergersen was the third league MVP in university history. Chris Childs and Arnell Jones were Big Sky players of the year in 1989 and 1988, respectively.

Bergersen also set a school single-season scoring record with 644 points and finished among the top 10 scorers in the nation.

The Boise State **WOMEN’S BASKETBALL** team finished the regular season at 13-14. They qualified for the Big West Tournament, but lost 76-74 in overtime to Long Beach State in the first round. Senior center Jenny Hodges earned honorable mention honors.

By the slimmest of margins, the Boise State **GYMNASTICS** team, ranked 23rd in the nation, captured the Big West championship, upsetting No. 18 Utah State 195.475 to 195.2. It was the Broncos’ second-best score of the season.

Junior Louise Cashmere was the Broncos’ lone individual winner at the Big West meet, which was held March 27 in Fullerton, Calif., claiming the floor title with a school-record 9.95.

Shot-putter Jarred Rome took All-America honors for the third time when he finished 10th in his event at the NCAA Indoor National **TRACK AND FIELD** Championships, which were held in Indianapolis in early March.

A two-time All-American in the discus, Rome switched his focus to the shot put during the ‘99 indoor season. His best effort in the shot put this year was 61-feet, 8-1/2 inches.

After taking second place in the Big West Eastern Division, the Bronco **VOLLEYBALL** team welcomed new head coach Fred Sturm, who previously coached the U.S. women’s Olympic team.

In late April the Bronco **WOMEN’S GOLF** team will host the Big West championships at Boise’s SpurWing Country Club.
A new state-of-the-art greenhouse at Boise State will boost the biology department’s research and teaching efforts.

The 1,800-square-foot greenhouse, located just south of the Science-Nursing Building, officially opened in mid-March. The building was designed by Matter Maxey architects to grow plants that require vastly different growing conditions, something that wasn’t possible in an older one-room greenhouse the biology department had used for many years.

For example, Marcia Wicklow-Howard is creating arid conditions for experiments into how a fungi called *mycorrhizae* grow in different soil conditions, while Jim Smith is setting controls in his compartment to provide warm, shady conditions for his research into tropical plants. And Steve Novak is creating climate conditions similar to those found in the Boise Foothills for his studies examining genetic differences between cheatgrass and medusahead rye.

“I finally have a place to conduct my experiments,” says Smith, who had previously rigged up a terrarium in his office for his research because the old greenhouse got too hot for his tropical plants to grow.

The department’s old greenhouse will be maintained at its site adjacent to the new building and used as a holding facility for plants and for student experiments and instruction. A native plants garden will be expanded this spring to surround the greenhouse area.

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For the first time since 1981, enrollment this spring surpassed last fall. The decrease in enrollment from fall to spring semesters has declined for the past four years at Boise State. (See story page 8.)

**CONFERENCE DRAWS TOP SET THEORISTS**

In the vast world of mathematics, getting together with colleagues who share similar research interests often isn't easy.

Time and distance are factors. So is the highly specialized nature of the work.

Sure, there are a few multi-disciplinary conferences every year, but they tend to be large and highly structured, offering limited time for small gatherings and the informal give-and-take that can lead to new insights.

But at Boise State University, an international conference held on campus each spring is making it easier for like-minded mathematicians to meet. BEST — Boise Extravaganza in Set Theory — brings together top set theorists from around the globe for three days of presentations, dinners and conversations.

This year’s conference, held during spring break, attracted experts from South Africa, Japan, Russia, Germany, the United States and other countries. They spent their days doing plenty of talking — and listening.

“Mathematics is a social activity. We need time to exchange ideas, as well as to work things out on our own,” says Boise State mathematics professor Marion Scheepers, who joined with his colleagues Tomek Bartoszynski and Andrei Roslanowski in organizing BEST.

Adds Bartoszynski: “Many big conferences run on tight schedules, with the hotels far away and everybody leaving after the main presentations. But at our conference, we eat dinner together. Most people stay in hotels near campus. It’s an enjoyable and very productive time.”

Set theory involves the mathematical study of the concept of infinity and is connected with logic.

Bartoszynski compares the discipline to a foreign language that only those who have studied it can understand.

“It’s not that what we do is difficult, but it is very specialized,” Bartoszynski says.

The Boise Extravaganza in Set Theory conference was started in 1992 and is supported by a $5,000 National Science Foundation grant and other funding.

For University of Kansas mathematics professor Judy Roitman, the BEST conference is a chance to find out what’s new in her field.

“I’ve only been able to attend a few times because of other commitments, but it’s always been one of my favorite conferences,” she says. “The major speakers tend to be very well chosen. Also, you don’t feel overwhelmed by too much going on. You find yourself talking to people with slightly different areas of interest, which can be quite helpful.”
STUDENTS, FACULTY BRING HOME NATIONAL AWARDS

Student authors, debaters, and playwrights were among several members of the Boise State family who have received national recognition in recent months. Here are the national award winners:

Teammates BROOKE BALDWIN, Idaho Falls, and TOBIN STEISKAL, Blackfoot, captured first place in the Open Division of National Parliamentary Debate. Boise State's speech and debate team finished fourth in the Overall Sweepstakes competition at the 1998-99 Pi Kappa Delta National Debate Tournament, which was held in March in Fargo, N.D.

The Boise State SIGMA TAU DELTA affiliate was named one of the outstanding chapters in the nation by the English honor society. The chapter claimed the same honor in 1996 and was named the national organization's outstanding new chapter in 1990. English professor Helen Lojek serves as faculty adviser.

English major TAMARA SHORES' play Why Don't We Fish? won the Ten-Minute Play division at the Northwest Drama Conference, and was selected for presentation at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in April as part of the national American College Theatre Festival.

The HARVEY NEEF MANELINE DANCERS captured first place in Division I of the dance/pom competition at the United Spirit Association national competition in Las Vegas. The Maneline Dancers, a group of 19 Boise State students who are best known for providing the halftime entertainment at athletic events, won the same title in 1993.

RICHARD LEISY, a senior construction management major from American Falls, took first place in the James L. Allhands Essay Contest. Leisy's award marks the second straight year that a BSU construction management student has placed first in the nationwide competition, which is sponsored by the National Associated General Contractors Education and Research Foundation.

Nursing professor PAM GEHRKE was awarded the 1998 Public Health Nurse Creative Achievement Award by the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association. The prestigious national award is presented to a nursing professional for creative contributions to public health nursing.

MARRI CHAMPIE, a recent English graduate from Kuna, took second and third place in the national Isaac Asimov Award for Undergraduate Writing in Science Fiction and Fantasy. Champie is currently enrolled in Boise State's English graduate program.

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The notion of doing good deeds has been around almost as long as humankind itself. But performing charitable acts, fostering civic-mindedness and helping those less fortunate are concepts that don’t always come naturally. Nevertheless, there are indications on college campuses nationwide that we are becoming a more benevolent society. In this special section, FOCUS illustrates how Boise State is doing its part to maintain that trend toward goodwill.

Kindness 101

Students learn by giving of themselves

By Amy Stahl

Once a week, Boise State nursing professor Joanne Springer holds class in a cramped office in a downtown homeless shelter. Far from the hallways of the city’s antiseptically clean hospitals, Springer and her students help desperate patients seeking free health-care services.

Volunteering at the Community House shelter isn’t a requirement of Springer’s job — nor is it part of the nursing curriculum. But Springer believes it’s worth the time to guide students into volunteer service.

“It’s an important thing for faculty to do,” she says. “Once students experience [community service], they feel better about it.”

A growing number of Boise State students are catching on. In the last six years, student activists have successfully lobbied for funds to support two new programs — Volunteer Services Board and Service Learning — that link the
Volunteering to work with kids at Head Start has given Boise State social work major Vianey Bruce new confidence in her parenting and provided a fresh perspective on her coursework.
The Idaho Food Bank Warehouse was one of several organizations assisted by Boise State faculty, staff and students during the annual Into the Streets project coordinated by the Volunteer Services Board.

STUDENTS FORGO SPRING BREAK TANS TO HELP SEATTLE'S HOMELESS

While some students were working on their tans or racing down ski slopes, a group of Boise State volunteers helped homeless and low-income people in Seattle as part of a new Alternative Spring Break program sponsored by Boise State's Service Learning program and the Volunteer Services Board.

Alternative Spring Break gives students an opportunity to provide community service in an area of need.

The program was created at the request of Boise State students and is modeled after similar spring-break activities sponsored by other campuses around the nation.

About 20 students worked at three Seattle non-profit agencies. At the Northwest Harvest statewide food bank, volunteers sorted food items and served meals. They assisted with cleanup and built a storage area for distributing clothing at the Downtown Emergency Service Center's homeless shelter. And at the Fremont Public Association, volunteers did maintenance and socialized with elderly residents in low-income housing.

The week wasn't all work and no play, says Rose Olson, Service Learning coordinator. Although the volunteers were expected to work full time during the day, evenings were open for sight-seeing, cultural events and other activities.

'60s radical to walk into a place and say: 'What can I do now?' Gen Xers were born in a time of plenty. They weren't essential to the family's survival," she says. "When they get into some projects that are significant, it might be the first time they've really been engaged."

More and more students are discovering the value of that engagement through Boise State's Volunteer Services Board.

Director Toni Lawson reels off a list of student volunteers who work at Community House, Mountain States Refugee Center and the Literacy Lab. Most students, she says, prefer projects with personal interaction.

And she says student volunteers from a variety of majors lead projects — an Easter egg hunt for kids with special needs is coordinated by the Council for Exceptional Students, a reading program for homeless
children is led by the English Majors Association, and a lawn mower safety class is taught by applied technology students.

For most groups, volunteers provide more than an extra pair of hands to work on odd jobs here and there. At the Head Start preschool programs serving Ada and Elmore counties, director Louis Landry depends on unpaid labor to meet his budget. He has put a $21,000 price tag on the "in-kind" volunteer services he received in 1998 from Boise State students majoring in nursing, social work, accounting, education and business.

In the last year, Boise State students tackled a range of tasks at Head Start. They helped teachers in the classroom, laid bricks for a new walkway, helped families find financial assistance, improved bookkeeping procedures and crafted a new marketing campaign. "They just roll up their sleeves and get into the classroom," Landry says.

But getting them there takes creativity. "People's lives are very busy. If you're going to run a volunteer program, you have to be flexible," says Landry. "If you're not inventive, then you make it hard for people to connect."

"The competition for volunteers is becoming keen," adds Karen DesAulniers, volunteer programs specialist at Ada County Juvenile Court Services. She searches out volunteers at area corporations and churches as well as at Boise State. DesAulniers gives frequent presentations and regularly attends the student-sponsored Volunteer Fair in an attempt to lure prospective student volunteers. Recruiting is a major part of her job — and her efforts appear to be paying off.

It takes nearly 250 volunteers to keep Ada County Juvenile Court Services' three major initiatives going. DesAulniers relies on Boise State students in all three — a one-to-one mentoring program fashioned after Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a Victims First program that pairs trained volunteers with victims of crime, and an intervention program designed to make young, first-time offenders more accountable through meetings with the youths and their parents.

DesAulniers knows that conflicts prevent some volunteers from making yearlong promises. But she says many of her student volunteers stay on — even after their formal commitments end.

Boise State's faculty has had an important influence on the rise of student volunteerism, says Rose Olson, director of Service Learning, a new program where students receive an additional course credit for performing 40 hours of volunteer work. It is up to the faculty member to include the Service Learning option in a course.

"I have been nothing but impressed since the first day I came to campus. It's a very student-centered faculty. They're very in-

Toni Lawson, left, says the number of students served by the Volunteer Services Board has tripled in three years.

**BOARD MATCHES STUDENTS TO PROJECTS**

When members of the English Majors Association were looking for a meaningful community service project, where did they turn? To the Volunteer Services Board (VSB), a student-run organization that links Boise State students to local non-profit agencies. Now, thanks to a referral from VSB, the English majors are helping teach homeless people to read through a program offered by Boise's Community House.

Operating out of a busy office on the second floor of the Student Union, VSB coordinates Into the Streets, biannual volunteer fairs, a holiday project, a student recognition ceremony and other special events. VSB also maintains a Self-Referral Center database that enables students to thumb through a thick catalog of more than 100 agencies begging for volunteer assistance.

VSB was founded in 1993 to provide "a different kind of student activity," says Maureen Sigler, Student Union associate director. "Most of the student activities we offered were group oriented. VSB can serve individuals and groups." She says that it also "provides agencies with more continuity and consistency from year to year. But the main purpose was to make it easier for students to volunteer."

In the last six years, volunteering has grown in popularity — both with students and agencies. In 1997-98, VSB linked 1,572 students with volunteer work — nearly triple that of 1994-95. Volunteer activities are coordinated by a part-time student staff member with a student board of directors that receive guidance from a universitywide advisory group.

"Student volunteering provides immeasurable opportunities for all those involved," says Toni Lawson, VSB director. "We all benefit when individuals volunteer time and effort to making our community a better place."

Events coordinated by VSB include:

**INTO THE STREETS**, a nationwide student-run volunteer day that attracted 160 students, faculty and staff last fall. As part of the project, they packaged bulk items at the Idaho Food Bank Warehouse, cleaned up the Association of Retarded Citizens office, washed windows at the WCA, and painted environmentally friendly messages on city storm drains. Participants also washed school buses at Head Start, completed maintenance projects at a neighborhood daycare and played bingo with elderly residents of the Boise Samaritan Village.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR./HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION** projects focus on human rights and serving the community. Boise State volunteers have staffed soup kitchens and immunization clinics, collected soaps and shampoo for homeless people and rounded up books for a local alternative high school.

**HOLIDAY PROJECTS** include a "giving tree" with tags listing gift items for area children. Last year, nearly 500 tags were plucked from the tree, and donated gifts were distributed through the Salvation Army.

New this year is a VSB-coordinated Hunger Banquet, a national project focusing on the quantity and quality of meals eaten by homeless and poverty-stricken Americans. Boise State's first Hunger Banquet is planned for April.
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volved in the community,” says Olson. “They want their students to connect with the community, to get real-life experience, to understand the role the community has in their life.”

Clearly, students are benefiting from the experience. Social work major Vianey Bruce volunteered at Head Start as a Service Learning project for a psychology class. The mother of a 9-year-old son — a former Head Start student — Bruce says the experience working in the classroom helped her understand how her parenting skills have improved.

It’s one thing to be “book smart” — and another to be able to understand what stage a child is in, she says. “It’s wonderful to know that I can help them learn.”

As with students, volunteer service also enriches the lives of Boise State faculty. Many are like communication professor Peter Wollheim, who uses volunteerism as an opportunity to reach into the community.

Wollheim has worked in various aspects of suicide prevention for the last 15 years. Most recently, he has led training sessions for about 200 hotline volunteers — many of whom are Boise State students.

It’s tough duty. Volunteers take calls at home on six-hour shifts two weeks a month. When a call comes in to the Idaho Suicide Hotline, they have to be ready to delve deeply into their own relationships to help whoever is on the line. “On the hotline you get the most honest conversations of your life,” he says. “You wind up using everything you know about yourself and your life.”

While he feels an ethical responsibility to engage in community service, Wollheim says his volunteer activities motivate his students. They’re intrigued when he talks about hotline conversations in class and the kinds of services needed to help people facing domestic abuse, mental illness, physical challenges and other crises. “Students respond to how public policy decisions have an impact on people’s lives,” Wollheim says.

Wollheim’s personal commitment and his willingness to share his knowledge with student volunteers are what community service is all about, according to Ruch.

“Service ought to be something you start in college and hopefully continue throughout your life,” says the Boise State president. “College graduates are still the privileged few in our country who are often looked up to as leaders in the community. Part of their responsibility is to give back and not always take.”

When asked why she volunteers to help the homeless and mentally ill, Springer echoes Ruch’s sentiments. It sounds corny, she says, “but it’s more enjoyable to give rather than receive.

“It’s a spiritual belief that we’re all in this together. What happens to people in the community affects me.”
Altruism at the Orphanage

By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

They are the children no one wants. Several have AIDS, others have bad livers, two are autistic. All have some disability. The youngest is less than a year old.

But they are the children with whom a group of Boise State University students fell in love during a volunteer work week at the St. Joseph Orphanage for Children in Tijuana, Mexico.

The four students, who are affiliated with Boise State’s St. Paul’s Catholic Student Center, drove the 15 hours to the orphanage in January. The students were led by Ralph May, the project coordinator, from St. Jerome’s Parish in Jerome, which has adopted the orphanage.

May has spent nearly six weeks out of the last 18 months building new structures and repairing others at the orphanage.

“My wife and I have always felt that giving of ourselves is critical,” he says. “We had the ability to make a real difference for this orphanage so it just seems like the right thing to do.”

May was contacted by Sister Mary David Hartse of St. Paul’s after she read about his involvement. “I saw it as an opportunity for our students to help,” she says.

The group laid tile, reroofed the orphanage’s main house, laid concrete blocks to shore up security walls and painted walls. But perhaps more important, they became friends with their tiny hosts.

Me Epifania Iosefo, a Boise State student from American Samoa, relished the week of hard labor and play time with the children.

“They needed people who would just come in there and love the children and support them as if they were their own,” she says. “You can easily send money down there, but if you can’t see the real thing then you don’t really know how they live, you can only imagine.”

Student Eric Stroschein, Rupert, was moved by the orphanage workers’ devotion to children with special needs.

“None of the other orphanages would take these kids because of their disabilities, and that’s what really inspired me,” he says. “The Mexican government doesn’t back them whatsoever. These kids have no chance to begin with. They don’t realize what the world is all about.”
Small Steps

Students make big contributions to help low-income residents

By Chris Bounet

Born with cerebral palsy, Liz Stockwell moves with some difficulty. She has developed a system for traveling short distances, and it comes in handy for the trip to the door of her office, where her walking sticks, as she calls her crutches, stand to aid her for longer treks.

The Boise State social work major grabs her desk, leans forward and pushes off. Momentum takes her forward on the precarious trip.

She occasionally falls, then laughs and with some effort, makes it to her feet, grabs her sticks and heads next door for a meeting with a resident of Boise’s low-income housing in the Capitol Boulevard Apartments.

On the way she says she hopes that residents see her fall, and she hopes they see her get up — a message for those around her who also are wounded in various ways.

“I can identify with them,” Stockwell says simply. “I know how it feels to try very hard.”

Stockwell, 31, is one of three Boise State students who
A new school started by Sue Sheridan for her child — and others with cerebral palsy — provided Justin Borg, right, with a Service Learning marketing project.

LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

Sue Sheridan wanted to publicize Jump Start, the new school she started for children with cerebral palsy, but she didn’t have the resources to hire an advertising agency.

Enter Justin Borg.

A Boise State marketing major, Borg needed an extra-credit Service Learning project that allowed him to apply the skills he was learning in his marketing class to a community organization.

After meeting Sheridan, Borg adopted Jump Start as his project and worked to develop a marketing campaign for the fledgling organization.

But he got much more than practical experience out of the project. An afternoon spent helping a 3-year-old raise a spoon to her mouth without spilling lunch all over her clothes helped clarify his objectives. “After I left,” he says, “I had a very tangible sense of the service that I would be helping Jump Start market.”

Service Learning gives students an opportunity to integrate their classroom knowledge into real-life situations.

A new concept being embraced by colleges across the country, Service Learning is catching on fast at Boise State. Started in spring 1998 with just three courses, the program expanded to eight in fall 1998, with classes in health delivery systems, media production and public administration.

Working closely with faculty and coordinator Rose Olson, Service Learning students sign up for 45 hours of volunteer work that complements their courses. They are also required to keep journals and meet regularly for “reflection sessions” and complete pre- and post-service evaluations. At the end of the project, they receive an additional course credit.

Past participants have provided services that range from after-school tutoring for young children to increasing computer access for low-income people. Some participating agencies are Central District Health, the Better Business Bureau and the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council.

Psychology professor Susan Amato admits to being skeptical initially. She worried about potential problems tying the service experience to her syllabus. But the projects enriched the course material and energized the class. “I feel much better about the class, the way I am teaching it and what my students are taking away,” she says.

For his classroom project, Borg started by defining the target market and then creating a positioning strategy. With assistance from a volunteer graphic designer, he came up with a new logo, tagline, brochure and letterhead to give Jump Start a more professional image.

Although the fall semester course ended, he’s stayed on to complete some tasks and see his new logo adorn T-shirts worn by the children.

“The Service Learning program and particularly my time working with Jump Start have provided a meaningful context to apply the principles I have been learning at Boise State — and been a great benefit to the community,” Borg says.

work at the converted motel as part of a practicum that all social work majors must complete. The city of Boise invited social work professor Doug Yunker to establish the office at the apartments to help residents, mostly with immediate needs such as finding food or rent assistance.

The three students aren’t volunteers in the purest sense, but they put in many more hours than are necessary. And each contributes to their community in a variety of other ways. In March, Carolyn Delgadillo Bevington received the university’s Larry G. Selland Humanitarian Award for her overall service. Linda Thomas, a former church missionary to Thailand, volunteers with several service groups. And then there’s Stockwell, who attends class, works part time at Pizza Hut, and spends at least 25 hours a week at the old motel.

“The people here are incredibly amazing,” Stockwell says. “They put in tremendous effort. And they survive with very little.”

The small motel rooms house people in transition. For some who are just off the streets or emerging from prison, the motel provides affordable shelter while they put their lives together. Others suffer from physical or mental impairments and can’t afford to live anywhere else. Still many others work full or part time, yet they barely earn enough to afford the $300 or so in monthly rent.

They’re people like 54-year-old Pete, a portly man with a dark beard and peppery hair who’s on a fixed income and who goes to the Veteran’s Medical Center three times a week for dialysis.

“I had a trailer in Nampa for a while,” he says. “I sold that and moved over to the Good Samaritan Home for a while, then I moved out of that. I had a car, and I was down at the mission staying in the car for five months. Then my car got impounded and I ended up in the hospital with a tumor on my spine.”

The 150 or so residents distrust anyone or anything “official” and prefer to stay behind closed doors. And it doesn’t help that they live in an old motel designed for temporary stays, a place where people breeze through unnoticed. Some buildings still retain that motel ghost town feeling. Their long hallways, carpeted in a nondescript checkered motel pattern, stand vacant except for a glimpse of someone on the stairs and silent except for muffled television sounds. It’s the type of place where Stockwell asks the residents, “If I knock on your door, will you answer?” Because often people don’t.

Despite these obstacles, Stockwell is confident about the residents’ chances because she understands that along with their weaknesses, they also have strengths. They are survivors, she says, just like her, but they don’t know it yet because they can’t see beyond today’s crisis. “It can be frustrating
to put in a big effort and not see immediate gains," she says.

No one there is unbroken, adds Walt, a resident who was Stockwell's first client. And that includes Stockwell, who easily could have been someone who lives there.

After Stockwell was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, doctors suggested that her parents place her in an institution so they could concentrate on their other children. Instead, they enlisted a corps of 400 volunteers over a six-year period to help put Stockwell through a rigorous physical therapy program that included crawling, climbing and rolling. It took three people at a time to work her through up to nine hours of therapy a day. The exercises dominated Stockwell's life between ages 3 and 9.

Eventually, she reached a level of physical proficiency that granted her some independence. She's short, wears glasses thicker than pop bottles and moves and speaks slowly enough that many at first believe she's mentally disabled. Yet, she finished high school, learned to drive and eventually enrolled at Boise State, where with her part-time job, she joined the working poor.

All three social work students enjoy a good relationship with the residents, but Stockwell's tie is closer to family.

"I've always felt that the people who live there identify with her because she's wounded in some way," professor Yunker says. "They look at her and see that she's stayed strong. And she looks at them and says, 'You can do this.'"

Stockwell's sincerity and empathy help her build trust with the residents, adds Jim Fackrell, who oversees the apartments as Housing and Community Development manager for the city of Boise. "She's very committed," he says.

Stockwell says she's glad for the opportunity to serve. "This is my chance to pay back for the big community effort to help me," she says.

The residents of the Capitol Boulevard Apartments have varied needs, but mostly they want help finding food. Or, they're behind on their rent and near eviction. The city works with residents on back rent, but they have to arrange for payments, a task that seems overwhelming to some.

For Ken, who comes to use the office phone to call about jobs, time is growing short and hope faint. An alcoholic who recently reached sobriety, he talks about bartending, and he complains about the lack of city bus service to available jobs. On the phone with a temporary job service, he sounds plain desperate.

"I'm OK if I can get some work," he tells the woman on the other end. "No, I don't have computer skills.

"Look, I need some money to pay my rent or I'll be out on the street, kiddo." Stockwell encourages him and says she'll call private charity agencies around town that offer small amounts of rent money. And she offers to meet with Ken the next day to talk about his job search, which seems to comfort him a bit. At least Stockwell is someone to talk with about his crisis.

The students' services are completely consumer driven, Stockwell says, but she also probes to find a resident's underlying problems and build confidence that problems can be overcome. Each meeting, she takes small steps with the residents, steps as awkward for them at times as the ones that she takes to cross the office.

"I'm going to end up sleeping under a bridge," says Ed, a 62-year-old veteran who faces eviction unless he makes payments on his back rent.

Ed is on probation for drinking and driving and says he hoped to be released before his sentence expired in November so he could have joined family in Salt Lake City. That didn't happen, he says, but he still spent the $723 he gets monthly as if he were going.

Mostly, he says, he buys Christmas presents for his grandchildren.

"Right now, I don't have enough money to eat, and I'm going to struggle," he says in the tone of a man who doesn't see any options.

"Do you know how to eat an elephant?" Stockwell replies. "Do you know, Ed?"

A long silence as he stares at her.

"Now," comes the weak reply.

"One bite at a time," she says.

From that cliche, she slowly works Ed toward the truth about how much money he has and where the rest went.

Before a recent stay in the hospital, he spent most of his money drinking, and he says he has no more than $300 in hand to make it through March. She persuades him to make a $150 payment and apply for rent assistance from Ada County to pay March's rent.

"Can you do that tomorrow?" Stockwell
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asks. “Yeah, I can do that tomorrow,” Ed answers with more confidence.

Stockwell looks at him for a moment and tells him that if he needs food, she’ll drive him to get food boxes. Then she makes another appointment with Ed to fill out the county welfare form and to make sure he’s OK.

Stockwell listens without judgment. “They need to know I’m one of them and they’re one of me,” she says. “We want to be known as not too much different from them.”

Her job at first appears to be one without hope of success, but Stockwell and her coworkers posted solid achievements for their first year. They helped boost the residents’ association steering committee, which successfully lobbied for a resident lounge, more pay phones, more washers and dryers and outdoor barbecues.

The students also formed men’s and women’s weekly support groups.

For most residents, though, Stockwell measures successes in inches rather than miles. Ed paid the $150 and applied for rental assistance with Ada County welfare. And a phone sales firm hired Ken, who earns a weekly salary plus commission. Their immediate crises are over.

Then there’s Walt, Stockwell’s first client. An injury forced him to leave his restaurant job, and lung cancer struck, which required surgery last summer.

While he was in the hospital, Stockwell watered his plants, sent his registration payment on his truck, and sneaked in McDonald’s food as a treat. She also gave him rides to the doctor once he was released. Today, he’s seeking full-time employment and hopes to save enough money to move into a small duplex.

The gestures weren’t life-changing, but they were huge to him, as the bus tokens or quarters to wash work clothes that the students hand out are to the other residents.

“IT’s a huge gesture if you don’t have transportation,” Walt, 57, says. “IT’s a huge gesture if you have 163 stitches in your side and you can’t get to the bus.”

Stockwell’s final gesture will come this spring when she graduates. Hopefully, the residents at the Capitol Boulevard Apartments will see through her success that the future is full of possibilities, but she may never know how many will.

New students will take her place in the program while she pursues her own challenges — finding a job, moving from her parents’ home and getting an apartment.

Her dream is to find a social work position that allows her to work with clients in face-to-face situations. Eventually, she’d like to be involved in policy development for social justice issues.

“It’s in my genes to work very hard,” Stockwell says. “I’ve been very blessed.”
Hospital Help
By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

What war and earthquakes have destroyed in El Salvador, Boise State student Heather McArthur is working to rebuild.

The 20-year-old history and pre-med major with family ties to the small Central American country recruited 13 fellow Boise State students to volunteer at the Benjamin Bloom Children's National Hospital in San Salvador.

The group delivered medical supplies, toys and quilts made by members of McArthur's church. And they painted the walls of the children's rooms and performed other odd jobs to improve the hospital environment for the staff and the young patients.

The students were accompanied by McArthur's mother, Maria, along with Meridian dentist Rodney Brady and his wife, Shelee.

But it was McArthur, whose mother is from El Salvador, who organized the 10-day trip following her own volunteer service at the hospital last summer.

"After a month and a half there, I realized there were more needs than clothes and toys," she says, running down the list of much-needed basics such as hospital gowns, incubators and computers. The hospital was still suffering from a devastating earthquake in 1986 that nearly destroyed its pathology department and a 12-year civil war that left many of its walls full of bullet holes.

Determined to fulfill her pledge to help the hospital, McArthur started the non-profit Children's Dream Foundation shortly after returning home to support her efforts to raise cash, supplies and support for the hospital.

Word spread of her mission and soon donations started flowing in from friends, family and church members in Utah, California, Washington and Oregon.

For Mike McKinnon, a Boise State sophomore art major who put his talent to work drawing and painting Sesame Street characters on the hospital's walls, the trip was worth the personal monetary expense.

"The hospital was a little depressing. It was dirtier than I expected and there were more insects than I expected," he says. "But it was a good experience. It opened our eyes that not everyone lives the way we do."

Shelee Brady was struck by the altruism of the El Salvadoran medical staff, including its medical students.

"There's not a lot of money in medicine down there in terms of doctors' fees and reimbursement," she says. "They seem to do it just because they love to help the children."

The Bradys accepted the invitation to join the group when their son, who speaks fluent Spanish, was unable to go. The idea of traveling with college students was appealing, Shelee Brady says.

For McArthur, who hopes to attend Stanford Medical School to become a pediatric cardiologist, helping the children heal from various ailments was all too personal. In 1990, when she was 12, doctors used a new surgical procedure to repair a heart defect.

McArthur had another goal in mind when she enlisted the help of her fellow students for the volunteer trip. "I wanted every one of them to lose themselves in the service," she says. "I wanted them to have an experience they will never forget."

It worked for McKinnon.

"A lot of the motivation to go was to get away from Boise and school for a while," he says. "But once you got there you forgot that. You saw the kids and the conditions they lived in."

And, he adds, "I cemented some friendships with people I hadn't known well and I made new friends as well."

McArthur plans to return to the hospital in June accompanied this time by several Boise orthopedic surgeons who plan to donate their time to the patients.

She says she believes that the earlier young people begin volunteering, the better. "If you can open their eyes at a young age, you can raise a generation of more responsible and generous people," she says.
By Justin Endow

For Boise State sophomore Angie Vandermeer, the concept of volunteering began in church. "I became really active when I was in junior high, and from there it just became habit," she says. "I really don't even think about whether or not I'm going to do it. The question is what I'm going to do."

This year, she is learning what it takes to be a leader in volunteerism at the national level. Vandermeer is one of 40 students nationwide selected to attend leadership seminars sponsored by the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL), a national nonprofit organization that educates college student leaders about community service.

Vandermeer has already attended two of the three COOL seminars, which were held in Washington, D.C., and New York. The third conference meets this spring in Salt Lake City.

"The program is a series of intensive leadership seminars designed to instruct student volunteers in the best methods for organizing and publicizing service work," she says. "The idea is to meet tons of people, learn what other campuses are doing and build some networking channels so we can share our ideas."

Vandermeer has already done her share of organizing volunteer efforts. She has coordinated Boise State’s involvement in Into the Streets, a national student volunteer day, the last two years.

Currently, she is volunteering for the Ada County juvenile court system’s mentoring program, in which she serves as a “big sister” to a troubled teen, and she is coordinating the volunteer recognition banquet, which will honor the most active student volunteers. Vandermeer also is coordinating the Volunteer Service Board’s Hunger Banquet. For this project, 100 students will buy tickets that have been randomly assigned to one of three levels: poverty level, middle class or upper class. Students will get meals consistent with the wealth classes they were assigned to. This event is designed to accurately reflect the wealth and hunger levels of the world per 100 people.

On top of all that, Vandermeer, a criminal justice major, is the chief justice of the student government judiciary board.

She is certain that volunteering will be a big part of her life for a long time to come. "I've learned so much in my volunteering that I never would have gotten in a classroom," she says.
QUICK HELP: PREVENT DISEASES, RAISE AWARENESS

By Justin Endow

Mike Quinn's volunteer efforts have made a difference in the Boise community and in far-flung locations around the globe.

The 27-year-old environmental health and biology major coordinates several local volunteer projects, from blood drives at Boise State to a flower project to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Before that, Quinn provided medical relief to citizens in Thailand and Malaysia during a stint as a preventative medicine technician in the Navy.

"Malaria and dengue fever, which are mosquito-borne diseases, were rampant in Thailand when we first got there," Quinn says. "We set up a program to teach the people how to control the mosquitoes.

Within two years, the cases of malaria and dengue fever had gone down drastically."

"I try to lead by example, to serve others from leadership positions," he says.

He is president of Boise State's Pre-Med Club, which sponsors blood drives three times each school year, and is a member of the Volunteer Services Board and the Service-Learning Advisory Board.

He serves on Boise State's new Health Advisory Board, which sponsored activities for World AIDS Day, established peer advisory groups to provide students information on sexually transmitted disease prevention, and distributed free condoms to students.

In March he helped organize Daffodil Days to benefit the American Cancer Society. "We sold daffodils because they represent renewal, but they also symbolize a cancer patient's survival," he says.

Quinn is also a member of Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue and certified in CPR and first aid. And along with all that volunteer work, he finds time for his duties as the ASBSU Senate's pro tem.

Quinn says he gets the most satisfaction from his volunteerism when he can influence situations or people for the long term. And he tries to motivate others to get involved.

"I like to volunteer for impact," he says, "and a broader impact comes from encouraging others to volunteer." 0

PROFESSOR WORKS TO CHANGE NURSES' CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

By Bob Evancho

Today's nurses, asserts Pam Gehrke, are a different breed. No longer are they primarily bedside caregivers. Like Gehrke, some of them have become forceful activists for public awareness and reform in areas that extend far beyond the traditional realm of the nursing profession.

"Much of society still sees nursing as a profession primarily caring for those with illnesses," says the Boise State nursing professor. "But it's much more than that.

"Nurses are an untapped resource for health information. What often is not seen is the work nurses are doing in areas such as health promotion and safety," Gehrke adds.

And along with fellow nursing professors Judy Murray and Nancy Otterness, Gehrke is not just paying lip service. In the community health nursing course they teach, Gehrke and her two colleagues require their students to select a current health issue, research the topic and present their findings as if testifying before a group of policy-makers.

In the spirit of community-mindedness and volunteerism, some of Gehrke's students have taken the project beyond the classroom — actually presenting their findings to civic and school officials and helping to influence policy decisions in some cases. They include:

• A project on detecting asthma in schoolchildren and improving school attendance.
• A project presented to the Idaho Association of School Boards and Idaho School Administrators that focused on suicide awareness and prevention.
• A project, which won an Idaho Public Health Association Student Award of Merit, that addressed the prevention of firearm accidents among children.
• A study on illegal parking in spaces designated for the disabled that was presented to the Boise City Parking Commission and helped change some city ordinances.

For her role in guiding her students during these and other civic-minded projects, Gehrke was awarded the 1998 Public Health Nurse Creative Achievement Award by the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association for creative contributions to public health nursing.

"In our profession it has become increasingly apparent that we need to become advocates for health promotion in some areas," Gehrke says. "The students learn that with the information they have, they can assist those who make policies. Judy and Nancy and I strongly believe that for nurses to be competent in the 21st century, they need to become involved in the policy-making process."

Thanks to Gehrke, some of them already are. 0
**EAGER ALUMNIA GIVES TIME TO BOISE STATE**

*By Marsha Susan Tracy*

For Michelle Morrison, volunteering at Boise State University didn't end when she graduated in 1971. Instead, she has stayed involved with her alma mater, offering her time and talents as an alumni board member for the past 28 years.

"You give back, you help, you try to make where you live better," says Morrison, who is the longest serving volunteer on the board and has served in a variety of offices including secretary, treasurer and second vice president.

Whether it's serving hot dogs at a Boise State football game or serving as a chairperson at a university auction to raise funds for academic and athletic scholarships, Morrison says she enjoys being involved. She sees volunteerism as more than a part-time responsibility; it is her life.

"My personal life and university life are so intertwined that I expect to be an active ambassador of the university even when I'm no longer active on the board," she says.

Morrison earned a bachelor's degree in public administration and now works full time at the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary. Her current goal as an alumni board member is to help raise the funds necessary to construct an alumni center.

"At present, we do not have an official place for alumni to gather and, with increased university involvement, the need is greater than ever," says Morrison.

Morrison says her enthusiasm for volunteer work began when she was a young girl and she watched her mother give her time to organizations such as the PTA, Girl Scouts, election registration, and March of Dimes. She's now trying to pass that same enthusiasm on to her son, 10-year-old KC Keller, who has worked alongside his mother at such events as Paint the Town.

Morrison says one reason she enjoys volunteering at Boise State is that so much of her personal history is here.

Besides attending school and volunteering in 20 campus organizations, she also was employed for a time at the university's financial aid office, met her husband, Robert, on campus and married him in Christ Chapel. Her mother was also an employee for Boise State, and she hopes her son will someday attend college here.

"I smile whenever I visit the campus. There isn't a place here that doesn't bring up memories of good things and of many changes of which I've been a part," Morrison says.

**BERGERSEN SCORES ON THE COURT, WITH KIDS**

*By Justin Endow*

Boise State basketball star Roberto Bergersen had a good year on the basketball court: He led his team to the Eastern Division title of the Big West, finished among the top 10 leaders nationally in scoring and was named Big West Player of the Year.

But his year off the court may have been even better. In addition to playing basketball, finishing school and spending time with his wife and son, Bergersen also volunteers at YMCA youth basketball camps, referees junior high games and visits schools to promote national reading and drug awareness weeks.

"When I talk to kids," Bergersen says of his school visits, "I try to get through to at least one or two of them. If I can make a difference for even two, it makes me feel good."

Along with his teammates, Bergersen is also involved in projects such as Rake Up Boise and Paint the Town, but his love is working with children, especially those who don't have all the advantages that many kids do.

"I was introduced to a 13-year-old kid who liked basketball but was kind of having a hard time," Bergersen recalls. "I talked with him a lot, and I took him to Boondocks [a Boise amusement park] a couple of times."

Later, Bergersen received a letter from the boy's grandparents thanking him for helping to get their grandson back on the right track. "It felt good to hear that," Bergersen says.

Bergersen grew up around people who liked to help others. Now it's his turn.

"My grandmother was one of the nicest people around," Bergersen says. "If she saw someone at the store who she knew couldn't afford enough food, she'd give them five or 10 bucks so they could. "I think wanting to help people and make a difference just trickled down to me."

Bergersen plans to make a difference for a long time to come. Someday, he hopes to own a community center for disadvantaged youth who can't afford memberships to the YMCA or other health clubs.

He feels that kids need a place to play basketball or video games, use a computer or read. "They can come if they just need someone to talk to," Bergersen says.

"This is my big dream. I don't do all this for show or to make someone else approve of me. It's just who I am."
HISPANIC LEADER MOTIVATES OTHERS BY EXAMPLE

By Sherry Squires

Sam Byrd grew up as a migrant farmworker eager to leave the fields. And though his future looked bright as a young man, his father reminded him never to forget his past.

“My father would always say, ‘Never forget where you came from, and remember to reach back and bring as many with you as you can,’” Byrd says.

His father’s golden rules became a driving force behind Byrd’s career. At age 21, the Idaho Migrant Council hired him to organize events and coordinate volunteer efforts. He eventually left the IMC, but he never stopped volunteering.

“I have continued to live my life figuring community service is a part of life,” Byrd says.

The Boise State multicultural studies major’s 23 years of dedication earned him national recognition last year. He was one of five college students in the country to receive the Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award for outstanding service.

He has worked in countless capacities, from organizing on-campus fiestas at Boise State to serving on the multicultural board for his church.

Some of his recent efforts include serving on the Anne Frank Memorial Committee, the Idaho Hispanic Caucus Board and the state’s Hispanic Education Task Force.

Using the task force as a launching point, Byrd helped form — and now leads — the Council on Hispanic Education, a nonprofit group devoted to improving school success for Hispanic students.

Byrd visits schools to talk about diversity and race issues, motivate young Hispanic students and find ways of making schools more responsive to their needs.

EX-STUDENT SMITH: VOLUNTEERISM ALSO BRINGS DISCOVERY

By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

To Renee Smith, volunteering is as essential as eating and breathing. It’s what you do. It’s who you are. It’s what keeps civilization civil.

Volunteering was so important to Smith when she was a Boise State student that she successfully championed a $3.50 per student dedicated fee to secure additional operating money for the Volunteer Services Board in 1996.

The funds were used to expand the volunteer opportunities for students and to add a full-time staff member to help professors incorporate volunteer service into the classroom.

“I truly believe we should give back to the community,” says Smith, who served as VSB director from 1995-97. “You’re supposed to help somebody out.”

Volunteering is especially useful to students, Smith says, because it gives them a chance to “find out what they’re passionate about.”

And volunteering isn’t just about working with at-risk youth, elderly people or the homeless, she says. English majors can help nursing homes or other organizations write newsletters. Science majors can volunteer at nature centers.

“There are a lot of people out there who could use students’ skills,” she says. She should know. Smith is using her Boise State social work degree at Ada County Juvenile Court Services where she works part time as a paid staffer and as a volunteer mediator.

She’s also pursuing a master’s degree in social work at Walla Walla College in Washington state.

Smith’s volunteer activities have extended beyond the Boise State campus.

For six years she volunteered at Hays Shelter Home, cooking homemade meals for the women there. “I felt like I was able to provide some hope for them or show them that someone cared,” she says.

That experience established her career path — working with at-risk youth, which is what she wants to continue doing once she finishes her master’s program in June.

“And then my husband and I want to be mentors,” she says of her next volunteer job. “It’s part of your life, part of what you’re supposed to do.”

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Geosciences professor Jim McNamara uses a velocity meter and headphones to measure the depth and velocity of water in Dry Creek north of Boise.

PROFESSOR STUDIES WINTER FLOODS

By Janelle Brown

Boise State geosciences professor Jim McNamara stands shin-deep in the icy, mud-filled waters of Dry Creek north of Boise and lowers a long metal rod called a velocity meter into the stream.

He slowly sidesteps farther into the water and takes another depth reading. He also measures how fast the water is moving. By the time he's crossed the 6-foot-wide creek, McNamara has data from a dozen points so he can calculate how many cubic feet of water are moving downstream each second.

Overhead, the sky is pewter gray, and a cold wind shivers up the steep-walled ravine. It's going to rain again at any minute. McNamara doesn't mind. Precipitation — rain or snow — is critical to his research.

Each winter storm that moves through the Boise Foothills adds to his growing trove of information.

McNamara is part of an interagency team of scientists that is studying the dynamics of cold-season flooding in the Boise Foothills. The team, which also includes Boise State engineering professor Paul Dawson, received a $300,000, three-year grant from NASA's Land Surface Hydrology Program.

The project's goal is to understand the land surface and atmospheric processes that contribute to cold-season flooding and to develop computer models to predict when floods will occur. The research could also lead to the development of a nationwide forecasting system to warn of a flood 12 or more hours ahead of a storm, allowing residents time to evacuate before disaster strikes.

"It's an exciting project to be involved with," says McNamara, who is collaborating with scientists from the Northwest Watershed Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "There are important questions about cold-weather flooding we want to answer."

The conditions that can cause flooding during the winter or early spring are very different than those that occur in summer, McNamara explains. Frozen soil, rain falling on snow and deep snowpacks can contribute to flooding even after seemingly moderate storms. The results can be devastating; in Idaho, 13 of the 15 major floods tracked in one recent study involved rain falling on snow, and nine involved frozen soils.

Across the Pacific Northwest, cold-season floods have wreaked damage that in some
years has run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. But while warm-weather flooding has been extensively studied, little has been done to understand floods during winter or spring months.

"In summer, the runoff is immediately available. But with snow, or rain on snow, that's not the case," McNamara says. "We need to develop different models to predict when floods will occur."

The field research McNamara and other scientists are conducting is the first step in an effort to do just that. They have set up equipment at test sites in the Dry Creek drainage off Bogus Basin Road.

Sophisticated instruments measure soil moisture content, soil and air temperature, precipitation, wind speed and direction, snow depth, solar radiation, humidity, hill runoff and other factors, and the data are recorded by an on-site computer. A depth gauge and other instruments along Dry Creek are used to monitor changes in stream flow.

Dawson's part of the NASA project will phase in after the initial field data have been collected. He and colleagues from Utah State University, postdoctoral scientists and USDA researchers will develop atmospheric and hydrological models that describe when cold-season flooding is likely to occur. They'll use weather radar, remote sensing data on the distribution of frozen soil, and field measurements to undertake those tasks.

"My research area is dynamic meteorology," Dawson says, "This project gives me a chance to build on several past projects and do some very interesting applied work."

McNamara visits field sites in the Dry Creek drainage about once a week; he spends most of his research time at the computer in his office at Boise State, compiling data and verifying models. He also brings his research into classroom discussions and oversees graduate students who are working on the project.

Graduate student John Wirt, who helps McNamara collect data, is enthusiastic about the research. "This is what hydrology is all about," he says as he stands on the banks of Dry Creek and records McNamara's measurements.

Later that day, Wirt will check snow depths at a test site higher on the ridge. "The experience I'm gaining here will be a big help when I get ready to enter the workplace," he says.

Although McNamara is just getting started, he's already been surprised by some of his initial results. He's seen very little surface runoff from the storms this winter; instead almost all of the moisture has infiltrated the porous soil.

"We haven't had any real huge storms, however," McNamara said in early March. "If we do yet this winter, we may find that will change."
MATH PROFESSOR PROBES ALTERED DIMENSIONS WITH NSF GRANT

By Janelle Brown

Joanna Kania-Bartoszynska uses algebraic expressions and elaborate diagrams to describe her mathematical research.

But the core of her groundbreaking work takes place in a more ethereal sphere, far beyond the three-dimensional world in which we live.

The mathematics professor has a $60,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study low-dimensional topology, an area of mathematics that also has connections with physics.

"It's exciting to see seemingly unrelated concepts coming together and behaving in the same way," says Kania-Bartoszynska of her research. "It's aesthetically very pleasing."

Kania-Bartoszynska's work focuses on the mathematical exploration of altered dimensions, using tools called "quantum invariants" and "three-dimensional manifolds."

It's a relatively new branch of study that was first developed in the 1980s. Kania-Bartoszynska's work is also related to "knot theory" — the study of how knots can be tugged and pulled so that the space around them can be mathematically predicted and described.

Admittedly, it's all very abstract — but Kania-Bartoszynska says there may be practical applications down the road. For example, knot theory, which was developed by mathematicians, is now being used by geneticists to help untangle and describe strands of DNA, the basic building blocks of life. Until recently, no one saw the connections between the two fields.

"On a basic level, everything is related. But it will take time to know how these concepts fit together," Kania-Bartoszynska says.

Her NSF grant has enabled her to attend conferences across the United States and abroad and bring colleagues to Boise State.

She's also collaborated with colleagues at George Washington University and the University of Iowa on scientific papers.

"I have to learn new things and use tools from other areas," Kania-Bartoszynska says. "These are challenges I enjoy."

Kania-Bartoszynska first got interested in mathematical research while attending Warsaw University in her native Poland.

She later received a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley and joined Boise State's faculty in 1993. Her husband, Tomek Bartoszynski, is also a mathematics professor at Boise State.

"Joanna has achieved recognition on both the national and international level," says Alan Hausrath, chairman of the mathematics and computer sciences department.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT'S HAYNES CROSSES ARTISTIC BOUNDARIES

By Melanie Threlked McConnell

Matthew Haynes is a cyclone, putting all the elements of his environment through a creative spin cycle and then turning them into artistic compositions.

The results, so far, of this talented whirlwind include an art book in the permanent collection of New York City's Museum of Modern Art, a novel due out this spring by Minerva Press, photography exhibits, paintings, an anthology of short stories by Arsenal Pulp Press, musical compositions and a collection of poems on cards designed for his mom for Mother's Day.

So where does this 24-year-old Boise State graduate and English teaching assistant get the material for so many projects?

"I am motivated by passion, by essential humanness," Haynes says of his creative outlets.

Born and raised in Butte, Mont., Haynes returned to Maui with his mother, a native of Hawaii, for a short time when he was young and again briefly as a teen-ager. He came away with a different understanding of his mother's heritage and a new perspective on "family," which is the topic of his new novel.

"Her reality is my fiction," he says of his mother, who suffered injuries during the bombing of Pearl Harbor and later healed herself from injuries suffered in a car wreck.

Moving Towards Home, chronicles the spiritual and physical journey of a boy trying to free himself from his father who sells him for sex to pay for the father's gambling addiction. The direction in which the boy moves reflects the spiritual growth he undergoes.

"It's about a boy trying to break away from the familial bonds," Haynes explains. "It's about what happens when it isn't the right blood."

If there's a theme in Haynes' myriad artistic outlets it is passion, he says. "Our passion is our humanness. The art of the soul is the delight of the mind."

Haynes hopes he can move readers the way he likes to be moved by a good book. "I want to have a greater sense of purpose after I've read a book," he says.
Baker reaches out to help Hispanics

For the past 26 years, Boise State sociology professor Dick Baker has been taking his interest in Idaho's minorities out of the classroom and into the community.

Baker has published two books based on 10 years of field research in Canyon County. In the most recent, Mexican American Students: a Study of Educationally Disadvantaged Youth, he claims that educational neglect of Hispanic students is the most serious problem facing the Hispanic community in Idaho.

Baker decided to assist Hispanic students by establishing two scholarships at Boise State. He has raised approximately $50,000 in pledges—most from Hispanic-owned businesses and professionals.

He was also instrumental in establishing a minor in Mexican American studies, and also coordinates a biennial Mexican American Studies Conference, which was held in March this year.

Baker spearheaded efforts to create the Martin Scheffer Scholarship, named after a retiring faculty member. Sociology faculty taught extra classes to generate proceeds for the scholarship.

In 1997, Baker received the Boise State University Foundation Award for Service and the Pacific Sociological Association Award for Sociological Practice.
GROWING COMPANY HAS SHARP EDGE

By Kendra Martinez and Larry Burke

When most people get promoted they move to a new office. Ted Sharp moved to the Netherlands.

Sharp, a 1981 accounting graduate, has spent the last year as managing director of European operations for Key Technology Inc., a Walla Walla, Wash.-based company that manufactures large conveying and sorting systems for food processing giants like Del Monte, Heinz, Dole, Simplot, Lamb Weston and Frito-Lay.

Sharp is involved in all aspects of the company's growth in Europe, from market expansion to streamlining production and improving customer/employee relations.

If his schedule is any indication, business is booming. In recent weeks he met a major customer in England, interviewed a company's growth in Europe, from market development in Italy, attended a trade show in Germany and met with company executives in Walla Walla.

Sharp is bullish on the business potential of Europe as countries from the former Soviet bloc build their economies.

"They are at a point now when they can support investment in the types of systems we manufacture. We have seen strong moves to automation and quality improvements that our equipment makes possible," he says.

In addition, Key is expanding its product line to enter some unique markets, such as coffee, which he says is controlled by European firms.

"We are now offering sorting machines with performance capabilities that are magnitudes beyond what has been previously available," he says.

The arrival of a common European currency, the Euro, will be a boon for Key when the transition occurs in a few years.

"Right now, we have accounts in as many as eight different currencies. The Euro can do nothing but simplify the business cycle for both us and our customers," Sharp says.

Key Technology has been in Europe since 1985, but made its most aggressive move in 1996 when it purchased one of its competitors. The merger of the two companies gave Key a manufacturing capability in Europe. The plant, located in Beusichem, 45 miles south of Amsterdam, now manufactures vibrating conveyors for fruit and vegetable industries as well as large conveying equipment for automotive, mining, chemical and plastics industries. It serves businesses as far away as South Africa and the Ivory Coast.

"We couldn't compete with local manufacturers because of our longer lead times and the high costs of freight. The new manufacturing plant brought us an immediate presence in the market as well as access to many global companies," explains Sharp.

Sharp has been in the Netherlands since last April and plans to return to his home in Walla Walla and resume his post as Key's corporate controller later this year.

The adjustment to European life hasn't been too difficult, he says.

His wife, Sheri, who was a secretary in Boise State's continuing education nursing program and a part-time student in 1980-81, and their four children joined him after the school year ended last spring.

"Americans, especially in the Northwest, tend to be a little more conservative than they are here. But all and all, the transition has come fairly easily," Sharp says.

Sharp's path to the fast-paced European business world included a few stops in small-town Idaho. Originally from the small farming community of Notus, he came to Boise State after receiving an associate degree from Ricks College in Rexburg. With his Boise State accounting degree in hand, he went to work for Cooper Norman & Co. in Twin Falls, then became controller for Varsity Contractors, a cleaning company based in Pocatello.

In 1989, he used a headhunter to find a job in Boise, where he could be closer to his family and small-town roots. Instead, they put him in touch with Key in Walla Walla, where he worked his way up the corporate ladder.

"I overshot Boise by a few hundred miles and am now farther away from my roots than ever before. But I can't complain about how things have worked out," he says.

He is still taken aback by the course his life has taken.

"I find it difficult to conceive that a person from a high school class of 24, who then graduated from a small local university — at that time— with aspirations to work in a local company, could embark on a career that has taken him to countries he never thought he would see," he says. "I am convinced that small decisions have enormous impact on the course of our futures, whether the subject is personal, business, politics or anything else in life."

His experiences in Europe have changed the way he views international business. And it has given him some insight he wants to share with students.

"University graduates should familiarize themselves with other ways of living and doing business," he says. "The world is a small place. We as Americans need to adjust some of our thinking about how we accept and do business with other cultures."
TV HOST SHOWS YOUNG VIEWERS THE WAY TO FUN, ADVENTURE

By Judy Grigg Hansen

Karen James is a familiar face to thousands of school-age children who tune in each week to watch her latest adventure.

As host of the nationally distributed H-E-B TeleVentures, James takes young television viewers on her weekly field trips — searching for prehistoric bones in the La Brea Tar Pits, swimming next to Beluga whales or watching artists restore paintings at the Getty Art Institute.

The program is broadcast live via satellite from San Antonio, Texas, to schools, homes and more than 80 Public Broadcasting Service affiliates.

TeleVentures gives James an opportunity to educate children — and have fun along the way. After all, not everyone gets to dive into a tank with a Beluga whale.

"I was in their world, touching them and feeling them," she says of one of her unusual assignments. "I want children to know how precious they are."

Experts from Texas museums, an aquarium and a veterinary school write the scripts, which James then brings to life through her interviews and personal adventures.

As the whale episode indicates, James certainly isn't afraid to leave her comfort zone. She and her husband, Robert, both Louisianans, came to Boise State after a friend told them about Boise's quality of life. After graduation in 1993, they returned to Louisiana, she with a degree in communication and he with a degree in criminal justice administration.

It wasn't long before she was on television selling products on America's Health Network and taping local commercials. She read about the TeleVentures job on the Internet, sent a demo tape, interviewed and was hired on the spot. She began hosting the show in September.

Because James has three children of her own, it's not hard for her to figure out what kids will like.

"If I put my own children in front of the TV," she says. "If they sit there and watch it, I know I have a good thing." □

CARUSO EXchanges PUMPING IRON FOR PUMPING UP STUDENTS

By Judy Grigg Hansen

Sirens regularly punctuate Nick Caruso's lesson as he explains basic biology to an ethnic melting pot of 10th graders in lower Manhattan.

His classroom lies beneath the Brooklyn Bridge, close to the bustling neighborhoods of New York's Chinatown and Little Italy.

Caruso never thought his life would be defined by chalkboards, parent-teacher conferences, and energetic adolescents. After his graduation from Boise State in 1995 in exercise science, he moved home to New York City and applied for jobs as a personal trainer or exercise specialist. One day his sister mentioned that the New York school system needed to hire more than 3,000 teachers.

"My first response was no way, no how would I consider teaching," Caruso says. "But I didn't have a job, and nothing from nothing leaves nothing. So I applied."

A few weeks later he was hired to teach biology at Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers, a school of approximately 3,400 students that draws kids from throughout the entire city.

"There was some trepidation," Caruso says about his first days as a teacher two years ago. "With adolescents, you either get along or you don't. I wasn't sure I would like kids that age, but we had an understanding of each other from day one."

His New York students aren't that different from those in Idaho, he says. "They may be a little more global here, but not a lot. They are as afraid to leave this environment as the Idaho kids are to leave theirs."

But there is one difference he's noticed. "When I look out on my class I see at least six or seven different cultures. In Idaho you might see two, three at most," he says.

"I treat all the kids with respect, and I get that back from them," Caruso says. "If you are fearful or treat them harshly, it will backfire."

"I want them to see that there is a way out — that you don't need to be a genius to get a college degree. Some of the kids are going to get the message. That is the beautiful thing."

At the start, Caruso looked at teaching as an interim job.

"The first year was really tough," he says. "I had taken no teacher education classes, had not done student teaching. I went back and learned biology all over again. I was tired all the time."

Midway through the spring term of his first year, Caruso realized he had quit looking for other jobs.

"Outside of being a parent, I don't think there is any more rewarding or satisfying job a person can do," Caruso says. □
EDITOR HAS A ZEST FOR THE WEST

By Kendra Martinez

It doesn’t matter where Donald Barclay travels, the West still follows him. Now living on the east coast of Texas, his latest literary venture features firsthand accounts of artists who painted and wrote about the frontier West.

Barclay hopes the new anthology, Capturing the Wilderness Dream, will give readers fresh perspective on Western literature, a genre that he says “doesn’t get the respect and attention it deserves.”

“By exposing readers to the depth and variety of western American literature, people will get the idea that it doesn’t begin and end with Owen Wister’s The Virginian,” says Barclay, who graduated in English from Boise State in 1981 and went on to earn master’s degrees in English and library science from the University of California at Berkeley.

“The works collected in the book give readers a vision of the frontier West that is slightly different from the one that comes from the writings of pure journalists, historians and fiction writers. Reading these sharp-eyed artists’ accounts of the frontier may change the reader’s view of the West,” he says.

Barclay co-edited the book with Boise State English professor Jim Maguire and Peter Wild from the University of Washington, says the artists in the book worked between 1820 and 1910.

This is the third collaboration by the three editors. The first two anthologies, Wilderness Dream and Rendezvous Reader, received good reviews and healthy sales numbers, Barclay says.

“The problem is that we keep presenting this stuff as literature and the reviewers keep reviewing it as history. That’s not really what we are about,” Barclay says.

Barclay and his wife, Darcie, also a Boise State graduate, live on Galveston Island. He works full time as a librarian at Texas Medical Center in Houston, and she is an assistant professor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the University of Texas Medical Center branch at Galveston.

Barclay says his draw to western literature was nurtured by Maguire, who became his work partner.

“I learned a lot from Jim and am fortunate to work with him now,” Barclay says.

And the physical distance between Texas and Idaho hasn’t hampered their working friendship.

“There is a little phone calling, some letter writing and a lot of e-mailing going on,” Barclay says. □
CRAIG W. HURST, BM, music/secondary education, ’78, was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor by the University of Wisconsin Colleges. Hurst, director of the instrumental music program at the U of W in Waukesha, was also named a 1998-1999 Arthur M. Kaplan Fellow by the U.W. Colleges in recognition of his “significant and innovative improvement of instruction or of service to students.”

MICHAEL BRUCE ZINK, BBA, management/behavioral, ’78, is a mortgage loan officer in the Boise Mortgage Production Center with First Security Bank.

PAMELA (DENNEY) BANNING, BS, biology, ’79, is a database coordinator for ARUP Laboratories in Salt Lake City.

LURA JEAN KIDNER-MIESSEN, BA, history, secondary education, ’79, is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Baker City, Ore.

WANDA LYNN VOSLER, BFA, art, ’79, is a clinical psychologist in Salem, Ore.

ROGER K. WIDNER, BBA, computer information systems, ’79, is an account manager with Metamor ITS (formerly COMSYS) in Boise.

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DENNIS JAY BASSFORD, BBA, accounting, ’80, recently was selected as a finalist in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards program. Bassford is president of Moneytree Inc. in Seattle.

FREDERICK JAMES VINCENT, BA, history, ’80, is an actor with United Artists and lives in Los Angeles.

JANE M. (HARRIS) DAMSCHEN, BBA, accounting, ’81, is senior vice president with BankAmerica in Charlotte, N.C. Damschen was a 1981 Top Ten Scholar at Boise State.

SARA J. DUGGIN, BM, music, ’81, teaches mathematics, English, history and music at Valley Oaks School in Petaluma, Calif.

JEFF WAKELAM, BA, advertising design, ’81, owns Creative Designs in Nampa. Wakelam’s company specializes in window designs, graphics, signs and murals.

EDMUND KENNETH RYBOLD JR., BBA, aviation management, ’82, a designated naval aviator, was recently promoted to commander. He is the current operations chief at U.S. Forces, Japan, and a joint staff member for U.S. Pacific Command located at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo. His wife, JANA LYNN (MULUNS) RYBOLD, AS, medical record technician, ’83, teaches English to 9th- and 11th-grade Japanese students. She also serves as vice president of the Yokota High School Boosters.

TRACIE LYNN (WADLEY) WEUS, BBA, marketing, ’82, is a credit officer in corporate credit administration with First Security Bank in Boise. Wells has over 15 years of experience in credit administration and was previously employed by West One Bancorp/U.S. Bancorp.

JOEL W. CARLSON, BA, advertising design, ’83, recently sold three tropical watercolors to the Sultan of Brunei for the sultan’s home in Beverly Hills, Calif. Carlson is a 15-year resident of Honolulu. Carlson’s work will be exhibited this spring at the Saletta Kinzica gallery in Pisa, Italy.

JOAN ADELE (PITTAWAY) ELIZONDO, BAS, ’83, teaches kindergarten for the Houston Independent School District in Houston.
PRINCIPAL GETS JUST DESSERTS

No one can say Helen Brown doesn't pay her bets — or isn't a good sport, for that matter. Brown, the principal at Poppelwell Elementary in Buhl, receives a tasty bath in 30 gallons of green Jell-O on a chilly March morning. The reason: The school's students recorded 10,000 hours of reading books this year, the magic number Brown said they needed to surpass before she would take her Jell-O bath. Each of Poppelwell's 650 students read an average of 27 books, for a total of more than 17,800 read by the entire student body since school started in September. Brown, a longtime Buhl resident, is in her third year as principal. She received an MA in education/curriculum and instruction from Boise State in 1995 and is a former member of the Boise State gymnastics team. The payoff to her unique bet attracted the attention of The Associated Press, and she has received inquiries from Good Morning America and the Los Angeles Times.

DWAYNE DARRELL HINES II, BBA, management, '83, is CEO of Iron Mountain Enterprises in Meridian. Hines recently published his eighth fitness book Fast Lane to Fitness. Hines resides in Meridian.

MARK K. JARRATT, BBA, management/aviation, '83, is a KC-135 refueling tanker instructor pilot, chief of training, assigned to the 22nd Air Refueling Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base. Jarratt was recently decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal for outstanding achievement or meritorious service, the second time he has received the award.

JULIA L. LAWNS OPEKUN, AS, respiratory therapy, '83, is working in the pulmonary function laboratory at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston.

NANCY DIANE (ER TIBER) DAVITT, BS, biology, '84, is executive director of the Alaska Bird Observatory in Fairbanks, Alaska.

SHAWN L. ( KAISER) EXLINE, BA, elementary education, '84, is an early childhood education and reading specialist with the State Department of Education. Exline previously was employed with the Meridian School District where she facilitated parental involvement in Title 1 programs and coordinated the Accelerated Reader, Waterford Reading and Kindergarten Checkpoint programs.

DARRELL B. IRWIN, BBA, computer information systems, '84, is a senior systems consultant for Computer Management Sciences Inc. Irwin resides in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

CECILIA A. ( SHO WERS) JEROME, AS, medical record technician, '84/AS, health information technology, '84, is employed with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Jerome writes policies and procedures for the health information management department.

ANNE LITTLE ROBERTS, BBA, management/behavioral, '84, is director of sales in the Boise market for U.S. Suites. Roberts previously was an account manager with the company.

GEOFFREY P. SMOKE, BBA, marketing, '84, is terminal manager for Roadway Express Inc., in Salem, Ore. Smoke previously was the relay manager for Roadway in Portland and has been with the company since 1985.

MICHAEL ROBERT RIDGEWAY, BS, physical education, '85, was named teacher of the month for January at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls. Ridgeway teaches ninth grade earth science and has been with the school for 12 years. He also coaches ninth grade girls' basketball, is intramural sports coordinator and is the parent/teacher student organization representative.

JOHN WILLIAM LIEBENTHAL, BA, music, '86, is a senior copywriter for Publicis, a Boise advertising agency.

JAMES MICHAEL MARIN MAN, MBA, '86, is a community development lender with Key Bank in Boise. Mariman lives in Meridian.

LAURA J. ( HEWETT) TIVIS, BA, psychology, '86, is an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Norman, Okla.

DOREEN L. COMPTON, BA, communication, '87, is a national sales account executive with U.S. Suites in Boise. Compton previously was the director of sales for the company in Boise. She has worked in the lodging industry for more than 10 years.

C. GRANT KING, BA, history, '87, practices law in Meridian with King Law Offices.

TIMOTHY D. SHOWERS, BA, art, '87, was promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of major. Showers is a foreign area officer-student training with the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

NADINE ( LORDS) BALL, BA, elementary education, '88, teaches second grade at Ucon Elementary in Ucon.

WADE KRUM, BS, criminal justice administration, '88, is a commissioned deputy with the Ada County Sheriff's Department in Boise.

KENNETH WAYNE WRO T E N, BBA, finance, '88, is a marketing representative at Alliance Title and Escrow Corp. in Nampa.

RANDALL SCOTT STOLZ, BA, political science, '89, is a commercial fisherman in Alaska. When not at sea, Stolz is pursuing teaching credentials in secondary social sciences and special education.

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NATALIE A. CAROLO, BA, elementary education, '90, teaches adult technology classes and eighth-grade English in Rigby. Carollo received her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Idaho State University in 1998.

JAMES WILLIAM GRUNKE, BS, political science, '90, is director of the Washington County Economic Development Commission in Weiser. Grunke previously was director of the economic development department for Clearwater County.

ANA CAROLYN ( O U THET) MILLER, BBA, marketing, '90, attends graduate school at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. Miller lives in Beverly, Mass.
MICHAEL R. REYNOLDS, BBA, marketing, ‘90, is manager of media relations with US WEST Communications in Idaho. Reynoldson previously lived in Chicago, where he worked as a regional director for the Republican National Committee.

JOSEPH L. DEIBNER, BBA, finance, ‘91, is an assistant relationship manager with U.S. Bank’s Boise Metro Business Banking Center.

BRET EUGENE FULLER, BS, psychology, ‘91, was awarded a doctorate degree in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri in Columbia. Fuller is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Michigan working as a research psychologist studying children of alcoholic parents.

KIM MARIE (DOWDE) HAMMOND, BA, social work, ‘91, is a social worker and case manager with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Boise, where she has worked for eight years. Hammond was named Social Worker of the Year by Boise’s Foster Parents in 1995, 1997 and 1998.

HEIDI L. (HOLBROCK) NEUMILLER, BS, radiologic technology, ‘91, is a radiologic technologist at Immanuel St. Joseph Hospital-Mayo Health System in Mankato, Minn.

KRISTINE L. ASIN, BA, advertising design, ‘92, owns Asin Graphic Design, a freelance graphic design business in Seattle.

MARK F. HAUETER, BS, health sciences, ‘92, is an insurance representative with Country Companies Insurance in Ontario, Ore. Haueter was recently named “top salesman” in Oregon.

JEFFREY TODD LOWE, BA, political science, ‘92, is a development analyst with the Ada County Highway District in Boise.

MOLLY KATHLEEN YORK, BA, elementary education, ‘92, recently received her master’s degree in education from Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

CARL D. ARRIOLA, BBA, accounting, ‘93, is a captain with Idaho Army National Guard serving a nine-month active duty deployment with the 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment in support of Operation Joint Forge. Arriola is the public affairs officer for the U.S. National Support Element based in Taszar, Hungary, responsible for public affairs activities in Croatia, Hungary and areas of Bosnia/Herzegovina. Arriola will continue working as a control analyst for BMC West Corp. this spring.

KATHRYN MARY “KATE”(RANFT) DRAKE, BS, nursing, ‘93, is a registered nurse and director of nursing at Moscow Care Center in Moscow. She was selected 1998 employee of the year by her co-workers.

ZIDDI MWETA MSANGI, BFA, advertising design, ‘93, is an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth.

TREVOR L. CASTLETON, BS, political science, ‘94, works for the law firm of Dial, Looze & May in Pocatello.

AMY JO LOVELAND, BA, elementary education, ‘94, is an NBA Denver Nuggets dancer and a professional model with Donna Baldwin Talent Agency. Loveland lives in Littleton, Colo.

FREDERICK J. SHADDICK, BA, history/secondary education, ‘94, was recently selected Drama Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Speech Arts Teachers Association. Shaddick teaches drama at Meridian High School.

HOLLY ANNE VAN EPS, BA, elementary education, ‘94, was recently named teacher of...
the month at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls. Van Eps teaches eighth-grade pre-algebra and algebra and is also a member of the District Math Committee.

KENT A. BATES, BBA, accounting, '95, is an agent at The Rice Agency, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Boise. Bates previously was assistant manager at Crane Creek Country Club in Boise.

VALORIE R. JONES, BA, history, '95, teaches at Jerome High School in Jerome.

SHAUNA WARR SAUER, BA, communication/training and development, '95, owns Global DOCS, an international document preparation business in Nampa.

G. SCOTT SINTAT, BA, communication, '95, received his master's degree in organizational communication from Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind. Sintay has been accepted and given full funding to pursue his doctorate degree in organizational behavior in human resource management at the Krannert Graduate School of Business at Purdue.

KRISTINE LEE WELCH, BA, elementary education, '95, is owner of Island Alarm Systems in Freeland, Wash.

KATYA KATHERINE BAJENova, BFA, art, '96, was the featured artist in January at The Basement Gallery in Boise. Bajenova paints portraits of singers, instrumentalists and dancers caught in rehearsal and performance.

TIMOTHY JOHN BELLINGHAM, BA, computer information systems, '96, is a programmer II at Albertson's general office in Boise.

AMY E. CATES, BA, elementary education, '96/BA, music, '96, teaches fifth grade at Joplin Elementary School in the Meridian School District.

JENNIFER LYN DORMAN, BS, chemistry, '96, is an organic chemist with Alchem Laboratories Inc. in Boise.

ROBERT J. NEUMILLER, BA, English/writing, '96, is pursuing a master's degree in fine arts in creative writing at Minnesota State University in Mankato.

TANYA LORENE PERRY, BA, English/teaching, '96, teaches ninth-grade English and is yearbook teacher/adviser at Meridian High School in Meridian.

SALESHE ANNE SMITH, BBA, finance, '96, is an operations accountant with Hewlett-Packard Work Group in the Laser Jet Division in Boise.

PHILLIP C. CLEMENTS, BS, civil engineering, '97, is an engineer-in-training with the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Clements lives in Pierre, S.D.

MATTHEW J. LISTER, BA, philosophy, '97, is pursuing his doctoral degree in philosophy at State University of New York in Albany.

SERGIO JOHN MYERS, BA, communication, '97, is show producer for El Entertainment Television and lives in Los Angeles.

MARGARET DIANE SANKEY, MA, history, '97, is studying modern European and American history at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala.

CASAAN LEE (NIELSON) SIRES, BA, communication, '97, is marketing and sales manager for The Chart House Restaurant in Boise.

JEFFREY DAVID JOHNS, BA, history, '98, is a staff historian for the Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise.

ELIZABETH HUONG PHAM, BBA, general business, '98, is an interpreter for the Mountain States Refugee Center in Boise.

Three Boise State music graduates returned to campus last semester to join the Symphonic Winds in concert. From left, Scott Turpin, Jennifer Robertson and Dennis Keck have gone on to successful careers in music. Turpin, '95, is a professor of jazz studies, saxophone and clarinet at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Robertson, '97, is a graduate assistant who teaches flute at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and Keck, '89, is 2nd trumpet player for the Boise Philharmonic and director of the 25th Army Band at Gowen Field.

WEDDINGS

ANA CAROLYN OUTHET and Mark Miller, June 7
THOMAS PATRICK MYHRE and Melinda Ann Gloc, (Aurora, Ill.) June 12
RICHARD WRIGHT and Marlene Mussler, (Caldwell) June 19
ALISON FAY ROACHE and MORRIS WALTER JONES, (Boise) June 20
CHAD HURRY and Jolyn A. Smith, (Boise) July 4
THERON THOMAS HOOK and Wendy L. Organ, (Caldwell) July 11
PATRICIA M. BALLARD and Douglas E. Miller, (Stanley) Aug. 8
MONICA DeCOKIE and Richard K. Nelson Jr., (Boise) Aug. 8
COLLEEN ANNETTE FELLOWS and Jeffrey S. McLoughlin, (Boise) Aug. 8
MICHAEL GEORGE AMES and Holly Ann Manley, (Meridian) Aug. 15
KELLI SUE HAROLDSEN and Richard J. Tomlinson, (Boise) Aug. 22
ANA MARIA LETI and Bryan Gregory Powell, (McCall) Aug. 22
AIMIE DIANE STAUFFER and TROY FRANCIS RICE, (Caldwell) Aug. 29
GREG B. SABALA and DONA JO STILWAUGH, (Meridian) Aug. 29
DIANE THERESE FAULK and Devin Stephens, (Meridian) Aug. 29
ROBERT LEE GRIMES and Jennifer Anne Brumpton, (Boise) Sept. 12
CARLY MOUNT RENFRO and Jason Theron Driever, (Boise) Sept. 19
CARA MARLENE THORNTON and Ken R. Brown, (Boise) Sept. 19
JEFFREY TODD LOWE and Jennifer D. Sampson, Sept. 19

OBITUARIES

JAMES EDWARD BEAN, BBA, general business, '78, died Jan. 10 at age 69. Bean retired in 1991 as a systems analyst with the Idaho Department of Education.


GENI ANN BRICKER, AS, nursing, '74, died Jan. 1 in Boise at age 48.

ROBERT LLOYD DAY, AA, general arts and sciences, '40, died Jan. 25 in Boise at age 79. Day was a broker and developer with Day Realty, which his father founded in 1908. Day served as mayor of Boise in 1959, helped plan the interstate freeway, and served on the first Ada County Highway District commission. He was former director and treasurer of the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLES F. DEGLER, BBA, accounting, '72, died Feb. 4 in Las Vegas, Nev., at age 64 of cancer.

ANDREW W. DURIE, AAS, consumer electronics, '83, died Nov. 25 in Pittsburg, Calif., at age 37. He worked for 11 years at Sescoa.
SUSAN EMILIE EISMANN, AAS, child care and development, '75, died Nov. 23 at age 46. Eismann was employed for many years at Parkview Bible Fellowship Day Care Center in Boise.

MARY JANE GAMEL, BA, elementary education, '59, died Feb. 16 in Emmett at age 82. Gamel taught school in Pocatello and at Sacred Heart School in Boise. She retired in 1982.

JANIS DIANA LEVI, BA, social science/secondary education, '72, died Feb. 24 in Boise at age 52. Levi had worked as a keypunch operator for Mountain States Wholesale and also worked in data processing at Idaho Power, Provident Federal and Albertson's. She was also active in Boise Little Theater.

RICHARD JAMES MCCWEN, BBA, finance, '74, died Feb. 25 in Boise at age 52 of cancer. McCwem taught school in Pocatello and at Tecnichem Corp. and was also administrator at Subpro Inc. in Boise.

KENNETH LEE MEKES, CC, culinary arts, '76, died Dec. 11 in Pocatello at age 56. Meeks was a facility maintenance worker for Farmers Insurance for many years and was self-employed at Ken's Painting for 10 years.

ROBERT MICHAEL PETERSON, BA, history/secondary education, '74, died Dec. 11 of cancer at age 48. Peterson was employed at Kwallis and Richards Inc. in Boise.

LYLE REYNOLD PRICE, MBA, '78, died Nov. 18 of leukemia in Peachtree City, Ga. He was 63. Price was a cost control scheduler for Bechtel Corp. in Panama, Kuwait, South Carolina and most recently in Boston.

JACK QUENTIN RENCHER, BBA, accounting, '70, died Feb. 27 in Boise at age 50. Rencher worked at TechniChem Corp. and was also administrator and general manager of Idaho Sub Contractors Bid Service Inc.

ANNETTE LOUISE SPERO, BA, social science, '77, died Feb. 23 in Boise at age 85. Spero was employed as a stenographer and secretary by the federal government from 1936-1984.

GAIL LEE WATTERLIN, BA, social science, '78, died Dec. 12 in Salt Lake City at age 54. Watterlin lived in Boise and worked as a substitute teacher and driver education instructor for the Boise schools.

TODD PATRICK WENZEL, BS, computer science, '97, died Jan. 18 in Boise of chronic liver failure. He was 34. At the time of his death Wenzel was employed by Automated Business Services Inc.

LINDA RUTH (FEWENS) WOODMANSEE, CC, practical nursing, '85, died Dec. 16 in Boise at age 57. Woodmansee worked as a nurse for Intermountain Hospital in Boise.

WILLIAM M. "BILL" WORLEY, AA, general arts and sciences, '52, died Dec. 3 in El Sobrante, Calif., at age 76. Worley was a high school teacher for many years before becoming a psychology instructor at Contra Costa Community College in San Pablo, Calif., where he taught until he retired in 1997.

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BRONCO FIGHT SONG, MARCHES ON CD

Boise State University's fight song is now on compact disc.

The university's Symphonic Winds released the CD Orange and Blue Spirit - Marches and More in February. The CD's spirit collection includes the Boise State fight song, Orange and Blue, and Les Bois, Boise State's alma mater, as well as Auld Lang Syne and the rendition of the Star Spangled Banner that is performed at Boise State football games. Also featured are seven other marches written by American, German and British composers.

The compact disc can be purchased for $10 at the Boise State Bookstore in the Student Union or from the music department office in the Morrison Center, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725.

WANT TO HELP? CALL THESE LOCAL CHAPTERS

The Alumni Association provides programs and events that cater to a wide array of alumni and friends. Several chapters have been formed to help organize alumni programs throughout the Northwest. Alumni interested in chapter activities can contact either the chapter representative or the Alumni Office for more information.

The following individuals have volunteered to help with Alumni Association events in various geographic or academic areas:

PUGET SOUND: Dennis Ward, (253) 839-7627 or Tom Dougherty, (425) 640-2325 or mot@halcyon.com.
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MAGIC VALLEY: Emmett Brollier, (208) 736-1306 or Todd Blass, 733-3821.
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CAMPUS MOURNS LOSS OF FIVE COLLEAGUES

Boise State mourned the loss of five people who died earlier this year.

Former education professor and state legislator PAT BIETER, 68, and his wife, ELOISE, 73, died in a car accident north of Horseshoe Bend on Jan. 24. Pat Bieter joined Boise State in 1969 and retired in 1995. He was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives in 1996. Winner of a 1992 BSU Foundation award for teaching, Bieter was honored this spring when ASBSU named its annual faculty recognition awards for him.

Former communication professor RICHARD BOYLAND died on Jan. 25 of natural causes at age 60. In addition to teaching at Boise State, Boylan also taught in Montana, Iowa, California and Cairo, Egypt. He was hospitalized in Boise at the time of his death. A native of Iowa, Boyland was an international newspaper correspondent and author of numerous scholarly articles and papers.

Former vice president of finance and administration ASA RUYLE died Feb. 8 in Boise at the age of 78. Ruyle served as the university's chief financial officer from 18 years until his retirement in 1994. After his retirement from BSU, he worked for Superintendent of Public Instruction Anne Fox.

JIM HASSELT, director of information technology, died of complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma on Feb. 10 at age 56. Hasselt joined Boise State as head of OIT after serving in a similar capacity at Central Washington University.

The University Symphonic Winds, organized in 1941, is the premier performance ensemble of the university band program. It includes the All Campus Concert Band, the Treasure Valley Concert Band and the Blue Thunder Marching Band.

The Symphonic Winds are under the direction of music professor Marcellus Brown.

"The only time our alumni and fans could hear the fight song was during games. We wanted to provide them with the opportunity to listen to the song anytime they want," says Brown.

"We think people also will enjoy the other marches and songs we have included in the CD."

More information about the CD is available at the music department, phone (208) 426-1772.
BSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 8 — Alumni Night at the Theatre, Morrison Center.
APRIL 17 — Alumni Food Caravan. Food drive to benefit Idaho Food Bank.
APRIL 21 — Top Ten Scholars/Distinguished Alumni Dinner, Student Union. 6 p.m.
MAY 1 — Bronco Athletic Association/Boise State Alumni Association Auction '99, Boise Centre on the Grove. 4 p.m.
MAY 4 — College of Business and Economics chapter meeting, Louie’s restaurant, downtown Boise. 5:30 p.m.
MAY 14 — Graduation Celebration, Student Union north lawn. Noon.
MAY 20 — Alumni Association annual meeting, Student Union. Noon.
MAY 21 — Golf tournament, Warm Springs Golf Course, Boise.
JUNE 10 — Golf tournament, Sandcreek Golf Club, Idaho Falls
JUNE 11 — Golf tournament, Desert Canyon Golf Club, Mountain Home
JUNE 18 — Golf tournament, Clear Lakes Golf Club, Buhl.
JUNE 24-26 — Northwest Swing through Spokane, Seattle and Portland.
JULY 9 — Golf tournament, River Bend Golf Course, Wilder.
JULY 16 — Golf tournament, Scotch Pines Golf Course, Payette.
JULY 17 — Alumni Night at SummerFest/Wine Tasting in Julia Davis Park.
JULY 23 — Alumni Night at Boise Hawks.

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AUCTION ’99 SET FOR MAY 1

Cruises, vacations to Disneyland and Hawaii and jewelry were among the many items donated for the Bronco Athletic Association/Boise State Alumni Association Auction ’99. The biennial auction, the university’s largest fund-raising activity, will be held May 1 at Boise Centre on the Grove.

Auction ’97 netted more than $276,000. Proceeds this year will be used for scholarships and facility enhancements. At FOCUS press time, auction organizers had secured more than $310,000 in donated items.

“Our goal is to net more than $300,000, so we still need more items,” says Bob Davies, executive director of the Alumni Association.

A portion of the proceeds this year will be used to establish the Distinguished Freshman Alumni Association Scholarship. Proceeds may also be used to start a fund for an alumni center.

“The association has grown tremendously over the last decade. As we continue to expand and offer more programs, it will become necessary for the Alumni Association to have its own home — a place where all alumni can meet,” says Davies.

Tickets for Auction ’99 are $85 per person. Tickets include admission to the silent and live auctions, dinner and two drinks. Donations and tickets can be handled through the Alumni Office.

ALUMNI FOOD CARAVAN

This spring the Alumni Association is gathering food and supplies for the Idaho Food Bank. The food bank typically receives most of its donations during the holiday season. This drive is designed to help replenish the supply of food that was used over the winter.

“This is a time in which the need is great and the supplies are low,” says organizer and association board member Kip Mogridge.

The goal is to gather enough food and supplies during March and April to form a caravan to the food bank on April 17.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Alumni Association’s annual meeting will be held May 20 at noon in the Student Union. The agenda includes the election of board members and officers as well as progress reports from Boise State President Charles Ruch, Alumni Association President Dr. Micheal Adcox and Executive Director Bob Davies. Alumni who plan to attend the annual meeting can contact the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1959.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Dr. Micheal Adcox, President
BSU Alumni Association

During Boise State’s celebration of its 25th year as a university in February, a parade of events were held in the Student Union, Morrison Center, The Pavilion and Allen Noble Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame is especially worthy of mention because it is the newest of the facilities and is evidence of the growth and maturation of Boise State. This outstanding facility provides a physical location where the achievements of our most talented student-athletes can be recognized and treasured for years to come. In addition, it now serves as a gathering place for student-athletes when they come “home,” as many of them did for the 25th anniversary festivities.

While we are very proud of our athletic heritage and accomplishments, the university is becoming increasingly known for its academic and civic achievements. Many of Boise State’s brightest shining alumni have earned national and international prominence, yet there is no place on campus where they are recognized.

Where at Boise State does one go to see the accomplishments of those who have received the Distinguished Alumni Award? Where do we honor our Top Ten Scholars? Where is the place where Boise State’s rich academic history and tradition are displayed?

Where do we house the infrastructure of the Alumni Association as it grows and acquires new technologies? Do we have on campus a place where a fatherly alum can host a wedding reception for his daughter and new son-in-law?

On many campuses, the answer to those questions is an alumni center. Is it wise and fiscally responsible for the Boise State Alumni Association to embark upon establishing its own alumni center? This question is being explored by the executive committee and the board of directors of the Alumni Association. Investigation of this possibility has also received the support of central university administration, and the eventual development of an alumni center is part of the master plan for the university.

While these may be the entities that formalize the commitment, it will be the work of many that turns this dream of an alumni center into reality.

At which university anniversary celebration do you picture a new alumni center being showcased? We hope the answer will be forthcoming soon.

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TEE OFF AT TOURNAMENTS

Take advantage of an opportunity to meet alumni from your area, renew friendships and talk to President Charles Ruch at Alumni Association golf tournaments this summer throughout southern Idaho.

Proceeds are designated for a Boise State scholarship fund to benefit students from the area in which the tournament is held.

The scramble-format tournaments are scheduled for May 21, Warm Springs Golf Course, Boise; June 10, Sand Creek Golf Club, Idaho Falls; June 11, Desert Canyon Golf Club, Mountain Home; June 18, Clear Lakes Golf Club, Buhl; July 9, River Bend Golf Course, Wilder; July 16, Scotch Pines Golf Course, Payette.

Each tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is $85 ($75 in Idaho Falls) and includes  green fees, cart fees, Alumni Association clothing and a post-tournament barbecue. The barbecue at 5:30 p.m. is open to all alumni. Cost for the barbecue for non-golfers is $10.

OVERTON PEDALS FOR AIDS

RICK OVERTON, a ’93 social sciences graduate and former Arbiter editor, will join the cyclists taking part in the June 6-11 California AIDS Ride, which last year raised almost $10 million for prevention of the disease.

Overtont is dedicating his ride to the memory of Brian Bergquist, the assistant director of the Student Union and noted gay activist who died from a heart attack in June.

Overtont hopes to raise more than the minimum $2,500 in pledges. “Brian did a lot of great things for people other than himself, and this is one way I can honor him,” says Overtont, a freelance writer in San Francisco.

To pledge, contact him at (415) 821-6228 or e-mail riverton@pacbell.net.
TEN WAYS TO ENDOW A SCHOLARSHIP

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3. Real or Personal Property
   You can deduct the full market value of gifts of appreciated property such as real estate, art, antiques, etc.

4. Life Insurance
   You can gift a paid up policy or designate Boise State as owner and beneficiary of a policy and get a charitable deduction for the annual premium you pay. A policy is an ideal way to make a significant tax favorable gift to Boise State at a very low cost.

5. Bequest
   Designate Boise State as a beneficiary of your will and significantly reduce estate taxes for your loved ones.

6. Retained Life Estate
   You can gift your residence, vacation home or farm while retaining occupancy for life and receive immediate tax benefits.

7. Trusts
   Secure a lifetime of income for you and your spouse and gain a considerable tax savings by establishing a charitable remainder trust.

8. Matching Gifts
   You can often increase your gift of cash or securities by simply completing a form. Your company may match its employees' contributions to nonprofit organizations. Please see your company's personnel office for details.

9. Charitable Lead Trusts
   You can provide a gift of income interest to Boise State from an asset for a term of years after which the property reverts back to you or your beneficiary.

10. Retirement Plan Gifts
    Remainder interest in your retirement plan (IRA, 401k and 403b) can provide income to your beneficiary and ultimately benefit Boise State University with significant tax savings.

If you would like more information on how you can establish a named endowment that will benefit countless generations of future students, contact Bob Fritsch, Executive Director of the Boise State University Foundation, Inc. at (208) 426-3276 or (800) 341-6150.
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