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Members of the Boise State football team celebrate their 34-31 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl victory over favored Louisville in Bronco Stadium on Dec. 30. Led by second-year coach Dirk Koetter, the 1999 Broncos brought back the luster of football excellence to Boise State with a 10-3 season, the Big West championship, and a triumph in the H-Bowl — their first postseason appearance as a Division I-A team. Story and photos on Page 10. John Kelly photo.
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ABOUT THE COVER: There’s little argument that new and daunting challenges confront today’s kids as we enter the new millennium. Facing issues such as communicating with parents, school violence and cultural barriers, it’s clear that kids at the start of the 21st century have plenty to think about. In this issue, FOCUS looks at some of those issues from the vantage point of teachers, parents, school administrators, law enforcement officials — and most important, the kids themselves. Chuck Sheer photo.
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY — WEST CAMPUS

By Charles Ruch, President

Drive down Can-Ada road, just north of Interstate 84, and you will pass the site of the West Campus of Boise State University. You will notice earth moving equipment and the beginning of roads, utility corridors and initial landscaping—all necessary infrastructure for a full-service campus. Boise State West is under construction!

Our need to build expanded facilities to serve the citizens of western Treasure Valley is based on the current and future demographics of our area.

We are all aware of the population growth across the valley. Canyon County has grown 37 percent over the last decade and this growth is expected to continue well into the future.

Fueling this growth is the fast-changing local economy. The Treasure Valley, selected as the best metropolitan area in which to conduct business by a recent study, is becoming a high technology mecca.

With fewer than 100 high tech firms in 1995, the valley now has more than 300 such businesses, many along the I-84 corridor west of Boise.

Of course, such businesses depend on a trained workforce. Increased population and the knowledge economy make postsecondary education a critical element in the valley’s future.

Our 1994 Strategic Plan called for the acquisition of land in Canyon County for a satellite campus. In 1996, the university received $5 million to both complete phase two of its Canyon County Center (2407 Caldwell Boulevard) and acquire land for a future branch campus.

In 1997, the university purchased more than 150 acres on Can-Ada Road (north of the Idaho Center), for a future campus. The following year, a campus master plan was developed.

In 1998, the Legislature appropriated $2 million of an estimated $5 million needed to complete the campus infrastructure. This infrastructure is now under construction. Buildings will follow.

As the development of the West Campus has proceeded, at least three questions have emerged. Some thoughts about each.

First, what programs will be offered on this campus? Should the campus be limited to the community college function? Is there a need for a full-service campus?

We are planning to offer as much of our total undergraduate curriculum at the satellite campus as resources and demand permit. Additionally, we will continue our pre-baccalaureate programs and selected graduate work.

Support for this full-service strategy was confirmed with data from a recent survey.

During the spring 1999 semester, 1,000 people were surveyed across the valley. Included were responses from Canyon and other western counties. Questions focused on current and future expectations for Boise State University and its campuses.

The most significant finding of the study was that respondents wanted courses and programs across our current curriculum. No single discipline or level of instruction appeared to dominate the findings. Over time, a full-service campus, save student housing and expensive laboratories, is planned.

Second, what is the future of the current Canyon County Center facility? The center now offers all core subjects for a bachelor’s degree, associate degrees, nine applied technical programs, a distance learning network and a number of student services.

Clearly, much of what is being offered at this center will continue. Growth will support both facilities and more.

Finally, how much will the campus cost, who will provide the funds, and how soon will the first building be constructed?

The total cost of a campus is a number left only to the imagination, needs and available resources. What we do know with certainty is the following: The next phase of infrastructure is about $3 million — this includes roads, bridges (over irrigation ditches), lighting, parking lots, utility corridors and continued landscaping.

The design costs for the first building are $500,000 and the building itself is estimated at $10 million. This first building will become the centerpiece for the campus, and will, of necessity, be a multi-purpose facility, pending the expansion of the campus.

We are looking to the state for the major support for these needs, but anticipate we will need some private support to move the project along. This approach, of course, has been common throughout the history of our university.

Our request to the 2000 session of the Idaho Legislature is for at least $3.5 million — $3 million for infrastructure phase II and $500,000 for building design. Of course, additional dollars for building construction would move the project ahead.

Because the Boise campus is landlocked, construction on the satellite campus is both critical and immediate. Your support is both critical and important.

As always, I appreciate your comments. I can be reached at 208 426-1491 or through e-mail: cruch@boisestate.edu.
BOISE STATE RECEIVES REACCREDITATION

Programs and faculty at Boise State received an official stamp of approval in December when the Northwest Association of Colleges and Universities reaffirmed the university's accreditation.

The 14-member evaluation team gave Boise State high marks for its "institutionwide commitment to and engagement with the southwestern Idaho region." The team also commended the university for improvements to the Albertsons Library, the accreditation of engineering programs and the development of a new doctorate degree in geophysics.

"Boise State has a quality about it that is reflective of the dynamic nature of the Boise region, which both mirrors and helps to define the high energy growth of the university," the accreditation report said.

Boise State President Charles Ruch says accreditation by the association means the university's programs meet or exceed national standards of excellence.

"The team was supportive of the strategic direction the university is taking as we respond to growth in the region. But just as important, they have some excellent suggestions for improvement," Ruch says.

In its report, the association team said national accreditation of engineering programs "validates the quality of these new degree programs." The team also commended the university for the quality of its strategic planning process and for the students' willingness to help fund recreational and parking facilities, the athletic programs and computer laboratories.

The team advised Boise State to give special attention to outcomes assessment, academic advising and student services. It also recommended that the university develop additional programs to evaluate and assist adjunct faculty.

In addition to overall accreditation by the Northwest Association of Colleges and Universities, Boise State holds specialized accreditation in more than 25 programs, including business, education and engineering.

UNIVERSITY SEEKS WEST CAMPUS $$$

Boise State will ask the 2000 session of the Idaho Legislature for $3.5 million to complete construction of the infrastructure of the university's satellite campus in Canyon County and begin plans for the first building.

"This is our top priority for capital funds," says President Charles Ruch. "Our current facility in Canyon County will exceed capacity by the time we get started on construction."

Boise State serves more than 6,000 students with academic, applied technology and non-credit courses at its present center in Nampa, which has been in operation since 1986.

Two years ago, the university purchased 150 acres near the Idaho Center for development of a satellite campus — now called Boise State West — that will bring more of Boise State's programs to the rapidly growing population center of west Ada and Canyon counties.

Boise State has begun work on the new campus' infrastructure, such as power and water systems, roads, bridges and landscaping. The university will request $3 million from the Legislature to complete that work. An additional $500,000 will be used to draft plans for the first building, which will be a combination of offices and classrooms.

Construction will begin on that building when funds become available either from the Legislature or private sources.

In addition to the capital request, Boise State will ask the Legislature to approve a total budget of $87.5 million, an 8 percent increase over the current year.

The request includes $1.6 million to fund additional operating expenses, faculty and support personnel needed because of recent enrollment increases. This fall Boise State passed the 16,000 mark for the first time, enrolling 16,216 students.

The university will also ask the Legislature for $612,000 in salary equity funds to close the gap between Boise State's salaries and those at other state universities in the West.

Other requests include $612,000 to hire new faculty for the growing outreach programs in Twin Falls and Canyon County and $612,000 in one-time funds to renovate and equip 11 classrooms with new instructional technology.

An additional capital request includes $1 million to upgrade the university's electrical system to accommodate the growth in facilities that has occurred over the last 10 years.
As the John Templeton Foundation announced in October that Boise State was being nationally recognized for its leadership in the field of student character development, two groups of students were quietly doing what they do every week.

Psychology students were reading to kids at a Head Start school, while back on campus social work students met to plan a fund-raiser to buy Christmas gifts for needy children.

It was for those activities — and dozens like them — that Boise State was included in The Templeton Guide, an annual publication that contains profiles of programs that the publication says “inspire students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives.”

“Our faculty and staff work hard to connect classroom learning with service to the community. We’re honored to be in a national guide that recognizes those efforts,” says Boise State President Charles Ruch, himself the volunteer chair of Boise’s United Way fund drive this year.

The Templeton Guide recognized Boise State for its array of volunteer service activities and for its annual Martin Luther King Jr./Human Rights Celebration.

Programs cited by the guide included the service-learning program, which offers an extra-credit option for involvement in community service, the student-run Volunteer Services Board and the community service involvement by student organizations and faculty.

Before student groups receive funding from student government, members must agree to perform community service. As a result, thousands of Boise State students participate in volunteer service. Boise State’s volunteer programs were among 60 mentioned in the guide.

The university’s Human Rights Celebration, staged during the week of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, was among 40 civic education programs featured in the guide. The annual celebration includes lectures, art exhibits, concerts, panel discussions, educational workshops, volunteer opportunities and a march to the state capitol.

“Boise State’s strong commitment to character development and the strength of its programs make it a model for colleges and universities nationwide,” says Arthur Schwartz, director of character development programs at the John Templeton Foundation, the publisher of the guide.

“We hope The Templeton Guide helps prospective college students and their parents learn more about what colleges are doing to promote the core values of honesty, self-control, respect and service to those less fortunate.”

Information about ordering the guide is available on the Templeton Foundation web site at www.templeton.org/press or by calling 1-800-621-2736.
It was a dream football season that included a Big West championship and a win over rival Idaho. But the best was saved for last. Boise State’s Broncos won their first bowl game since moving to Division I when they beat the favored Louisville Cardinals 34-31 in the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl on Dec. 30.

It was a sweet win for coach Dirk Koetter’s team, which ended the season at 10 wins and three losses. After early defeats at UCLA and Hawaii, the Broncos only lost to North Texas en route to their first Big West title. In a season of big wins, the bowl victory was the biggest. Played before a national ESPN2 television audience and a near-sellout crowd in Bronco Stadium, the Boise State defense stopped All-American quarterback Chris Redman while the offense ran up a Humanitarian Bowl record 533 yards against the Conference USA representatives.

Another Conference USA team took center stage following the bowl game when the No. 3 ranked Cincinnati Bearcats handed the Bronco men’s basketball team a 78-46 loss before a near-sellout crowd in The Pavilion. The combined football-basketball attendance surpassed the 40,000 mark.

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BRONCOS BOUND FOR WAC CONFERENCE

The Broncos will face a new set of opponents when Boise State jumps from the shifting sands of the Big West to the more solid ground of the Western Athletic Conference in 18 months.

Fans could use the conference as a teaching aid in geography class. The WAC stretches from Hawaii to Louisiana, with stops in California, Texas, Oklahoma and Nevada. The universities include private schools - Rice, Southern Methodist and Tulsa — and large public institutions — Fresno State, San Jose State, Texas-El Paso, Hawaii, Louisiana Tech and Nevada.

With the exception of Louisiana Tech, all of the schools are in urban areas, and only one, Nevada, is a land grant institution.

"We have a great deal in common with most of the schools in the WAC," says Boise State President Charles Ruch. "The conference is a good fit for us, both in terms of academic and athletic profiles."

It will take time to build rivalries with the new opponents, but fans will see a higher level of competition in the WAC, says athletic director Gene Bleymaier. Only three of the schools — Boise State, Nevada and Louisiana Tech — are newcomers to Division I-A football. And the conference will feature some marquee matchups in basketball when the women face Louisiana Tech, which has made 17 straight NCAA appearances, or the men play the Jerry Tarkanian-led Fresno State Bulldogs.

The WAC mix of sports includes all Bronco programs except for gymnastics and wrestling. Those will remain in their respective Big West and Pac-10 conferences. There is more revenue potential in the WAC, says Bleymaier, who points out that the biggest expense for Boise State came with the move from a Division I-AA program to I-A four years ago.

The WAC requires a $600,000 buy-in, which Boise State will pay over a four-year period. The Broncos should stay in the black while making those payments, says Bleymaier. Once the buy-in is paid, the university stands to collect as much as $500,000 more annually than its current Big West revenues because of increased conference revenue sharing, television revenue, sponsorships and fund-raising.

"This move is a progression to the next level of competition. It will demand more from our coaches, student-athletes and fans, but we are ready to meet that challenge," says Ruch.

WAC MOVE MEANS MORE STABILITY FOR BRONCO ATHLETICS

Boise State's acceptance into the WAC came in mid-October when the conference extended a bid following the departure of Texas Christian to Conference USA. The defection led to the WAC's addition of Boise State and Louisiana Tech, bringing its conference membership to 10.

Boise State's WAC move was hastened by the eminent demise of the Big West as a football-playing conference. Two teams in the current Big West mix — Nevada and Arkansas State — were slated to leave the conference, leaving only five football programs, which is one short of the NCAA number required for a conference. Earlier, the non-football schools in the Big West expressed a desire to drop football by 2001.

"We had to find a more stable situation for our programs. Our move to the WAC gives us that," says Boise State President Charles Ruch.

After Boise State left the conference, three other Big West schools — Idaho, North Texas and New Mexico State — joined the Sunbelt Conference, which will add football in 2001. Utah State opted to play football as an independent.
PROFESSOR OF YEAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Bob Evancho

Pam Gehrke combines classroom learning with community service to prepare tomorrow's nurses. And she does it well.

So well, in fact, that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected Gehrke the 1999 Idaho Professor of the Year. She was named Idaho's recipient of the prestigious award along with winners in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

A 12-year nursing professor at Boise State, she is regularly praised by her supervisors, peers and students alike for her acute sense of public responsibility in helping to address public health concerns.

Over the past few years, Gehrke has been instrumental in her students' involvement in projects such as asthma detection in schoolchildren, teen suicide awareness and prevention, the need for childhood immunization, and the prevention of firearm accidents among children.

"Part of what I try to do is help students acquire the power and ability to change things," says Gehrke. "I want them to realize within themselves the ability to develop skills and use knowledge. Then they can go out and help their communities and make a difference."

Gehrke demurs when asked to describe her strengths as a teacher. But when prodded, she points to the civic-minded projects she assigns to her students each semester. "I think my students like being able to find their own way, but knowing there is support and coaching behind them. They like the fact that the projects they work on are real and useful."

In 1998, Gehrke won the Public Health Nurse Creative Achievement Award from the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association for her "creative contributions to public health nursing."

She also received the Boise State department of nursing's Most Outstanding Faculty award for 1998-99. She served four years on the Boise State Faculty Senate and represents the faculty on the university's Executive Budget Committee.

An Idaho native, Gehrke joined Boise State in 1987 after she earned her master's degree in nursing-community health/education from the University of Portland.

Gehrke's honor marks the second consecutive year and the fourth time overall that a Boise State professor has won the award. She joins political science chair Stephanie Witt, who won the 1998 award, Honors College director and political science professor Greg Raymond and English professor Tom Trusky as Idaho Professor of the Year recipients from Boise State.

HARRIS JAZZ FEST SCHEDULED IN APRIL

The third annual Boise State University Gene Harris Jazz Festival will be held April 6-8, 2000, and will bring Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Arturo Sandoval back to Boise, this time accompanied by his own band.

Sandoval will be the headliner for the Friday, April 7, guest artist concert in The Pavilion. Saturday night will feature the Gene Harris Family & Friends concert, also in The Pavilion, with festival newcomer Chuck Mangione, Boise native Curtis Sigers, Niki Harris and others.

Club Night, the festival's successful downtown Boise event, will be expanded for the 2000 festival and will coincide with downtown Boise's First Thursday celebration on April 6.

The festival will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday this year, with concerts each evening and student clinics and competitions during the day Friday and Saturday. The move to the weekend will allow more of the public to attend the free daytime sessions, according to organizers.

Series tickets go on sale this month, with tickets for individual concerts to follow in February.

The educational component of the festival will bring together more than 1,000 high school students for competitions and workshops with artists.

Festival proceeds benefit the Gene Harris Endowment, which supports scholarships for students who wish to study jazz at Boise State.

For more information, send e-mail to jazz@boisestate.edu, call 208 426-3099 or visit the festival's new web page at www2.boisestate.edu/geneharris.
School Bus Ride Puts Poetry in Motion

By Melanie Threlkeld McConnell

This is no ordinary bus ride home for 10-year-old Caryssa Cremers. Instead of chatting with friends or looking out the window, she is busy writing poetry as the big yellow bus bounces and sways along the curvy, two-lane road, dropping off students after another school day in Payette.

Cremers and the other 30 students on the Little Willow route, a 46-mile round trip for bus driver Steve Lewis, are quietly engrossed in an assignment from Idaho poet Diane Raptosh, who stands at the front of the bus with a microphone in hand. The students are using magnetic words to write their poems on the inside walls of the bus. The poems later will be photographed with a digital camera and printed using the school’s computer.

The project, called Idaho Skylights, is another creation of Boise State English professor Tom Trusky. Trusky’s plan: place Idaho poets and graphic artists on school buses in rural areas to introduce poetry to children who may have limited exposure to modern poems or who may have never met a poet.

Routes at Elk City, Riggins, Challis and Payette were included in the fall project. Runs in the spring will include Arco and Grangeville. The Idaho Commission on the Arts and Boise State’s English department are matching a National Endowment for the Arts grant to fund the project.

Idaho Skylights is a new take on Trusky’s Poetry in Public Places and the Poetry in Motion projects that have distributed poetry posters throughout Idaho for several years.

“I realized there were places in Idaho that I had not yet nailed a poem to,” Trusky says. “Then I realized there was a fleet of yellow school buses. But

the real breakthrough came when I thought, ‘Let’s put live poets and graphic artists on them instead of [just] poetry posters.’”

Trusky does use poetry posters with this project, but they are nearly 6 feet long, laminated and magnetically attached to the roof of the bus. The six-poem series is designed to look like a skylight.

On this bright October afternoon, the Payette students, who range from kindergarten through 12th grade, listen politely as Raptosh reminds them of her lesson from the morning ride: poetry can affect all of one’s senses and it does not have to rhyme!

Raptosh, who teaches poetry and literature at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell, says she hopes to instill in them that poetry is the language of the imagination.

So far, so good. She found these poems after the morning lesson: “Baby is star of moms (sic) heart.” “I use too (sic) fly over green fish.” And, “Imagine slow music once ran.”

Young children are capable of doing almost anything, they just need exposure, she says.

That was the reason Payette High School English teacher Judy Fuller asked Trusky to bring the project to her school. She wanted the students to hear and read poetry that reflected real life situations. Often, she says, students in rural communities have an antiquated view of poetry because their exposure is so limited.

Still, writing poetry on a moving bus that lurches to a stop and start every 10 minutes or so to let students off is a bit challenging.

But Cremers is oblivious to the interruptions. Writing poetry is old hat for the budding author who cites writer Shel Silverstein’s *Where the Sidewalk Ends* as her inspiration. Cremers sounds like a veteran writer as she explains how words can move people to feel different emotions.

As driver Lewis guides the bus into the parking lot of Payette High School at the end of his run, Raptosh and Fuller walk the aisle looking at the student creations. No paper wads or trash to be found. But nearly every student has left a poem. Among them are these gems: “Where is the pool inside the castle?” and “I don’t do poetry. Perfume will make you smile.”

“The kids didn’t know what to expect,” says Fuller. “But once they got acclimated, they really warmed up. On the afternoon run, some were even down on the floor organizing their poems.”

“I like for students of any age to see that poetry is essentially a play­ful activity, another way to have fun ... that’s what Skylights is all about,” Raptosh says.

Albertson College professor Diane Raptosh, bottom, gives Payette students a moving lesson in poetry as part of the Idaho Skylights project.

Above: Student Caryssa Cremers composes her poem on the bus seat.

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BSU TO HOST NCAA GYMNASTICS MEET

The nation's top collegiate female gymnasts will converge on the Boise State campus April 13-15 for the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships.

This year will be Boise State's first as host for the event, which is expected to draw athletes from defending national champion University of Georgia, UCLA, Stanford and the universities of Alabama, Michigan and Utah, among others.

The top 12 women's gymnastics teams in the nation will compete. Individual event qualifiers will also participate. Both a national team and individual event champions will be crowned.

All-session tickets are on sale at the BSU athletic ticket office, or by phone at 208 426-4737. Tickets are $31.50 for four sessions, with youth discounts available.

The event is expected to be a hit with spectators, says Herb Criner, Boise State associate athletic director.

"This is the first time that Boise State will showcase solely an NCAA women's sport," Criner says. "It should be a great experience for families and motivating for young girls." □

CONGRESS OKAYS BOISE STATE FUNDS

The recent appropriations bill passed by Congress authorizes two federal agencies to provide up to $5 million for two Boise State projects.

The exact amount Boise State will receive won't be known until the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Department of Defense allocate their budgets.

The USAID could allocate up to $3 million so Boise State can continue to help Vietnam develop a business school within the National Economics University in Hanoi. Boise State has been involved in the project since 1994 and managed it since 1997. More than 80 MBA students have received Boise State degrees and university administrators have helped to develop the infrastructure of the new college, which will play a key role in supporting Vietnam's transition to a market economy.

Boise State could also receive up to $2 million from the Department of Defense to conduct research on microelectromechanical systems, which are used in the sensing devices found in air bag systems. The sensor technology could also be used by the military to detect harmful chemicals.

Boise State will conduct the research in cooperation with the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina.

Boise State Provost Daryl Jones cited members of Idaho's congressional delegation for their work on the appropriations bill. Especially key was the assistance of Sen. Larry Craig, a member of the Appropriations Committee, Jones says. □

CANYON CENTER OFFERS HISPANIC CLASSES

Boise State's sociology department will offer the complete series of classes for its Mexican-American studies minor at the Canyon County Center in a move that the department hopes will expose both Hispanics and whites in the area to Idaho's largest minority culture.

The department will offer two classes at the center this spring and fall 2000, and expand to four starting in spring 2001.

Pat Dorman, chair of the sociology department, says it is only natural that Boise State offer the minor in Canyon County, which boasts the largest Hispanic population in the state.

The classes, which range from history to culture to current events, will benefit students with Mexican ethnic ties who want to learn more about their culture, Dorman says.

And it also will help non-Hispanics. "This is also for people who live in the area and who want to have a greater understanding of their neighbors," she says.

The public can take classes individually, or students can work toward the Mexican-American studies minor, which can be earned after passing 24 credit hours. □

Box Score

Here is a roundup of how Bronco teams fared during the fall sports seasons.

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NEW CENTER DOUBLES ENGINEERING SPACE

The classroom, laboratory and office space in Boise State's College of Engineering complex will nearly double in size this month when the 62,720-square-foot Micron Engineering Center opens its doors for occupancy.

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new four-story building will be held Jan. 21.

The Micron Center will join with the 63,000-square-foot Engineering and Technology Building and the 14,160-square-foot Harry W. Morrison Civil Engineering Building, which opened last fall, to form a three-building complex to house the civil, electrical and mechanical engineering programs; the construction management program; and the instructional and performance technology program. Portions of the Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology are also housed in the 10-year-old Engineering and Technology Building.

The new building represents an 81 percent increase in square footage for the complex.

"This new building will give us considerably more space to conduct research and increase our capacity to deliver engineering curriculum," says Joe Guarino, chair of the mechanical engineering department. "With an eye toward our graduate programs, it was essential to have this extra space for student projects."

The new building is named in honor of Micron Technology. In 1996, the Boise-based semiconductor manufacturer pledged $6 million in a three-year challenge grant. With the backing of local business and industry and other donors, Boise State met the challenge to raise an additional $6.5 million for two new buildings.

The opening of the new building is the latest in a series of major events for the College of Engineering. In August, the college was notified that it had received accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. In early October, the Morrison Civil Engineering Building opened its doors. Later that month, the State Board of Education approved Boise State's notice of intent to develop master's degree programs in civil, mechanical, electrical and computer engineering starting this fall.

The Micron Center will house classrooms, computer rooms and offices for students and faculty, student study areas, a student organization room and several laboratories.

The facilities in the new building include a thermal and fluids lab, a dynamics and controls lab, a manufacturing lab and an instrumentation and robotics lab for mechanical engineering; an analog circuit lab, a digital circuit lab, a microprocessor lab, a device characterization lab, a power electronics lab and a communications lab for electrical engineering; and a large suite of environmental labs and a traffic and transportation lab for civil engineering.

Glassed skyways will connect the second and third floors of the new building to the Engineering and Technology Building.

"These new facilities will be a fantastic benefit for the university in regard to recruitment and retention," says Guarino. "Thanks to the generous cash and equipment donations from many sources, we can show prospective students brand new, state-of-the-art labs and some of the best equipment available."

While many engineering faculty members will move into the Micron Center, the engineering dean's office and the department chairs' offices will remain in the three-story Engineering and Technology Building.

The College of Applied Technology dean's office and faculty offices in electronics, drafting, computer-aided manufacturing and semiconductor technology will also remain in the Engineering and Technology Building.

The two colleges share some classroom and lab facilities in the complex. ☐
Boise State University's first studies abroad program, known then as the Caminos in Spain, celebrated its 25th anniversary last fall. For the pioneering students and faculty who lived in Oñate, Spain, it was a special year that remains etched in memory. In this account, former student Scott Logan shares some of those memories with FOCUS readers.

By Scott Logan

Boise State's first campus abroad program in Oñate, Spain, began with a bang — literally.

A few days before 100 Boise State students and teachers arrived in September 1974, an explosion rocked the Colegio de San Lorenzo. To protest the presence of Americans in the Basque country, somebody set off a bomb in the building where the students were to study and live.

Nobody was hurt, but the incident was a dose of stark political reality for the wide-eyed students.

The Basque country, known as Euskadi, was in turmoil as the first class arrived in the tiny, isolated town in northern Spain. General Francisco Franco had ruled the country since the end of the Spanish Civil War in 1939. He took extreme measures to suppress the Basque culture and language, one of Europe's oldest and most unique tongues. He imprisoned and tortured many people who advocated Basque independence. In the early 1960s, the Basque separatist group known as ETA began armed action against the Franco regime.

As the Boise State program started, violence was everywhere — even in Oñate. But that didn't discourage students who were ready to begin their adventure, even if it meant living in a bombed-out building.

“At one point we were told we might have to all live on one floor, barracks style, like in the military. We didn't care; we were willing to take sleeping bags and rough it all year if we had to,” says former student Mike Brunelle, who is now an industrial designer in Charlottesville, Va.

That Americans were in the Basque country at all was due to the efforts of then-Boise State education professor Pat Bieter, who along with wife, Eloise, was killed in an automobile accident one year ago.

Bieter had adopted his Basque wife's culture and was determined to begin a program that would give Boise State students an opportunity to live in a foreign country and, in this case, expose them to the Basque homeland.

He worked out a deal with the priests who ran the Colegio de San Lorenzo to rent space.

Then he recruited students and teachers. Boise State's first studies abroad program was a reality.

“It was Pat's baby one hundred percent,” remembers Boise attorney Willis Sullivan III, who taught Spanish in the program. “He conceived it. He set it up. And he enlisted whomever he could to help him.”

Sullivan believes Bieter's most inspired faculty selection was Joe Eiguren, who taught Basque. Eiguren was born in Jordan Valley, Ore., to Basque immigrant parents who returned to Spain when he was young.

He was a self-educated man who wrote a history of the Basque Country and a Basque-English dictionary.

“Joe Eiguren had absolute respect on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean,” says Sullivan. “Pat Bieter was the spark that started the program. But Joe Eiguren was the glue that held it together.”

Other faculty members had equally impressive backgrounds.

John Woodward, who died of natural causes that year in Oñate, was a professor emeritus at Boise State. He taught English and drama. The day he died, the students kept an all-night vigil in a building at the town cemetery where his body rested.

Woodward's wife, Rebecca, taught a pottery and art class. After she accompanied her husband's body home, she returned to finish the year in Oñate.

Jon Onatibia was a Basque musician and language instructor who taught Basque in northern Spain through a radio program called Radio Ikastola. Jon Bilbao, on loan from the University of Nevada, was a veteran Basque scholar. Carmelo Urza, a local Basque who is now at the University of Nevada, taught Spanish along with Sullivan.

Only two — Urza and Sullivan — are alive today.

Students arrived under sunny skies as summer weather lasted well into the fall.
But eventually it turned cold and wet. Very wet. It rained 44 days straight. The bad weather turned the drafty building at San Lorenzo into an icebox.

Kay Hummel, now a Boise consultant, remembers: "We had no heat in the building for the first 40 days due to the government's inability to get a high-voltage power line to San Lorenzo. I remember sitting in bed with gloves on studying with my two roommates. It was a big relief to go to town to socialize or just walk around. It warmed us up."

In spite of the heating problems, which were ultimately fixed, the students fell in love with life at San Lorenzo.

"Having the classrooms in the same building as our rooms was great," Bruneille recalls. "I could wake up at 8:55 and make it to a 9 a.m. class. After a few months, some girls would come to class in bathrobes. Some would bring coffee and bread from the dining room. Others would show up with some hairy hangovers."

"We would often sit on the outside ledges to sun ourselves, until the priests banned the practice. San Lorenzo was like an island — an American place in the middle of Spain and Europe."

As the students settled into their academic schedule, they also began to bridge the considerable cultural gap with the people of Oñate.

Jesus Alcelay, now owner of Boise's popular Onati Basque restaurant, lived in Oñate when the first students came.

"All sorts of rumors were going around before the Americans arrived," he says. "Some said the Americans were drug addicts and alcoholics sent to Oñate to get off drugs and booze. Other rumors had the Americans being part of a CIA conspiracy."

Bieter and Eiguren soon held a meeting with the townspeople and quickly quashed the rumors.

Alcelay remembers the first American student he saw. "We Basques in Oñate prided ourselves on dressing well, in fine clothes. Here came this guy walking down the street with big holes in his blue jeans. I mean, so casual. And the way he walked, we couldn’t believe it."

Alcelay later learned the student's name was Billy Peterson. In his drama classes, Woodward quickly saw the raw acting talent in the young Bishop Kelly graduate and took him under his wing. Peterson went on to become a successful stage and screen actor.

Peterson also brought over his girlfriend, Joanne Brady. They married in Oñate and she gave birth to their daughter, Maite. The name means love in Basque. It was that kind of year.

Students and faculty became like family. And there was, of course, a family within the family — the Bieter family. Pat and Eloise brought their five children with them.

"When I look back," says Mary Bieter, now a teacher at Bishop Kelly High School, "I realize what a risk my dad took, not only with 75 college students, but with the five of us.

"We ranged in age from 7 to 18, and the four youngest had no Spanish or Basque language skills whatsoever. Finding schools to put us in was a real challenge. Mark [her brother] was in second grade and went to the Basque school. Mom used to talk about his first day there when all the kids made a ring around him and just stared. I'm sure she wondered what her husband had gotten us all into."

As an American Basque, Eloise Bieter had tremendous credibility with the people of Oñate.

"There is no way that Dad could have made it without Mom," says Bieter. "Dad barely spoke Basque and knew no Spanish. Mom was Dad's interpreter, at least for Basque."

The Bieter kids weren’t the only ones frustrated with a culture and language that appeared so impenetrable. Most of the American students felt they would never learn the language they had chosen to study, be it Basque or Spanish. Everything just seemed so overwhelming.

But they learned, as Pat Bieter knew they would. Remarkable friendships flourished between the American students and the people of Oñate. Mutual respect and admiration grew.

Love affairs blossomed and later turned into marriages. Brunelle is one of many American students who found their spouses in Oñate. He married Beatriz Cortabarria.

"There was a lot of shared emotions between the Americans and the people of Oñate," Brunelle says. "A birth, a death, a wedding, a baptism and all of the political stuff going on as Franco faded away."

"Oñate changed forever," says Alcelay, who ultimately married an American student and immigrated to Boise. "Imagine all those Americans in a little town of 7,000 Basques."

"What a gift our father gave us!" says Mary Bieter. "Our perspective of the world changed. We learned the importance of learning another language. We made lifelong friends in Oñate."

The first year of the Campus in Spain succeeded beyond everyone's wildest dreams. The program was transferred to San Sebastian a few years later and remains a cornerstone in Boise State's Studies Abroad program that now includes sites in 18 countries.

Twenty-five years later, the students on that first venture on foreign soil remember the academic and cultural adventure of a lifetime. And they realize their year in Oñate was unique. They were the first large group of Americans to descend on a small Basque town in the turbulent moment of world history that was the end of the Franco era. It can’t be done again.

For the students, the defining memories of that first year in Oñate are of the relationships they established with the Basque people, relationships that wouldn’t have been possible without the dedicated teachers who guided them throughout the year.

Today, they are as alive in memory as they were 25 years ago in Oñate. There’s Joe Eiguren, taking those long dignified strides, walking into town with a group of enthusiastic college kids in tow. And Pat Bieter, a beret on his bald head, scuttling off to play cards with his Basque buddies downtown. He’s put in a long day at San Lorenzo and is looking forward to some time to relax.

But Pat can’t stop thinking about those kids back at that college he created just outside town. Can’t stop wondering what antics they’re up to, what stories they’re telling, what wonders they’re experiencing in this beautiful, ancient land he loves.

Those teachers, gone now, will always be remembered for the adventure of a lifetime they gave their students.

Scott Logan attended the Oñate program from 1974-75 and returned to live in San Sebastian, Spain, from 1977-79. He has reported from three continents as a foreign correspondent and currently is a reporter for KBCI television in Boise.
From binge-drinking to school violence, our children are confronting a rapidly changing environment filled with hazards and struggles that are different from those faced by previous generations. This section of FOCUS examines the evolving world of children and how parents and the educational system help them adapt to and deal with their increasingly adult-like lives.

Team Effort

Communication is essential to raising today's kids, says Boise State prof.

By Chris Bouness

When 6-year-old Spencer Velikoff felt that his dad was “yelling” too much at him and his two siblings, he decided to take action.

He wrote his concern as an agenda item for the weekly family meeting, and when the time came he presented a case convincing enough that the family decided the children should devise a solution.

If Dad “yelled” again, he’d receive a verbal warning. And if he ignored the warning, 37-year-old John Velikoff would get the toughest sentence possible — a talking time-out.

That’s right. The kids identified a problem with one of their parents, created the solution and will be responsible for handing down the consequences.
If you listen carefully, you may be able to hear preceding generations of parents groan. Family meetings with agendas? Kids mandating a talking time-out? What is the world coming to?

Modern parenting is the short answer. The role parents play hasn’t changed, but the environment in which they parent has, says Rob Turrisi, a Boise State University psychology professor who studies parent-child communication.

In days gone by, the biggest worry for parents was whether their children finished school and got a good job. And the biggest social concern was whether their children gained a better quality of life. "We didn’t sit there and say 30 years ago and 40 years ago that if we didn’t talk to our kids, there’s a chance they’ll get stoned and have sex at 2 in the afternoon when they’re 13," Turrisi says. "Now we recognize that if we don’t take an active role in their lives, there are dark consequences."

The new parenting landscape is due to a variety of circumstances, but a main culprit is information, Turrisi says. Cable television, commercial marketing aimed at kids, video games and other mass media expose children to more complicated ideas than just a generation ago when a remote control was nice but unnecessary because there were only three networks to surf.

Then there’s the growth of multiple-car families and convenience devices such as answering machines and cellular phones that free more time for more activities, from soccer practices to piano classes, that expose kids to more social situations.

Children today are more sophisticated and more knowledgeable than ever — and at a younger age, Turrisi says. In such an environment, parents can’t parent through edicts. Rather, they need to build relationships with their children through activities such as weekly family meetings, however silly the idea sounds, so that they can instill the decision-making skills their children will need.

Such an approach is a leap or two away from how Susan Velikoff, 38, grew up. Her distractions lacked the speed and sophistication of today’s toys: She relied on her own creativity for fun. And she rarely approached her parents to talk over any issues. "My parents ruled by fear," says Velikoff, a stay-at-home mother. "I was afraid to misbehave."

But she recognized that an old approach wouldn’t work with her children, which is one reason she attended Turrisi’s workshop on parenting that he gave a year ago at Trail Wind Elementary School in Boise.

During the two-hour presentation, Turrisi talked about how children develop and techniques parents can use to increase communication with their children and introduce their kids to decision-making skills.

Velikoff and her husband put Turrisi’s words into action with their three children, Ian, 8, Spencer, 6, and 3-year-old Hannah. The couple provided more positive feedback and made more positive requests, such as saying how happy they’d be if the children helped pick up their toys or vacuum the carpet. They didn’t just say no when correcting the kids, but they also explained their reasons.

The Velikoffs also gave the kids more choices — whether they wanted hot or cold cereal, whether they wanted to finish their homework before or after dinner, whether they wanted to take a shower or bath — simple choices that help build the decision-making skills they’ll need later in life.

And the Velikoffs listened more to their children rather than simply lecturing all the time.

The Velikoffs exercised the same authority as parents, but their parenting was less dictatorial. And Susan Velikoff says a year later, she notices a difference in her children, especially in Ian.

He thinks for himself more than a year ago, he’s more independent and he’s more willing to tell his parents what’s on his mind.

"It’s helped him," Velikoff says, "and I’ll be more confident that when he hits his teen years and peer pressure kicks in that he’ll be able to choose the right alternatives and not always run with the crowd."

And that’s the ultimate goal of Turrisi’s research — to help parents help children of any age make good decisions. If they make good decisions, they’ll live healthier lives, physically and emotionally.

Sounds simple, but Turrisi’s approach is novel enough that it attracted the attention of the American Cancer Society and a division of the National Institutes of Health, which recently awarded Turrisi $1.6 million in grants to study parent-child relationships.

The thinking goes that if parents have good lines of communication with their children, the children are more likely to learn good decision-making skills. They are then less likely to practice the reckless sun worshipping that leads to a higher risk of skin cancer, which is a major concern for the cancer society. And they are less likely to binge drink or abuse alcohol, a concern for the NIH.

Parents don’t have to make major changes to reap results, Turrisi says. Even slight changes in the way parents talk and relate to their kids, regardless of whether they’re pre-teens or teens, can alter the future in dramatic ways.

His research on binge drinking, for example, shows that in a random sample of high school seniors, about 1 in 3 is likely to drink and drive at some point.

For kids from families where parents and children don’t talk effectively about complex issues such as alcohol use, the odds of a kid drinking and driving increase to nearly 100 percent.

But by building a strong foundation of communication so parents can talk to their children about alcohol use and nearly any other issue, parents can push the odds that their child will drink and drive to 1 in 15 — a huge shift. "If you’re not communicating, you’re running a terrible risk of the odds," Turrisi says.

Sandra Wood also attended Turrisi’s session a year ago. Though she’s not quite the convert that Velikoff is, Wood and her husband, Craig, began introducing more choices for their two daughters, 8-year-old Julie and 5-year-old Kellyn.

Wood also followed another nugget of advice from Turrisi — understand how your child makes friends and pay attention to her peer groups. Wood says she saw that her daughter Julie was having trouble making additional friends at school because she felt trapped by her neighborhood friends.

That led Wood to another Turrisi tenet — involve your child in multiple peer groups so she’s not trapped in one group of friends when peer pressure turns negative.
Mother and daughter talked about the situation and decided on a course of action that Wood says is working. Julie is more assertive and making more friends, and she’s now able to walk away from a friend when the tension between them is too high.

“It’s amazing what kids can figure out to do when you give them the skills to do it,” Wood says.

This new parenting isn’t a perfect process. Even Turrisi, the expert, muddles through his own advice like any other parent. And he also experiments to find what works, such as with the concept of weekly family meetings. The idea came from his wife, Lori, a social worker who read about it in a book.

Making the meetings right for them took some finagling, but after several months of Sunday meetings with 8-year-old son, Taylor, the Turrisis now have a smooth system. They start each meeting by complimenting each other and then talk about sleepovers, listening, decorating for the holidays and any other issue that a family member adds to the agenda.

When a problem arises, such as when Lori complained that Taylor wasn’t listening to her requests, the family works together on consequences. In this case, if Taylor fails to listen to his mother, the family decided that he would go directly to his room and any friends over at the time would be taken home.

The meetings, Turrisi says, are a chance for Taylor to be heard and to feel a part of the family process without Turrisi and his wife abdicating their parental veto.

It’s just one example that parenting today is trial and error, but with some effort, parents can still be as effective as preceding generations.

“It doesn’t take that much effort to become a mother or a father,” Turrisi says, “but it does take effort to become a parent.”

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Our kids are more sophisticated today. They have more access to information. But I think they are also more frustrated.'
that she'll see 156 students in five periods of junior English by day's end, or that she has a pile of student progress reports to churn out before she goes home.

Daley, who earned a master's in English at Boise State in '94 and a bachelor's in English/secondary education at the university in '87, is passionate about her work. "These kids are so smart. They have a great deal to offer the world. I'm lucky to get to spend time with them," she says.

Thirteen years of teaching has given Daley some hard-won insights into the often secretive lives of teens — the issues they face, what motivates them, what they love and fear. At a time when national attention is focused on teen violence and adolescent angst, those insights from the front lines of our high schools are particularly compelling.

Spend some time in her classroom, and the complexity of her job, and these kids' lives, becomes clear.

**Relationships**

The girl holds a vase of red roses. "They won't fit in my locker. Can I leave them on your desk?" she asks. Daley says of course, and the girl explains that the roses are her invitation to the Christmas dance. "Pretty classy guy," Daley chimes. The girl beams, and floats out of the room.

It's a small exchange, but the subject matter — teen relationships — is huge. When you're 16 or 17, the opposite sex can engender more stress than an algebra exam. It's not surprising to Daley that kids explore the topic in assignments, as well as during class breaks.

A student project sits on a shelf in Daley's room, titled "All I Need to Know I Learned From Ex-boyfriends." Pithy one-liners are pasted inside: Share nothing you wish to keep in good condition. Friendships are always more than they seem. Horoscopes about love are never true. A comedy is always better than a love story. And this one: Smile now, cry later.

**Pressures**

Announcements blare over the loudspeaker: club meetings, auditions, volunteer drives, basketball contests, driver's ed sign-ups, a request that seniors bring baby pictures for display.

Students in Daley's advanced placement English class listen; a few even take notes. Many are involved in multiple extracurricular activities, which they cram in on top of school work.

It's a challenge to keep up, students say, and sometimes sleep, family and grades suffer. One girl approaches Daley about turning a paper in late, explaining she simply hasn't had time to do her best work. Daley is sympathetic. There are times she's extended deadlines, but in this case she tells the student to turn in what she has and that she'll have a chance later to make revisions.

"It's tough. Sometimes they do have too much," Daley says. She scrawled a note on her board before a holiday vacation, urging students to get their work done before the break so they could relax. "Everybody needs down time," she says.

**Independence**

"Today I will wear the clothes I like, not what everyone wants me to wear. When I arrive at school I see a forest of Abercrombie & Fitch, Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy. It seems like half the student body is operating on one mind."

The statement is from a student's personal Declaration of Independence, a paper Daley assigned after the class read the original version. Some students wrote declarations of appreciation. Others pushed the limits.

"I believe you should be able to smoke at age 16," one boy wrote about tobacco and marijuana. "I declare independence from my mother's vindictive heart," wrote a girl about family custody issues. Another declared independence from school conditions: "Break times are nowhere near adequate. The temperatures are intolerable and have already begun to give me a cold."

"Athletics are supported over anything else in school, and participants are 'superior' to everyone else," wrote one student. "But what about snowboarding, skateboarding or rollerblading? These sports are just as hard as football or basketball, but their participants are outcasts."

"I have a mother who does everything in her power for me. I have had the privilege of growing up with one parent, something I'll cherish forever," wrote one boy. Daley pens questions and comments in the margins, but withholds judgment. "If you do that, you become the authority to rebel against. I'd rather be an instrument of education. If it's true, they'll see it."

**Connections**

Daley flips through her copy of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Her students are discussing the small steps that lead the characters toward either peril or power during the witchcraft trials in 17th century Salem.

"We don't always know the long-term consequences of our actions," Daley observes. "Sometimes that isn't clear till much later."

She doesn't add that this is true in real life as well as in books; her skilled presentation makes that lesson from *The Crucible* obvious. It's important, Daley believes, to help teens connect their worlds.

Recently, Daley looked out at a sea of bright faces and told her kids they'd already moved beyond what she'd accomplished at their age, because at this point in her junior year she was pregnant. She attended night school to graduate, but with an infant son it wasn't easy. Daley enrolled in Boise State, earned a degree and began teaching. Her son, now 21, attends college in Arizona. But Daley looks back and understands that at 16, she made decisions that narrowed her opportunities.

Girls who get pregnant — and most years, she knows at least a couple — break her heart. "I know how tough it is," Daley says. "But I also tell them they can still reach their dreams."

**A Changed World**

One morning, Daley takes a few moments to review emergency procedures. If there's a fire, everyone should evacuate the building. If there's an earthquake or tornado, students should crouch under desks. And in the case of a shooting or hostage situation outside, the classroom doors will be locked.

"In a lockdown, we need to move very quickly away from the door and the window," Daley says, adding that students should stand next to a wall that can't be seen from outside the room.

Then Daley moves on to the day's lesson. There's no discussion. Still, the announcement is a reminder that the world has changed, and that every school is vulnerable.

"I feel very safe here. But it's still important to be prepared," Daley says. The spate of school shootings across the nation in the past year has made educators more aware about the importance of not tolerating petty cruelties between students, she says. It's also triggered discussions in her school district about how to best identify students who may be feeling isolated.

Early each fall, Daley pairs students and has them interview each other. It's basic stuff: favorite foods, hobbies, music, where they live. But Daley says it's a way to make a room of strangers see each other as individuals.

"We assume these kids all know each other — but they don't. In any class, I'll probably have a couple of students who can't name anybody else in the room," she says.

Daley's students aren't fazed by a discussion of emergency procedures. "Last year after Columbine, we heard a lot about lockdowns," one boy says. "Now it's just part of the routine."

"I don't want to think about it," a girl says. "It's scary."

**Service**

Boise Mayor Brent Coles sits next to Principal Betsy Story, Kiwanis Club dignitaries and students. The occasion is the chartering of Timberline's Key Club. Daley is faculty adviser.
Students have joined in Rake-Up Boise, provided Christmas presents for a refugee family and undertaken other projects. Daley likes the fact that any student, regardless of GPA, can join.

"Ms. Daley is awesome. You can tell she really cares about us," says Bryn Field, Key Club president. Field steps to the podium to offer the concluding remarks. The evening has gone beautifully: poinsettias on the tables, plenty of refreshments, an enthusiastic crowd.

Daley breathes her own quiet sigh as things wind down. As adviser, she's taken a back seat. It's the way this club is meant to be run, with the students in charge. "You hope everything goes well, but you also have to tell yourself, if it doesn't, they'll learn from the experience," Daley says.

She hasn't seen the girl in 10 years, but Daley still thinks about her. "She was blossoming out of the cracks of a not-good situation. She'd be living with her mom, then her stepmom, working part time, going to school. She was so motivated." The girl managed to graduate, then Daley lost track of her. She wonders what kind of life her former student has today.

There are kids who grab Daley's heart and won't let go. A girl who wasted away before Daley's eyes, a victim of anorexia. Girls who got pregnant. Kids who moved away after custody disputes. A few who died. Others who simply gave up.

Daley's worried about a boy in one of her classes. "I've watched him become more and more depressed. He's absent a lot, he's spiraling downward. He's not turning anything in, so I have no opportunity to modify his work."

School social workers and others have intervened without success. "I feel this sadness and frustration," Daley says. "It's not fair to my other students to just focus on him. I know that at some point I'm going to have to let go."

The dismissal bell rings at 2:50 p.m., but Daley's day is hardly over. There are students to help, essays to grade, paperwork to do. At 5, Daley heads to the Downtown YMCA for her nightly workout. She'll grade a few more papers at home, perhaps talk on the phone with her son or meet her fiancé Bernie Zaleha, who she'll marry in June. Bedtime is early; Daley rises each day at 5 to meditate before she heads to school.

There are a bulletin board behind Daley's classroom desk, and some mornings she takes a moment to tack up a new photo. The board features pictures of former students, including a newspaper clipping of a boy in a wheelchair accepting a Congressional Medal. The boy is Matt Larson; Daley was his faculty adviser. If there was a mutual admiration society, Daley and Larson could be charter members.

"She's very willing to help students outside her classroom," says Larson. "She also taught me to fence." Daley sat in a chair to teach Larson to thrust and spar. "He works hard at everything he does," she says.

Working with kids is why Daley chose to teach; it's the reason she stays today. "Our students are more sophisticated today. They have more access to information," Daley says. "But I think they are also more frustrated."

Daley sees glimpses of that frustration when students talk to her about the pressures they face, when they write about their personal lives, and when they choose a role for themselves in the many daily dramas that are part of high school life. But they are only glimpses, because at its core adolescence is impenetrable.

Daley watches closely, but she knows there is much beneath the surface that passes her by. That secretiveness has always been part of adolescent life — but it's never seemed as unnerving as it does today. "These kids have so much potential," Daley says. "They deserve our attention."
In general, schools are safe places. But the specter of school violence has reared its ugly head in Idaho in the past two years.

‘We Are Not Immune’

Although school violence is unlikely, Idaho can’t ignore the possibility.

By Bob Evancho

The presumption “it can’t happen here” doesn’t cut it anymore. If kids in other parts of the United States can be gunned down by their fellow students in school hallways, cafeterias and classrooms, then Idahoans can’t blithely assume that their schools are completely safe from this new brand of terror that has stunned the nation.

Sorrowfully, inexorably, the list grows: Pearl, Paducah, Jonesboro, Springfield, Littleton, Conyers, Fort Gibson. Twenty-five students killed and nearly 90 wounded by gun-wielding classmates in those seven towns between October 1997 and December 1999.

To be sure, the chances that such a calamity could occur in Idaho — or anywhere else — are infinitesimal. As Kevin
Dwyer, president of the National Association of School Psychologists, states, “Statistically, you have a chance of 1 in 2 million of being a victim of homicide in school.”

And despite the repeated images of past tragedies, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley also reminds us that school violence involving guns is rare. “New data indicate that violence among young people is on a downward trend and that the number of students being expelled from school for carrying a firearm decreased by one-third from the 1996-97 to the 1997-98 school year,” he stated in a Washington Post article last summer.

In general, schools are safe places. But the specter of school violence has already reared its ugly head in Idaho in the past two years.

• In November 1999, white and Hispanic students scuffled at Nampa’s Skyview High School following an assembly on — ironically — racial tolerance. According to news reports, a guest speaker urged the students to “openly express their feelings,” which led to name-calling, racial epithets and threats between the two groups. Police were called to the scene, and more than 30 students were suspended.

• In April 1999, just four days before the killings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., a 15-year-old boy brought a shotgun into Notus Junior/Senior High School and fired two shots. No one was injured.

• Between April 19-27, 1999, in the wake of the shootings in Notus and Littleton, approximately 16 students in the Boise School District were suspended for making threats to bring a gun to school or saying they intended to kill or injure another student.

• In April 1998, a 14-year-old boy brandished a .45-caliber pistol in a Pocatello junior high school and took 25 fellow students and his principal hostage. One shot was fired before the culprit was apprehended following a five-hour standoff. There were no injuries.

Although these episodes pale in comparison with the senseless tragedies elsewhere, they pose disturbing questions for Idaho’s parents, political leaders, educators and law-enforcement officials: Were these acts of violence merely isolated incidents, or are they disturbing signs of adolescent rage that have the potential to manifest themselves in the worst way imaginable, as they have at other schools?

Some say these questions are being asked because the media have exaggerated and overdramatized the issue of school violence. Others, such as Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, aren’t willing to chance it.

Last summer, in response to these spasms of violence, Kempthorne named a Safe Schools Task Force led by Boise State University teacher education professor Bob Barr. The 19-person panel — which includes students, parents, teachers, school administrators, state lawmakers, a juvenile judge, community leaders and law-enforcement officials — was established to review the status of school safety measures throughout Idaho and make recommendations on how the state can assist local school districts, police departments and parents in their efforts to avert the tragedies that have occurred elsewhere.

“The governor has said we certainly are not immune to any of these tragedies that we’ve seen across the country,” says Mark Snider, Kempthorne’s press secretary. “We want to provide Idaho’s students with a learning environment in which they know, their parents know, and their teachers know that they will be safe from violence. But we are not immune.”

Calling the recent rash of school shootings a “cultural Pearl Harbor,” Barr, former dean of education at Boise State and Oregon State University and co-author of the book Hope at Last for At-risk Youth, says parents and teachers need to take a proactive approach when it comes to dealing with teens who could be ticking time bombs.

“We’ve got some pretty good predictive profiles from the American Psychological Association about early warning signs,” says Barr. The most important thing teachers can do is to be aware of aberrant behavior that could spell trouble. They need to watch for kids who bully, taunt and intimidate other students.”

Barr says that another potential problem is racial strife, such as what occurred at Skyview. “Our task force hasn’t dealt to any great extent with racial problems,” Barr says. “But it makes sense that teachers need to be more conscious of ethnic differences. We’ll probably have to revisit that issue.”

Teachers also need to be wary of mannerisms by their students that may indicate an interest or involvement in gangs, says Boise police officer Jeff Basterrechea, a member of the department’s Gang Unit. Although the Boise School District has a zero-tolerance poli-
cy toward gangs, a teen-ager's possible link to such a group can still manifest itself at school in clothing, behavior, body language and even doodlings on homework papers, says Basterrechea, a 1984 Boise State criminal justice administration graduate.

"If principals or vice principals are made aware of students trying to emulate gang behavior in their schools, they contact us or go to their SRO (school resource officer)," he says. "We then sit down with the student and his parents. Through this kind of intervention, we find we are often able to nip it in the bud."

Basterrechea notes, however, that a student who brings a gun to school is more likely to be a mentally disturbed loner than a gang member. "I don't think you can call any of the previous [school] shootings gang-related except for Columbine, where the shooters had white supremacist beliefs," he says. "I don't think you can stop a kid from shooting. What you have to do is recognize signs of kids under stress and kids with mental problems before it happens. And that falls back on parents and teachers."

But identifying young people prone to violence is an inexact science. How can teachers, principals and counselors differentiate between an impudent, aggressive teen-ager who talks a good game about guns and mayhem and one who is actually edging toward violence?

"You can't always tell the difference, and that makes it scary," admits Sandy Rumpel, supervisor for counselors, social workers and nurses in the Boise School District. "Some kids need to show off and get attention, and sometimes it's done in a negative way."

The fear caused by all of this has created a new level of vigilance in America's schools, including Boise's. "Even before Notus and Columbine, we had established a districtwide safety committee consisting of law-enforcement officials, emergency personnel from Ada County and representatives from all our schools," says Dan Hollar, the district's public information officer.

According to Hollar, the committee has reviewed the district's emergency response guidelines, provided emergency training for 500 district employees, and established a school safety hotline (1-800-7-8-CRIME) to call to report threats and potentially dangerous situations. (The state of Idaho also has installed a hotline: 1-800-4-1-VOICE, extension 359.)

To thwart potentially violent episodes within its buildings, the Boise School District also provides its teachers with workshops on subjects such as crisis intervention and conflict resolution. Rumpel says such training is necessary in this day and age, but the key to addressing and stemming violence in our schools, she adds, is for teachers to foster an atmosphere in which all students feel connected to their schools so that no young person feels left out or isolated.

One way is to help students identify their assets and then turn those strengths into a positive experience through school organizations or extracurricular activities. "Kids need to feel that they belong," Rumpel says. "When they have that feeling, there's less of a chance for violence or disturbances."

Barr agrees. "The world of teaching is more challenging than ever," he says. "Surveys from across the country indicate that kids want positive relationships with teachers. They like to know that there is at least one adult who cares for them, is concerned about them, and wants to help them. Research shows that a positive relationship between a teacher and a student is going to be more powerful and have more of an impact than anything that child will learn. It will lead the student toward a better academic performance and better behavior."
Finding Their Way

By Sherry Squires

When Angelica Sandoval dropped out of high school last spring, she figured her educational endeavors were finished. She didn't dislike school. But after repeatedly missing days to help her family, which depends on agricultural work in the fields, she felt lost.

"I got behind, and then the classes got harder and harder," she says. "I couldn't catch up." So she opted out last April.

But in late November, the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at Boise State latched on to Sandoval, and she's now on her way to earning her diploma.

Sandoval is typical of the teens HEP targets, says associate director Michelle Kelley. The federally funded program recruits students whose families are migrant or seasonal farmworkers. About 95 percent of them are Hispanic. They have left school to baby-sit siblings, or are in the fields working alongside their parents to help support the family. And most are at least a year behind in school.

HEP, which is administered by the College of Education, has federal funding to help about 60 students per year. Since the program began 16 years ago, about 800 students have earned GEDs.

HEP recruiter Ricardo Morales travels across Idaho to find prospects, visiting with high school counselors, the Idaho Migrant Council and other agencies looking for positive places to refer kids. He even visits laundromats, labor camps and churches.

Once he persuades the students to come, HEP teachers and tutors go to work overcoming the barriers that have kept the students from success. Often, those amount to a break in communication between the teen and the school. Or, a lack of the individualized attention that some students need.

HEP creates a whole new environment for the students. The program pays for their transportation to Boise from the mostly rural areas where they live. They live in residence halls at Boise State, with their meals and housing paid for while they work toward their GED. They attend class each day in one classroom, with the same teachers.

And for most, the formula works. "You can't sit in class and not do anything," says Kelley, who taught in the program for 12 years before assuming an administrative role. "The teachers are going to know. Because of the small group, we have that time."

Kelley says the HEP teachers and the residence hall setting also provide a makeshift family structure for the students. They attend activities together, get together at a teacher's house to cook a meal, and even see teachers interacting with their own children.

"We become mentors to them," Kelley says. "Some kids, we'll really make an impact with. You'll really see them make a change in their lives. You plant lots of seeds, and you never know when they're going to sprout."

Most who attend HEP earn their GED in a couple of months. About 70 percent of them go on to the Job Corps, the military or to higher-paying jobs. A few return home. A handful decide to stay and attend college.

Some are encouraged to participate in Boise State's College Assistance Migrant Program, or CAMP, which helps shepherd them through their first year of college.

Whatever they decide to pursue after HEP, they have had a second chance, Kelley says. And, hopefully, a new appreciation for education.

"What do we do is important in trying to reach teens," she says. "There are too many success stories for us not to believe that we're making a difference."

FOCUS/WINTER 2000
**LOVE OF MUSIC LEADS TO SCHOLARSHIPS**

Barbara Oldenburg’s commitment to education, her strong friendships and her lifelong love of music have made four music scholarships a reality at Boise State.

Oldenburg helped endow the Kenneth Hartzler-Grant and Ava Brinck music scholarships to acknowledge the influence of two of her former music teachers.

She created the Bob Hartley music scholarship to honor a friend who was the accompanist for the musical group Showtimers for many years.

Two years ago, Oldenburg began the Bill and Barbara Oldenburg Scholarship, as a memorial to her late husband and their shared dedication and belief in music.

Oldenburg is a longtime music educator in the Boise area.

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**DONOR NOTES**

- J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, $150,000 to Learning for the 21st Century Fund.
- Anonymous gift of $18,000 for general scholarships and $1,000 to the English and Engineering Scholarship Fund.
- Anonymous gift of $25,000; Barry and Pat Bloom, $2,000; BMC West Corp., $5,000; and the Harry W. Morrison Foundation, $200,000 to the Micron Engineering Building Challenge.
- Associated Western Universities, Inc., $1,500 for the Lockheed Martin Restricted Scholarship.
- Dennis Bassford, $1,000 and John and Diane Crim, $1,000 to the Business Administrative Account.
- Diana L. Berge, $1,000 and Fred R. and Cheryl Minckler Biology Endowed Scholarship.
- Lee Bernasconi, $4,100 to the Bernasconi Family Scholarship.
- Mary Birch, $5,000 for the Glenn Balch Writers Scholarship.
- Boise Cascade Corp., $1,000 and Golden Eagle Audubon Society, $2,800 to the Idaho Bird Observatory.
- Boise LDS Institute of Religion, $1,200 for the Bruce R. McConkie Scholarship.
- Comer and Billie Brown, $1,000; Joseph C. Guinn, $1,000; and Doyle and Mary Heaton, $1,000 through Phonathon ’99.
- Rose W. Burnham, $1,500 for the Willis L. and Rose W. Burnham Geology-Geophysics Research Fund.

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**BSUF REPORTS**

**FY99 DONATIONS**

The Boise State University Foundation received $10,102,031 in private contributions for fiscal year 1998-99, a 110 percent increase over fiscal year 1997-98.

Contributions came from 4,481 donors, including Micron Technology’s $6 million gift to help build the engineering complex. The foundation’s scholarship endowment balances also grew 13 percent from $24,963,152 to $28,202,691. In addition, the foundation’s permanent assets increased 35 percent from $50,336,979 to $70,895,330.

“Boise State University’s continued ability to provide an educational experience marked by quality and expanded opportunities was further enhanced by the outstanding support we received from our many donors,” said Bob Fritsch, executive director of the Boise State University Foundation. “We are truly grateful for their support.”

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**LIST OF DONORS**

- John and Ruth Carver, $1,000 to the Frank Church Chair of Public Affairs.
- Caterpillar Foundation, $5,000 to the Caterpillar Excellence Fund.
- Jeffery and Jane Clift, $1,000 to the Accounting Department Administrative Account.
- Pamela and Sam Collier, $1,000 to the Sandra Eggers International Scholarship.
- Trudy Combs, $4,000 for the Dr. Ruth Marks Single Parents Endowed Scholarship.
- James and Diane Crawford, $1,000 to the Fund for Graduate Accountancy.
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- CSHQA Architects/Planners, $1,000 to the CSHQA Engineering Scholarship.
- D.A. Davidson, $3,400 for the D.A. Davidson Fund.
- Jim and Belinda Davis, $1,000 to the Patrick H. Davis Memorial Scholarship.
- Margaret and Michael Downey, $1,000 for the Nursing-Multimedia Fund.
- Gwen Entorf, $1,000 to the John Entorf Endowed Scholarship.
- Estate of Edith Miller Klein, $20,000 for the arts endowment in her name.
- Gilbert Western Corp., $3,700 to the construction management scholarship fund in its name.
- Charles Hallett, $35,000 for the Alumni Association Accounting Endowment in his name.
- Idaho Migrant Council, $1,000 to the Mexican American Studies Scholarship.
- Idaho Society for Clinical Social Work, $5,000 for the scholarship in its name.
- Institute of Internal Auditors, $2,200 to the fund in its name.
- JR Simplot Co., $1,000 for the Martin Luther King Jr/Meredyth Burns Endowed Scholarship.
- James McClary, $1,000 to the unrestricted fund.
- McKesson Water Products, $1,200 for the Fine Host/Alumni Association Scholarship.
- Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, $10,000 to the Idaho Family Business Center.
- Dan L. Montgomery, $5,000 for the Montgomery Research Restricted Fund; $10,000 to the biology research endowment and $1,000 for the Alumni Center Building Fund.
- Leo and Jana Puga, $1,000 to the Mexican American Studies Scholarship and the Marcella Heffner Endowed Scholarship.
- Ronald and Andrea Sargent, $1,000 for the Stitzel Investment Pool for Students.
- Keith Swiverson, $1,000 to the Paramedic Program.
- Jose L. and Maria N. Valdez, $1,500 for the Hispanic Business Community Scholarship.
- Marie White, $1,000 to the Mulder Parterns for Health Scholarship and $1,000 for the Joseph and Marie White Memorial Scholarship.
- Richard and Patricia Wilcomb, $1,100 to the general scholarship fund.
MICHENER ELECTED
BSUF PRESIDENT

The BSU Foundation elected officers at a recent meeting. Officers are as follows:

President, Roger Michener, president of Michener Investments; vice president, Allen Dykman, president of A. Dyke's Electric Inc.; secretary, Barbara Wilson, president and CEO of US WEST Communications; treasurer, Dale Nagy, president of Wenco, Inc.

Directors who received renewed three-year terms are Dykman; Richard Navarro, group vice president and controller of Albertson's; and Larry Williams, president of Idaho Timber Corp.

Boise attorney Jim Davis was the only newly appointed board member.

Directors serving one-year terms on behalf of associations are Harvey Neef, CEO of Contract Floors, for the Bronco Athletic Association and Micheal Adcox, physician, for the Alumni Association.

ALUMNI, FRIENDS
PLEDGE $228,763

The BSU Foundation and Phonathon '99 student callers want to thank all Boise State alumni and friends who said “yes” when they were contacted in October.

Phonathon raised $228,763 in pledges that will be used to enhance educational opportunities at the university.

Since it began in 1987, the Phonathon has generated more than $1.8 million for academic programs.

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Century Publishing Company is committed to providing premier heatset web quality printing at the lowest possible rates. We have the staff and capabilities to produce your entire magazine, catalog or brochure entirely in-house, from start to finish.
Three years ago, some of Steven Parke's colleagues questioned his sanity when he decided to trade the security of his job in semiconductor research at IBM to join the engineering faculty at Boise State University.

It wasn't so surprising that Parke sought to leave the corporate world for a professorship. With teaching stints as a graduate assistant at Purdue (where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering), Cal Berkeley (Ph.D.) and the University of Vermont (adjunct instructor), he had developed a long-standing interest in academia and a yearn to teach full time at a university.

Fine, agreed his colleagues at IBM's research center in New York. Becoming a professor and teaching young engineers is certainly a noble endeavor. But in the sphere of engineering education, most of them had never heard of Boise State.

Given Parke's 12 years in the high-tech field and his academic pedigree, some considered his plans to join a fledgling engineering college in a relatively remote location not only a bit of a step down, but also a huge gamble.

Parke, however, was undeterred. He recognized Boise State's potential and considered the move a risk worth taking.

"They thought it was foolish of me to come to a small school," he recalls, "especially one with a start-up engineering program."

But that was precisely what lured Parke to Boise State in the first place. He was excited to be among those who would build the university's new engineering school and assemble its bachelor's and master's programs from the ground up. Sure, it was a daunting challenge, but Parke also viewed it as an extraordinary opportunity.

"It was unique because this was a start-up in every sense of the word," he says. "No laboratories, no name, no accreditation. Nothing. But the timing was just right to put my stamp on the program from the bottom up, and that is what attracted me."

A hiker, backpacker and skier with a young family, Parke also was impressed by Idaho's natural beauty and the Boise area's quality of life.

Conversely, Parke, 39, was just what Boise State sought in 1996 — a young, energetic engineer imbued with entrepreneurial spirit and filled with extensive knowledge of the high-tech industry.

Because of those qualities, Parke was one of Boise State's "chosen 11" — a group
of new engineering professors selected by the university from a pool of more than 700 applicants to help establish the new engineering school.

Parke's gamble has clearly paid off — for himself and Boise State.

In his role as director of the microelectronics program, Parke has helped procure more than $4 million in equipment for the university's new microelectronics labs, including the microfabrication lab, the wafer characterization lab and the integrated circuit test lab.

"We all knew we wouldn't have a strong program here unless we had the lab facilities to reinforce the students' theoretical studies," he says. "And the equipment donations we have received from local companies have made that possible."

Parke also is putting his private sector research expertise to good use. He and fellow professor Gary Erickson, chair of the electrical engineering department, are the primary investigators for a research project being funded by a $500,000 National Science Foundation grant.

An international investment group is preparing to sink several million additional dollars into the project, of which more than $2 million is earmarked for Boise State. The project, says Parke, will move Boise State toward becoming a main research and development center for the radio frequency technologies required for futuristic pocket personal communicators.

Last year, the NSF's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research awarded the two-year grant to the department of electrical engineering in collaboration with the Idaho Small Business Development Center and the Idaho Department of Commerce. The goal is to build the research and development infrastructure in Idaho for rapid commercialization of fourth-generation wireless communication devices.

Similar in appearance to a cellular telephone, the devices will connect with satellites to provide instant audio, video and Internet access anywhere on Earth. Parke says a dramatic reduction in power dissipation is the main focus of the research.

During the last decade, Parke has been involved with the R&D of innovative new ultra-low transistors fabricated on silicon-on-insulator (SOI) wafers that are designed to solve the problem.

The NSF grant currently employs three undergraduates, one graduate student and a Korean postdoctoral researcher.

Grants like the ones Parke has received contribute to the College of Engineering's rapidly growing reputation. But the college and its supporters can't expect it to become a world-renowned institution overnight.

"It will probably take 10 years to get the word out about Boise State's engineering school," Parke says. "But I don't think it's going to take us 10 years to build a high-quality program. In most respects we're there right now. It just takes time to build an international reputation."
KINESIOLOGY PROFESSOR DELIVERS LIFE’S LESSONS TO THE LINKS

By Justin Endow

A 10-year-old tennis prodigy throws her racket and vows never to play again after losing a match. A junior high school student loses interest in school because he struggles with assignments. Rather than battle through obstacles, many children give up on pursuing their dreams.

Boise State kinesiology professor and sports psychologist Linda Petlichkoff aims to change that. She and Virginia Commonwealth University professor Steve Danish have found that teaching children in a formal setting about life skills — such as effective communication with peers and adults, good decision-making and goal-setting — will help them overcome temporary barriers to success.

“Life skills allow us to succeed in our environment,” says Petlichkoff, who has written extensively on youth sports. “It helps when kids are taught and reinforced in a positive relationship with a caring adult.”

Petlichkoff will join with colleagues from other universities to participate in a national program to teach these skills in a new setting. They will help incorporate life skills instruction into The First Tee golf program by developing a manual for the golf instructors and assistants. As the instructors cover golf basics, the assistants, who will be trained in life skills, will interact with tips, such as how to focus on goals or how to control anger.

The First Tee is a national campaign designed to bring golf to children of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds. It also seeks to build values in participants that are integral to all facets of life: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and self-discipline.

“I’m absolutely honored to be working on this project,” Petlichkoff says. “Setting goals is one of the most important skills kids can learn because it brings a sense of control to their lives. They’ll be taught to set behavioral, cognitive, interpersonal and social goals applicable to golf and then transfer those skills to other environments.”

The First Tee will allow children to develop relationships with the facilitators, which is a primary component to how the program will affect them,

And if the program works, Petlichkoff hopes to take life skills instruction to all youth sports organizations. “Eventually, such programs may help break down racial and ethnic lines that remain so prevalent, particularly in large cities,” she says.

ILLUSTRATOR DRAWS FROM UNIQUE VISION FOR KIDS’ BOOK

By Sherry Squires

Illustrator Bill Carman’s job is a complex one — to translate words, thoughts and concepts into images that portray those same ideas.

But it is that artistic challenge that drives the Boise State art instructor.

“Illustrating is about thinking and solving problems visually,” Carman says. “My stuff is a little bizarre, but I like bizarre.

“Bizarre isn’t boring. Every piece is like a new adventure.”

His latest adventure will take his work to a new audience.

Carman will be both author and illustrator for a 40-page book scheduled for publication by Random House in the fall of 2001.

Aimed at 4- to 7-year-old children, What is that Noise? is the story of a little boy who wakes in the middle of the night to a mysterious sound. His wild imagination takes him on adventures with lawnmowers, planes and other contraptions.


But this children’s book was

Illustrator and Boise State art professor Bill Carman will use his craft to create a new children’s book.

Carman’s first submission. Random House, the world’s largest publishing company, chose Carman’s work from among countless ideas submitted.

Carman’s students will share in the venture. The students saw his submission. They will see all of his illustrations in progress and watch the story unfold. They’ll even see the changes Carman must make for his editor.

“This is lucky for my students,” he says. “They will get to be involved in a real-world scenario.”

Carman has designed covers for several books, and covers for three issues of FOCUS magazine, including the spring 1999 issue which showed a mouse removing a thorn from a lion’s paw. The work was recently showcased in a national illustrators publication.

Carman’s work has also been featured in six national shows, three regional shows, two faculty shows, two solo shows and a two-artist show since he joined the Boise State faculty in 1998.

His work can be seen regularly at the Basement Gallery in downtown Boise.
STATE-OF-THE-ART NMR ENHANCES CHEMISTRY RESEARCH

By Janelle Brown

Thanks to a $100,000 matching grant from the National Science Foundation, Boise State's chemistry department has a new Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer, or NMR.

The massive new equipment, housed on the third floor of the Science/Nursing building, is the most sensitive NMR model type in the world used for gas-phase studies, says chemistry professor Clifford LeMaster, who secured the NSF grant that helped Boise State purchase the $250,000 system.

A wide-bore system — basically, a large opening in the super-conducting magnet of the NMR — allows researchers to insert large samples for analysis, LeMaster explains. Because of the width of the opening, the system is especially useful for studying dilute samples such as gases and liquids with low concentrations. The state-of-the-art instrument will also be used for liquid studies.

Few people have the technical expertise to use the wide-bore system for gas-phase studies, but Boise State has researchers trained in the specialized techniques, LeMaster says.

"The new NMR will be used throughout the undergraduate chemistry curriculum," LeMaster says. "And it will directly affect the research of about half our chemistry faculty."

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy uses low-level radio waves in powerful magnetic fields to identify chemical structures, understand the dynamics of chemical reactions and predict other reactions. The NMR has some general similarities to the more familiar Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI, used in hospitals, but involves different processes and is used for different applications.

LITERARY JOURNAL EARN HONORS

Three pieces from the first edition of The Idaho Review, a collection of fiction, poetry and essay writing published through Boise State's new master's in creative writing program, were selected among the 100 most distinguished stories of 1998 by the publication The Best American Short Stories.


Considering the amount of short fiction published each year and the fact that Boise State wasn't able to pay its contributors, to have three selections on the list is remarkable, says editor and creative writing professor Mitch Wieland.

The works selected were written by Richard Bausch, Ann Beattie and Boise State creative writing professor Robert Olimstead.

The Idaho Review also received some kind words from Alan Cheuse, the long-time book reviewer for All Things Considered on National Public Radio. "I don't know that I've seen such a high quality list of contributors, and such good work by them, since the early days of some of the best magazines we know — Partisan Review, Paris Review and such," wrote Cheuse in a letter to Wieland.

"Generally, the reputation of a literary journal such as this grows very slowly," says Wieland. "But the response to this first issue is beyond my wildest dreams. The journal has the opportunity for its potential to be realized much faster.

"We're working to build on our momentum and continue to improve the quality of the journal. Hopefully, the Review will raise awareness of our creative writing program and also bring attention to Boise State," Wieland adds.

The second volume of The Idaho Review is now available for $8.95 in the Boise State Bookstore and other area bookstores. It includes work from nationally recognized writers Stephen Minot, Stephen Dixon and Alyson Hagy. The artwork of Idaho's James Castle appears on the cover and on eight color plates inside.

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A TEACHER WITH THE RIGHT TOUCH

By Steve Bard

School was seldom easy for Xochitl (pronounced So-chee) Fuhriman-Ebert. Classmates and teachers along the way never thought she would go to college. If only they could see her now.

In November, the 1995 Boise State education graduate was named Oregon's Teacher of the Year. She will compete with other state winners for the National Teacher of the Year award, to be named in April.

But that's not all of the good news she received last fall. The federal government funded a $500,000 grant she wrote to improve instruction for students with limited English skills.

And she was among 172 teachers nationwide chosen to receive a $25,000 award from the Milken Family Foundation in Santa Monica, Calif. More than 1,500 teachers were nominated. The foundation annually gives the awards to recognize and reward outstanding teachers — no strings attached. She plans to use the money to pay for school as she works toward an eventual doctorate degree.

Fuhriman-Ebert, the daughter of Boise State bilingual education professor Jay Fuhriman, says she's gratified by the honors. But students remain her primary motivation.

Watch Fuhriman-Ebert lead a class at Ontario Middle School and it's easy to see why she's so effective.

She leans over a sixth-grader sitting at his desk struggling to read an adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol.

Fuhriman-Ebert whispers words in the boy's ear when he pauses on words he doesn't recognize. When he reads a word incorrectly, she doesn't correct him and embarrass him in front of the class. Rather, she lets him continue, pleased that he's at least trying to read aloud to classmates.

"It's very hard to read aloud like that, so you did a very good job," she says to encourage the boy.

Fuhriman-Ebert asks the 23 students, who were taking turns reading, how they could make their expressionless readings more interesting. She doesn't tell them how, but lets them figure it out.

"Give it more attitude," some students answer. "More emotion," says others. "Read the exclamation points, question marks and punctuation," she replies.

"That's how you learn — you ask me and I'll ask you," she tells the students.

Throughout the exercise, Fuhriman-Ebert, who is fluent in Spanish, sprinkles in Spanish-language instructions along with English. Using the student's native language helps them understand lessons, she says.

That's particularly important in Ontario, where many families are Hispanic farmworkers. At the middle school, 231 of the 612 students are Hispanic, and 140 of them possess limited English skills.

Fuhriman-Ebert says she tries to teach students more than reading, writing and arithmetic. She advises students on how to assimilate into American society. She teaches them to believe they can succeed.

Her goal for some troubled students is simply to get them to enjoy school and want to attend class, she says.

"I don't know if I'm a great math teacher," she says. "But I do find that the most important connection you can make with students is just letting them know you care."

That ability to connect and mentor students is what makes her an irreplaceable, "superstar teacher," says Steven Youngblood, Ontario Middle School principal.

"She's got one of the highest energy levels of any teacher I have ever known," he says. "She is very kid-focused. She has a special place in her heart for kids who may not have as much as you and I have."

Youngblood adds that Fuhriman-Ebert is truly gifted at devising creative ways to reach students.

"She's always looking for new ways to push the limits a little bit farther, to do a little bit better," he says.

Once, for example, she took advantage of the popularity of the movie Titanic to motivate her class.

She took them on a field trip to an Ontario restaurant. Some students sat in a first-class section, some in a second-class section and some in a third, just like they would be situated on the Titanic. Students assigned to first-class seating took limousines and wore tuxedos or their best dresses.

The students later said they weren't used to being treated with such respect, Fuhriman-Ebert says. Many had never dreamed they could someday earn that treatment themselves. After the trip, some said they wanted to strive for a better life.

"The kids walked out of that experience feeling what it was like to be out of their element for the day. They just need to see that connection — they need to experience success. That is going to make them want to have more," she says.

Her style pays off big with students. Over and over again, they say they like the way she respects them and cares about them.

"She's a fun teacher. She makes learning fun. She's really cool," says Beronica Galindo, a 13-year-old eighth-grader.

"Everyone's normally good around her," adds Kayann Cowperthwait, a 12-year-old sixth-grader. "She's nice to us, so why should we be mean to her?"

Fuhriman-Ebert already has made a difference in young lives, explains Ron Guyer, director of student services for the Ontario district.

"Although she has only been teaching for four years, her achievements professionally and in the community have been outstanding. She has been able to accomplish in those four years what it takes most teachers their entire career," he says.
GOULD LEGISLATES A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

By Steve Bard

State Rep. Celia Gould has made the most of her Boise State degree in political science, rising to become the chairwoman of one of the Legislature's most important committees.

This month, Gould began her eighth year heading the House Judiciary and Rules Committee. Each year her committee is responsible for dozens of laws, from some that make it easier for youths to navigate the court system to others that set prison terms for drug dealers.

What she likes best about her job, she says, is using her position to help people.

One of her favorite accomplishments was a bill that made it easier for abused children to find a guardian to help represent them in court, she says. "I felt it was something that really helped some individuals out there," says Gould, who was elected in 1986 at age 29, making her one of the youngest women legislators ever to serve in Idaho.

Gould says Boise State professors gave her great training for her job. Particularly helpful, she says, was that they arranged an internship in the same committee she now heads.

"Majors in political science ought to be at Boise State because it opens a world of possibilities for you," the 1979 graduate says. "The professors really encourage students to take advantage of the hands-on knowledge you can get from the interns."

Today, Gould is giving back by working with interns of her own, even letting them research and introduce bills.

A rancher and farmer in Buhl when the Legislature isn't meeting, Gould once thought she wanted to teach physical education. But she got involved in politics after she helped organize a radio campaign for Ronald Reagan's 1976 campaign stop in Twin Falls. "I really got fascinated by the process, and so I decided to get a degree in political science," she says. "I realized people could have a say in the process."

Now, some 20 years later, she's become an influential figure in Idaho's House of Representatives. And she's not ruling out a run for higher office, either.

"I never close any doors, but I'm certainly happy where I am right now," she says.

LIFE BEHIND CAMERA SUITS SPORTS FAN JUST FINE

By Steve Bard

Sports fans dream about it. Kevin Edmundson lives it.

The 1987 Boise State University graduate gets to attend most of the Northwest's marquee sporting events—and he gets paid for it.

He's a freelance cameraman in the Seattle area whose workplace is an array of ballparks, football fields and basketball arenas throughout the West.

"I've always been interested in sports. To get to run cameras and be around it all the time is really tremendous for me," he says.

Edmundson, a 36-year-old communication graduate, started working with cameras while studying at Boise State. His professional career began when he shot Bronco football games for KTVB television. After graduation, he decided he wanted to be a full-time television photographer, so he moved to Seattle, where more sporting events are held.

It wasn't easy getting started in the business 10 years ago. Seattle television stations occasionally called him for assignments, but he had to supplement his income by working for temporary-service agencies.

Gradually, Edmundson's camera skills caught the eye of ESPN and the four major networks, all of which rely on freelance camera operators. Now he gets enough assignments to pay the bills.

Edmundson says he mostly shoots Sonics basketball games, Seahawks football games and Mariners baseball games. But the networks also send him to sporting events in just about every major city west of the Mississippi River.

Edmundson said his biggest game was a 1995 baseball playoff between the Mariners and New York Yankees. A huge crowd was on hand, camera operators from all over the nation were working together, and the game was broadcast on national television. "I was nervous at first—I was just trying not to screw up. Then I got into a comfort zone and tried to do what I do best," he says.

And what does he do in his spare time? Watch sports, of course. But he has professional reasons to explain why he is glued to the TV. "I need to learn more about how other shooters handle games," he says.
Alumni in Touch

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50s

RICHARD JOSEPH BJUNN, AA, general arts and sciences, '53, was recently appointed director of the Newman Center Catholic community at the University of California, Davis.

DON ELIGIA HANCOCK, AA, general arts and sciences, '57, recently retired as senior administrative coordinator with Ford Aerospace Corp. in California after 21 years. Hancock also marks his 21st year as a violinist with the Fremont Symphony in Fremont, Calif.

70s

ALAN R. SMITH, BA, elementary education, '70, was recently named Teacher of the Year by the Parma School District in Parma. Smith is a 26-year veteran with the school district.

M. ELIZABETH HENRY, BA, elementary education, '71, is retired from the Boise School District. Henry taught in Boise for 39 years.

HARRY C. ALLEN, attended '70-'71, is superintendent at McAlvain Construction in Boise. Allen's company has just completed two new buildings on the Boise State campus: the Harry W. Morrison Civil Engineering Building and the Micron Engineering Center.

VICTOR A. JONES, BBA, general business, '72, has retired as a DC-10 co-pilot with United Airlines. Jones resides in Lynnwood, Wash.

JAMES R. SIMPSON, BBA, finance, '73, is vice chairman of the Idaho Lottery Commission. Simpson was appointed by Gov. Cecil Andrus and reappointed by Gov. Phil Batt. Simpson also is owner and publisher of the Weiser Signal American in Weiser.

FRANK D. PEARSON, BA, elementary education, '74, teaches third grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Jerome.

LARRY N. GWARTNEY, BA, English/secondary education, '75, is an English teacher at Salmon High School in Salmon. Gwartney recently wrote a short story titled “Silo Monkeys” and is published on the Internet magazine Serpentine.

SHERRI D. (BROOKS) BOSSERMAN, BA, elementary education, '76, is a gifted and talented facilitator for the Kuna School District. Bosserman also serves as an officer for the group Idaho the Association for the Gifted/State Advocates for Gifted Education, and serves as secretary for the State Council for Exceptional Children.

RONALD L. O’HALLORAN, BBA, general business, '76, is administrator at Harms Memorial Hospital in American Falls. For the past seven years O’Halloran was coordinator of rural health services for the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. He also has worked in administrative positions at hospitals in Odessa and Burien, Wash. and John Day, Ore.

MARY L. (HANSON) AUSTIN-ERICKSON, '77, retired after 20 years with the state as a social worker. Austin-Erickson is now a substitute teacher and resides in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

MARALYN T. SOMMER, BM, '77, music/general,

is associate dean of arts and sciences at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Sommer also teaches in the music department at HSU and performs with the South Arkansas Symphony.

CAROL J. COLLINS, BA, elementary education, '78, writes a family-oriented column for the Idaho Press-Tribune in Nampa. Collins has worked with families, children and individuals in her counseling practice for 10 years and has worked extensively with anger management and domestic violence issues. Prior to beginning a private practice, Collins was an elementary school teacher for 12 years.

DURO FINDS HAPPINESS AS Y’S TOP GUY

By Justin Endow

David Duro once dreamed of pulling down the big bucks as a high-priced lawyer. But near the end of his academic career at Boise State, he decided to follow his true “calling” instead.

“I think I found something I was destined to do,” says Duro, the executive director of the downtown Boise YMCA. “Much more satisfaction comes out of this job than just compensation. I have the opportunity and ability to positively impact people’s lives.”

So every morning, nearly 15 years later, he goes off to his shared, cubbyhole of an office that sports unfinished walls and the constant hum of machinery. This room used to be a part of the women’s locker room,” he says with a laugh. “But I guess I didn’t get this into this nice office and the big paychecks.”

His permanent office will be much nicer when the YMCA completes its $8.2 million renovation and expansion. Work is expected to continue for several more months, so for now the basement will remain his home away from home.

The 1986 graduate in economics began his professional work for the Y as a Boise State senior. He served as director of marketing and public relations until 1989. Then he shifted to the athletic side of the organization, working as the director of health and physical education.

“My always loved the physical side of this work,” Duro says. “It also provided me with the opportunity to develop a broader base of experience.”

This strong foundation led to his hiring as chief executive officer of the Port Angeles, Wash., YMCA in 1991. This branch of the Y was in shambles; it was nearly bankrupt with a debt more than twice its annual budget.

“My education and experience hadn’t prepared me for the kind of job I was going into,” he remembers. “I had to learn quickly, but it proved to be very enlightening. I began to understand that what I’d gotten at Boise State and in earlier jobs was just the groundwork. I discovered I needed to continue to learn every day.”

After four years in Port Angeles, Duro packed up his young family and returned to Boise, this time to take his current position. He also is serving as the expansion project manager, making for an extremely diverse job description.

“I would’ve been happy,” he says, “but I don’t know if I would’ve been happy. Even now, after so many years with this organization, when I get up in the mornings, I still want to go to work.”

LARRY L. JOHNSON, BBA, accounting/economics, '78, is director of pension investments for Abitibi Consolidated, a forest products company headquartered in Montreal. Johnson lives in St. Albans, Utah.

TIMOTHY B. WILSON, BA, criminal justice, '78, recently retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps. Wilson served the Corps in many capacities and received numerous medals. Wilson is currently attending law school at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

GRANT C. JONES, BA, history/social sciences/secondary education, '78, is international site liaison in the corporate affairs.
MAY 5:30 - 7 P.M. spokesman for the company and is the liaison for employee communications worldwide for Heinz in Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROGER K. WIDNER, BBA, computer information systems, '79, is vice president of sales and operations for Metamor Industry Solutions, an information technology company in Boise.

FLORENCE A. HAWKES, MA, education/curriculum and instruction, '80, has taught school in the Kuna School District for 25 years. Hawkes is active in community affairs and is currently chairman of the Kuna Library Board and a member of the Kuna Planning and Zoning Commission.

ALICE MARIE (MYERS) SCHENK, BS, physical education, '81, teaches health at Minico High School in Rupert.

ANDREW J. DESILIT, BBA, computer information systems, '82, is manager of corporate EDI with Boise Cascade Corp. in Boise.

GENEVA A. TRENT, BA, accounting, '82, is a self-employed CPA/consultant and is employed by Re:Sources Connection. She previously was a senior auditor for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Trent also is a member of the planning and zoning commission in Eagle.

TERESA ANNE "TERI" SACKMAN, BBA, marketing, '83, is a recent graduate of the Institutes for Organization Management at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Sackman has been executive director of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce since 1992.

DEBORAH HEINDEL (SPIELER) ASMUS, BM, music/general, '84, is employed in the Institutional Advancement office at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D.

ALLISON LEE STRATHEARN, BA, criminal justice administration, '84, recently received an associate of occupational studies degree in holistic health care from the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts in Scottsdale, Ariz. Strathearn resides in Tempe, Ariz., and owns The Body Garden, offering licensed massage therapy, licensed hypnotherapy, certified aroma therapy and holistic health care consultations.

CARLA ANN DAMIANO, BA, English/secondary education, '85, teaches German at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. Damiano has studied at the Universitat Bielefeld in Germany under two different Fulbright Fellowships and worked as a translator for a German author and an Austrian-based manufacturer of electronic ski passes. She earned her doctorate degree from the University of Oregon and her master's degree is from Portland State. She was recruited as the only American to play professionally on the German basketball team in Monheim, Germany, in 1986-87.

ROBERT I. SWENSON, BBA, accounting, '85, retired from J.R. Simplot Co. and has started his own accounting business in Grand View.

KAREN J. WILLIAMS, BA, communication, '85, is a manager for Midvale Telephone Exchange Inc. Williams earned her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Washington and taught for 10 years at UC Davis. She is now living in Midvale helping with the family-owned and operated company.

SHARON S. BROWN, BA, anthropology, '86, is...
marketing director at the School of Computer and Information Sciences at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.


MICHAEL ARTHUR STAVES, MPA, '86, recently received a meritorious service medal from the United States Army. Staves is a mobilization planner stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

STEVEN ALLEN BESSEL, BM, music, '88, teaches music, including band and chorus, for the Midvale School District in Midvale. Besel previously sang professional opera for five years throughout the Northwest.

ANDREW B. BRUNELLE, BS, political science, '83, is serving on the Boise planning committee for the comprehensive Boise River plan and will also serve on the city's planning committee for the foothills.

TAMMY LYNN (RICHCREEK) GRAY, BA, elementary education, '89, teaches first grade for the Brucato/Grand View School District. TAMMY LYNN (RICHCREEK) GRAY, BA, elementary education, '89, teaches first grade for the Brucato/Grand View School District.

ANGELA D. (FISCHER) PETERSON, BBA, accounting, '89, works in the sales and marketing department at Amgen Inc. Peterson previously worked in the finance department for the company and resides in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

90s

CAROL A. FULTON, MA, education/curriculum and instruction, '90, recently was a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. She spent three weeks as an honored guest of the Japanese government learning about its culture and educational system. Fulton is the gifted and talented education teacher at Eliza Hart Spalding Elementary School in Meridian.

ROBERT A. CRAIN, BA, psychology, '90, is an assistant professor of psychology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in Edinboro. Crain's article "Interviewer Questions and Content Analysis of Children's Statements of Sexual Abuse" was recently published in Applied Developmental Psychology.

ERIC ERNEST LAMOTT, MS, exercise and sports studies, '90, is an associate professor at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn.

DAVID ROY WILLIAMS, MS, exercise and sports studies, '90, is department chair of health and physical education at Tarrant County College in Arlington, Texas. Williams coached 11 Olympians in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and received his doctorate in kinesiology from Texas A&M University in 1994.

MARSHA LOU (BECK) BURKE, BBA, finance, '91, is a systems analyst with the U.S. Navy.

TIMOTHY K. LEONARD, BA, communication, '92, is executive director of the Golden Knights Club at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Leonard previously was assistant director of the Bronco Athletic Association at Boise State.

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CARY RAY WELSH, BBA, accounting, '92, is a systems training and design manager for Cougar Mountain Software Inc. in Boise.

RYAN EUGENE HILL, BA, political science, '93, is creative director for AMS Services Inc., a software company based in Windsor, Conn.

FRANK JOSEPH HECKER, BS, athletic training, '93, is a firefighter/paramedic in Salt Lake County in Utah.

KIMBERLY M. (SCHIEFER) JOHANIK, MPA, '93, is a captain in the U.S. Army and recently reported for duty at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

KEVIN D. ROBERTS, MS, exercise and sports studies, '93, was named Teacher of the Year for Meridian Middle School for 1998-99.

PAIGE STANDELL, BA, political science, '93, is an account executive with Oliver Russell & Associates, a marketing communications company in Boise. Standee previously worked for the technical recruiting firm TeKvonne in the Valley.

MICHAEL F. BURNS, MS, psychology, '93, is employed by the University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

TIMOTHY WALTER TYREE, BA, English, '93, is an associate in the real estate practice group of Hawley Troxell Ennis and Hawley LLP in Boise.

TAMMY A. FOX, BBA, accounting, '94, is a senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Portland, Ore.

COLLEEN K. LAMBERTZ, MBA, '94, is a family nurse practitioner at the Boise State student health center. Lambertz received her master's of science in nursing/family nurse practitioner at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

CANDLER LUIS LEGARRETA, BBA, general business management, '95, is employed at Source One in Boise as a marketing specialist for Lucent Technologies Business Communication System's Solutions. He recently earned his master's degree from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

ALLAN PETER O'CONNOR, BBA, production and operations management, '95, is a capacity analyst II at Micron Technology.

and U.S. government at Meadows Valley High School in New Meadows.

REBECCA E. NORTON, BS, psychology, '98, is attending graduate school at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass. Norton is studying clinical mental health counseling with a focus on school and community counseling.

KATHERINE ANN ODZIEMEK, BS, environmental health, '98, teaches science in Malawi with the Peace Corps.

MONICA PONDER, BS, nursing, '98, is trauma coordinator for Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center's trauma center. Ponder previously worked in the hospital's emergency department for two years. She lives in Boise.

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KIRK LYLE CHRISTIANSON, BS, biology, '99, is attending dental school at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

DAVID P. CLAiRorne, BA, political science, '99, is attending law school at Willamette University in Salem, Ore.

LINDA K. CLAiRorne, BS, social science, '99, is pursuing a master's degree in the physician's associate program at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore.

KI P. DAVIS, AS, radiologic science, '99, is an X-ray technologist at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

HECTOR De LEON, BA, social work, '99, works for the Idaho State Board for Vocational Education and is an advocate with the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

TUONGVY PHAM DONNELLY, BBA, management/human resources, '99, is a total compensation assistant with Port of Seattle in Seattle.

DAVID C. DOUGAL, MSW, social work, '99, is a behavior therapist for Advocacy & Learning Associates. Dougal lives in Blackfoot.

GINA LYNN D'Ottavio, AS, nursing, '99, is a registered nurse in neurology science at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

ANDREA E. DURIEUX, BA, '99, is an assistant basketball coach at Portland State University in Portland. Durieux is a former Boise State athlete, playing on the women's basketball team that won the 1998 Big West Eastern Division title and went on to postseason WNIT.

TIMOTHY FITZGERALD, BS, radiologic technology, '91, recently earned national credentials from the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. Fitzgerald is director of the radiology department at WKMH and lives in Emmett.

GRACE SHOSHANNA (BYRON) GAMBRELL, BS, nursing, '99, is a registered nurse on the neurology floor at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

KATHLEEN DON GARDNER, MA, interdisciplinary studies, '99, is director of the Mountain States Refugee Center in Boise.

CLIFFORD LEON GREEN, Ed.D., curriculum and instruction, '99, is working for the State Division for Professional Technical Education in Boise.

RAYNALDO R. GUERRERO, BS, physical education/secondary education, '99, is a recreation supervisor for Bidarki Recreation Center in Cordova, Alaska. Guerrero is in charge of children's programs and also works as a fitness instructor.

DEREK E. HIRZBERG, BA, elementary education, '99, teaches kindergarten at May Roberts in Ontario, Ore.

CASEY J. MASLONKA, BBA, finance, '99, is an investment analyst and business development specialist with D.B. Fitzpatrick & Co Inc. in Boise.

LAURALEE ARNOLD, AS, nursing, '99, is a registered nurse at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

CHRISTINA MARIE RAMEZ, BA, elementary education/bilingual-multicultural, '99, teaches ESL classes at the middle school for the Nyssa School District in Nyssa, Ore.

SHARLA DAWN (CHANDLER) SEE, AS, health information technology, '99, works in the medical records department at Nampa Care Center in Nampa.

LISA COLLEEN STIENKE, BA, elementary education, '99, teaches third grade at Treasure Valley Christian School. She resides in Ontario, Ore.

LARRY E. TAYLOR, BS, biology, '99 is studying marine microbial biology in the graduate school

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DORA BETH (PERKINS) ADAMS, MA, education/reading, '85, died Sept. 28 in Boise at age 64.
JANIE SUE (BAKER) ALLEN, MA, education/special education, '86, died Sept. 11 in Ontario, Ore., at age 48. Allen taught special education for the past 27 years in Ontario and Payette.
BARRY BURLESON, a nursing professor at Boise State, died of cancer Dec. 15. He was 57.

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expert in psychiatric nursing, he had been with Boise State since 1997.

RICHARD C. "RICK" BURROWS, BA, social work, '75, died Oct. 6 in Santa Cruz, Calif., at age 52.

L. FRANKLIN CARR, former university photographer, died Dec. 31, 1991. He was employed at Boise State for more than 25 years. During this period he also taught photography classes.

KIMBERLY JO (LANE) CRAIG, TC, dental assisting, '97, died Sept. 25 in Nampa at age 20. Craig worked for Dr. Reed Jarvis in Nampa at the time of her death.

PATRICIA A. DAY, BA, English/secondary education, '78, died of ovarian cancer March 5 in Beaverton, Ore., at age 63.

DAVID "GUS" FRASIER, died last spring in Rock Springs, Wyo., at age 71. Frasier played on coach Lyle Smith's undefeated football team at Boise Junior College in 1947-48. He went on to play football for two years at Idaho State in Pocatello under Babe Cassia and graduated from ISU in 1951.

BRUCE OWEN HARVEY, AA, general arts and sciences, '52, died Sept. 11 in Boise at age 67. From 1972 until retirement Harvey was chief of dental services in Veterans Administration hospitals at several locations, retiring from the Boise VA Medical Center in 1993. Harvey previously had his own dental practice and later had a career in public health service.

ROBERT WILLARD HERRBOLDT, MA, education/curriculum and instruction, '81, died of complications from lung cancer in Mountain Home at age 54. Herrboldt owned Sawtooth Designs where he designed redwood furniture. He also was an industrial arts teacher in Mountain Home.

ROBERT LEE HERVEY, diploma, general arts and sciences, '67, died Sept. 5 in Boise at age 54.

RENEE LYNN (GUENZLER) HOPLA, BS, nursing, '91, died Oct. 12 in Twin Falls at age 31. Hapla worked at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise and Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls. She had been the clinical nursing director for Ida-Home Health in Boise and had recently moved to Twin Falls to become the manager of Clinical Hospice and Home Health Nursing Services for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

DORIS "MAXINE" HUGHES, AA, nursing, '59, died Oct. 3 in Ontario, Ore., at age 81. Hughes had worked at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, the Boise chapter of the Red Cross and Grand Oaks nursing home.

LESLE K. KIENN, MBA, '94, died Oct. 3 of cancer at age 41. Kiehn worked for Boise Cascade in Boise in the finance group systems support and most recently was a database administrator.

ANITA RAE (ISaac) LANDERS, BS, sociology, '90, died July 31 in Portland, Ore., at age 62. Landers was employed by American Property Management of Portland. She previously worked in Silverton and Coeur d'Alene as a social worker for the elderly.

GERALD N. LEHAN JR., BA, business education/administrative services, '71, died Sept. 8 from cancer at age 52. Lehan worked at the Idaho Department of Labor until illness forced his retirement in 1998. He previously worked for the Idaho Parks Department, Boise City Parks Department, the Idaho Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

SAM R. MOAD, BBA, accounting, '80, died of cancer at age 42. Moad was a CPA and partner in Schneiter & Moad, and SM Planning and Investments Inc. in Anchorage, Alaska. He continued with both businesses until his death. He moved his family back to Idaho in 1995.

RUTH (WALKER) MODROW, a retired teacher and part-time student at BSU at the time of her death, died Nov. 1 in Boise at age 64. She grew up in Longview, Wash., and taught in the Idaho Falls School District for several years. Her son, David Modrow, is a Boise State graduate.

ROBERT L. STERNER, BA, social science/secondary education, '70, died of cancer Sept. 22 in Inkom at age 59. He started his teaching career in 1970 in Arlington, Ore. In 1972 he moved to Inkom and taught social studies, English, history, debate, yearbook and was the ski club advisor at Marsh Valley High. He moved to the Middle School in 1991 where he taught until illness forced his retirement in May of 1999.

MARION ROZINA (NIELSEN) THOMAS, BA, elementary education, '73, died Oct. 2 in Emmett at age 60. Thomas taught school in the Emmett and Payette school districts for 17 years.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The goals of the Alumni Association are implemented by a growing and expanding committee structure of alumni volunteers.

There are six standing committees of the Alumni Association: membership, events, scholarships, alumni center, student relations and legislative relations. Each committee has goals and objectives for the year and these goals tie directly back to the mission and goals of the Alumni Association and the university.

The LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE is working hard to support the university's goals for the future. This committee is co-chaired by 1992 graduates Pat Reilly and Alex Labeau. Reilly, who works for WRC Advertising, is a former student body president. Labeau works for the Idaho Association of Realtors. Both have extensive political and lobbying experience.

The committee is working to create a grassroots network of alumni throughout the state who can contact their legislators about higher education issues. The committee also will co-sponsor and organize programs such as Higher Education Week, and campus visits by various key legislative committees and individual legislators.

Other tasks include promoting Boise State by taking legislators to events on campus, helping in the selection and training of the ASBSU student lobbyist and supporting Boise State's government relations efforts in Washington, D.C.

Susie Schumacher, an '85 graduate, chairs the STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE. The committee provides programs, events, and opportunities for the Alumni Association to assist in the development of current Boise State students.

Projects in the development stages include an Alumni Speakers Bureau that would bring alumni on campus each month to speak on a relevant topic. Another project is the development of an Alumni Career Talk network where alumni would volunteer their time to talk about their job and profession with current students.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for members of the Alumni Association board of directors. The board guides the association in its goals and programs.

The bylaws of the association allow for 25 Boise State alumni to be selected to serve a three-year term. An additional five alumni are selected by the president of the Alumni Association to serve a one-year term.

Nominations are being sought for five members to serve a three-year term.

For more information, contact Bob Davies in the Alumni Office. Nominations will be accepted until March 1.

BASSFORD GIVES $100,000 FOR CENTER

The fund drive for a new alumni center at Boise State received a big boost in October when alumnus Dennis Bassford donated $100,000 to the project.

Bassford's contribution is the first major gift to the fund drive, which seeks to raise more than $1 million for the proposed center. The center will be funded from private sources.

Bassford, a 1980 accounting graduate and Payette native, is founder and CEO of MoneyTree Inc., a Seattle-based check-cashing business. He is the recipient of a 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award from Boise State.

ACCOUNTING ALUM CREATES SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to 1977 accounting graduate Chuck Hallett, a $55,000 endowment has been established to provide scholarships for Boise State accounting students.

The Charles Hallett Alumni Association Scholarship for Accounting will provide a scholarship for an incoming freshman each year. Recipients will be eligible to maintain their scholarships for their next three years at Boise State, provided they maintain certain academic requirements.

"We hope to offer a second scholarship for an incoming freshman next year, and as the endowment grows, we eventually hope to have four scholarships for a student at each grade level every year," says Bob Davies, Alumni Association executive director. Hallett is a partner in Strader Hallett, an accounting firm based in Bellevue, Wash.

ALUMNI FUND 33 FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty-three incoming freshmen will receive a financial boost from the Boise State Alumni Association thanks to the Distinguished Freshman Awards.

This fall, a $24,000 scholarship fund was divided among the newcomers. "Eventually, we hope to add more funds to make the scholarships available to even more freshmen," says Alumni Association executive director Bob Davies. "Our goal is to continue this program in perpetuity so that we can honor a new group of students on an annual basis."

To be eligible for a Distinguished Freshman Award, students must distinguish themselves while in high school by excelling in the classroom, being involved in extracurricular activities and participating in community service, says Davies.

"For many of these students, a scholarship can mean the difference between going to college or not. We want to provide funds that will open the doors of opportunity for them," says Davies.
GOLF TOURNAMENTS

The Alumni Association is again gearing up for its annual series of golf tournaments that are held each spring and summer throughout southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. This year's tournaments will be held in Idaho Falls, the Magic Valley, Canyon County, Boise, Payette and Ontario. Tournaments are conducted using a scramble format so golfers at all skill levels can participate. The net proceeds of each tournament support a scholarship fund for a student from that area to attend Boise State. Details about each tournament will be announced in February.

HOMECOMING 2000

Homecoming 2000 events for alumni will start on Thursday, Oct. 5, and conclude with the football game on Oct. 7. Alumni programs and events will include reunions, community events, the traditional Twilight Parade, pre-game functions, college receptions, the annual Alumni Art Show, and more.

Among the gatherings being planned is a "Boise State Spirit" reunion for former band members, cheerleaders, Maneline Dancers and others who participated in performances at Boise State athletic contests.

AFFINITY PLATES ON SALE

Boise State boosters are starting to show their colors on their license plates. The specialty plates feature a galloping bronco on a white background.

The plates cost $35 the first year and $25 in subsequent years in addition to the regular license fee.

Of that, $25 of the initial fee returns to the university. Each time the plate is renewed, $15 will return to the university.

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

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

ALUMNI DUES DRIVE

The Alumni Association is in the middle of its 2000 dues drive. Annual dues are only $25. Dues support a variety of alumni events and publications as well as Boise State and its programs.

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

For your convenience, a membership application is included on page 40.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Joel Hickman, President
Boise State University Alumni Association

As I write this letter to you, 1999 is drawing to a close. By the time you read it, the new millennium will be upon us.

What better time is there to think of the past and the future? It has been an incredible year for our alma mater and the Alumni Association.

There were accomplishments on the athletic field — conference and division championships in gymnastics, women’s tennis, basketball and football and an NCAA individual championship in wrestling.

And there were accomplishments in academic programs. To name only a few:

• All three of our engineering departments (electrical, mechanical and civil) received national accreditation. This is a major accomplishment in itself, but we were able to receive accredited status in the fastest possible time allowed.

• Boise State again set a state enrollment record, with more than 16,200 students enrolled in the fall semester. By several thousand students, Boise State is the largest education institution in the state.

• The Carnegie Foundation named Pam Gehrke, nursing, as Idaho’s Professor of the Year. This is the second consecutive year in which a Boise State professor was selected for this award.

• As for the Alumni Association, we again had a record-setting year in the number of dues-paying alumni.

• The association sponsored more than 80 events that served more than 25,000 alumni throughout the region.

• And the association initiated the Distinguished Freshman Scholars program, which honored 33 outstanding freshmen for their academic accomplishments and their participation in extracurricular and community activities.

As we look to the future, I am excited by the direction of the Alumni Association. In December, we announced two major alumni gifts that will continue our momentum into the year 2000. The first is from Charles Hallett, who started an endowment that will fund tuition and books for a student. The other is from Dennis Bassford, who was the first to commit to a major gift to our Alumni Center campaign. Please refer to page 44 for more information on their gifts.

Both of these projects — scholarships and the Alumni Center — will assist the Alumni Association and the university in the years to come.

I encourage you to think about contributing to either of these projects. If you work for a major company, it may even match your gift. There are also many ways to "leverage" your gift for a greater tax benefit. Please contact your Alumni Association to learn about these techniques.

As we all begin the new year, make it your resolution to get involved with Boise State. We have great momentum heading into 2000. It is up to us to continue to build on that in the coming years.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Each year, the Alumni Association recognizes up to three individuals who have distinguished themselves in either their profession, community or service to Boise State. Past recipients include CEOs of major companies, movie directors, authors, physicians and community leaders.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on April 25 at the same banquet that honors the university’s Top Ten Scholars and their favorite professors. “In one evening, we honor our best and brightest students, the professors who challenge and mold our students, and the alumni who continually demonstrate the quality of Boise State,” says Bob Davies, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Last year’s alumni recipients were Dennis Bassford, CEO of MoneyTree, Louann Krueger, vice president of First Security Bank, and Richard Nelson, CEO of Regence BlueShield of Washington.

Nominations for the 2000 Distinguished Alumni Award are being accepted by the Alumni Office. Nominations should include a letter stating the qualifications of the nominee, a resume and any other supporting information. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1.

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