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ABOUT THIS ISSUE: Boise State observes its 70th anniversary this year, and to mark the occasion, the staff of FOCUS has selected 70 alumni of note to illustrate the depth and breadth of the achievements of those who have attended what began as Boise Junior College in 1932. From Nat Adams to Christian Zimmermann (both of whom were decorated for heroism), our list contains physicians and filmmakers, educators and executives, athletes and authors, soldiers and scientists along with many others — all of them outstanding in their own way. Collage by Cris Shin.

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ike other aspects of our lives, the development of organizations is neither smooth nor unidirectional. We all experience highs and lows, periods of growth and decline, opportunities for expansion and needs for consolidation. Universities are not immune from these cycles. So I characterize this year at Boise State as one of two steps forward and one step backward.

A significant step forward came during the January State Board of Education meeting when formal action was taken on the report on institutional allocation of state-appropriated funds. At issue was the equitable distribution of state-appropriated dollars among Idaho’s universities and college. The application of a funding formula that was developed in the early 1990s has resulted in significant differences in allocation among the institutions. The data showed that Boise State students were not receiving an equitable share of state resources compared to those at other institutions.

The current formula does not account for major growth in enrollment such as we have experienced over the past decade. Following an intensive consultant’s study and State Board review and discussion, the board adopted a position that recognized the inequity in funding among institutions and developed a plan to lessen these inequities.

The plan would place highest priority on seeking almost 8 million new dollars from the Legislature in future years. These dollars would be allocated to both Boise State and Idaho State universities in a formula designed to “make up” for lost dollars in their ongoing base budgets. Boise State has the potential to receive an additional 4.5 million new dollars in the years to come. Additionally, the Board adopted a new formula that should address some of the funding issues in a more equitable manner.

A second significant step forward is our plan to dramatically expand our on-campus student housing. Over a year ago the university engaged a well-known housing-consulting firm, Brailsford & Dunlavey, to review our current housing in light of our strategic plans, financial capabilities, the local market and student demand.

Following extensive study and analysis, our consultants documented an “unmet demand for on-campus housing among Boise State students” and laid out a multiphase plan to remodel and add to our housing system. Our goal is to expand housing opportunities from about 7 to 12 percent of our student enrollment with the addition of about 1,400 beds.

Phase One of this plan includes razing University Courts, an 83-apartment complex built in the 1940s and in dire need of renovation. With some adjacent land acquisition, a new complex will be constructed that will include 175 units. Concurrently, we plan to build a new 340-bed residence hall near Morrison and Driscoll halls. In total, this $29 million project will add significantly to our housing inventory and improve one of our very popular apartment villages. The potential for additional housing should impact the entire campus community and is important to our future. Construction could begin as early as next fall.

There is no doubt that the sudden economic turnaround currently being experienced in Idaho and across the nation will have a sobering effect on our development, at least in the near future. As of this writing, our fiscal year 2003 budget will be reduced 10.1 percent from the current year. This will result in a $9.2 million reduction to our operating budget for next year. Our plan, well along in development, includes recovering $4.3 million through increased and reallocated student fees. If approved, this action would result in a 12 percent or $160 per semester increase in student fees. We are well aware that such increases may have a negative effect on student enrollment, and we will do everything we can to assist students in obtaining financial aid.

Even with these increases, we are in the process of reducing our budget by $4.9 million. All parts of the institution will experience a decrease in support. Our goal is to maintain quality, while regretfully reducing quantity. Our plan leaves many positions vacant, limits services, and in a few cases, actually lays off current employees. We will offer fewer sections of courses and will experience increased stress on our services. Not a pretty picture. Clearly, next fall we will be smaller and less able to fulfill all aspects of our assigned mission.

Dark economic clouds notwithstanding, Boise State University continues to be an institution of quality, growth and excitement. Consider the following: Within the past few weeks, our construction management team won two national competitions, our debate team was ranked among the nation’s top 10 and our wrestling team won the Pac-10 championship.

Life in the world of higher education is always a journey of uneven steps. But we continue to march forward faster than we do backward.

I appreciate your support and welcome your comments; I can be reached at (208) 426-1491 or by e-mail at CRuch@boisestate.edu.
University budget cut; Student fees increased

Boise State will implement several cost-saving measures, increase student fees and reduce budgets to accommodate an estimated $9.34 million shortfall in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The plan drafted by the university's Executive Budget Committee was approved by President Charles Ruch in early March. The plan won't be put in place until the State Board of Education allocates the higher education budget and votes on student fee proposals in April.

The plan was drafted in response to the state-mandated 10.1 percent reduction in the university's general account budget. One of the key components is a proposed 12 percent fee increase, which will result in approximately $4.34 million in additional revenue. If approved, Boise State's current $1,334 per semester fee would increase by $160.

The remaining $5 million shortfall will be made up through budget reductions and savings measures. Boise State will reduce its work force by 41 positions—22 faculty and 19 staff. Of those, 10 will be laid off. The other 31 are positions that are currently vacant or will be vacant due to retirements.

An analysis of the budget reduction and its impact on the university is on Page 10.

Spring enrollment largest ever

Boise State's rapid growth pace quickened this spring semester when enrollment jumped 6 percent over the previous year, the largest increase in more than 10 years.

With 16,847 students, Boise State set a new spring record, exceeding last spring's enrollment by almost 1,000 students.

Enrollment typically drops from fall to spring semesters, but this spring the difference is only 314 students.

"We can accommodate our growth this semester and are now focusing our attention on several management strategies for the summer and fall terms so we can maintain quality during a period of budget reductions," says President Charles Ruch.

Boise State's Canyon County Center enrollment grew by 33 percent, with 1,452 students taking classes this spring. More than 1,100 students registered for Internet and computer-based courses, a 65 percent increase over last spring. Applied technology enrollment increased 11 percent.

The statistics also indicate students are taking larger class loads, with the number of full-time students up 12 percent while part-time student enrollment decreased by 1 percent.

The strong enrollment figures may be the result of a record number of new freshmen who attended last fall and an increased number of new freshmen who entered this spring, says Mark Wheeler, dean of enrollment services. In addition, university enrollments often increase during slow economic cycles when people are looking for new skills or additional training.

"We are pleased we can assist those who may be affected by the recession. This is an area where higher education can help individuals get back into the work force and help rebuild our state's economy," says Ruch.

Environmental degree begins

In response to growing interest in careers that deal with the environment, Boise State University is offering a new bachelor of arts degree program in environmental studies.

The interdisciplinary program, which begins fall semester, includes a basic background in mathematics, science, social sciences and environmental policy. The degree differs from science and engineering degrees because of its focus on communication, critical thinking and problem solving.

According to Martin Schimpf, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the program's coordinator, the new degree should provide an excellent preparation for law school or for graduate school in public policy, the social sciences and the humanities, as well as for jobs with environmental organizations, governmental agencies and industry.

BSU Foundation's refinancing of bonds saves state $900,000

A second refinancing of the bonds used in 1988 to build Boise State's Engineering/Technology Building will result in a savings of almost $653,000 to the state of Idaho.

The bonds, which are secured by a lease agreement with the university and the State Board of Education, were initially refinanced in 1991 resulting in savings of $240,000.

"In addition to providing a first-class academic facility the BSU Foundation is pleased that its fiscal management has resulted in a savings of almost $900,000," says Foundation president Allen Dykman.
Equity measure approved

Boise State’s hope that it will someday receive a more equitable slice of the state’s budget pie moved a step closer to reality following State Board of Education action in January.

Acknowledging that the budgets of Boise State and Idaho State haven’t kept pace with enrollment growth, the board voted to ask the Legislature to appropriate $7.9 million to correct the inequities that have developed over several years.

Of that, Boise State would receive a $4.5 million boost to its base budget. The board did not recommend a shift of money from the current budget of one university to another, but rather said the funds for the equity adjustment had to come from new money appropriated by the Legislature.

While the board’s action was welcome news, the state most likely will have to recover from its poor economic condition before the Legislature will consider adding the equity funds to the higher education budget, says President Charles Ruch. “We appreciate the board’s commitment to the concept. Now we need to work with the Legislature to secure the funds to implement the board’s action,” he says.

The board’s decision was based on a study conducted last year by MGT of America, a consulting firm based in Austin, Texas. That study determined that students at Boise State and Idaho State weren’t being funded at the same levels as those at the University of Idaho.

In addition, the study said the university budgets have grown apart because not enough weight in the funding formula was placed on a school’s enrollment growth.

The day following the equity vote, the board also approved at least $3 million to be added to university budgets based on their research functions. That measure addressed the University of Idaho concern that research was not considered in the MGT study.

Vietnamese educators visit Boise State

Administrators from National Economics University (NEU) in Hanoi, Vietnam, discussed trade potential with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, below, during a January visit. Since 1994, Boise State has maintained a partnership with NEU that receives funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development. Boise State is a key university in a recent agreement with NEU to establish an international network of five universities to conduct joint research, faculty exchanges and other programs.

Area medical centers support nursing ed

Five of the Treasure Valley’s major medical centers are helping Boise State and Idaho State universities enhance nursing education and expand the area’s nursing workforce.

Under an agreement signed in January, Boise State and Idaho State will each receive an annual donation of $60,000 from the hospitals to support “the development and delivery of nursing programs in the region.”

The medical centers are providing the funds in response to the shortage of qualified nurses in the region. According to recent Bureau of Labor statistics, Idaho is ranked 49th in the nation for registered nurses per 100,000 people.

The participating hospitals include St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, West Valley Medical Center and the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital.

“This is another example of how the private sector and higher education can work together to address a problem. Anyone concerned about health care should be pleased with this cooperative effort to enhance nursing education,” says President Charles Ruch.

As a result of the agreement, Boise State will graduate approximately 120 students each year who are eligible to be licensed as registered nurses. In addition, the university will begin offering a unique nursing program that allows students to more easily progress through three educational options — practical nursing, associate degree or baccalaureate degree programs.
DEBATE RANKED NINTH
The Boise State debate team was ranked ninth in the nation in the National Parliamentary Debate Association standings as of late February.

This is the second consecutive season that Boise State has been ranked in the top 10 nationally. Previously ranked 15th, Boise State moved up seven spots on the strength of an outstanding performance at the Whitman College Forensics Tournament. The three top-ranked schools nationally are the University of California-Berkeley, Lewis and Clark College (Ore.) and Notre Dame.

The NPDA is the largest collegiate debate organization in North America with 322 member institutions. Boise State was ranked as high as sixth last year, and finished the season at No. 17.

THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS
A team of six students from Boise State's construction management program captured the national title in the Mechanical Division at the Associated Schools of Construction Region VI competition held in February in Reno, Nev.

Boise State's team finished ahead of Texas A&M and Arizona State in the first-ever Mechanical Division national competition.

Boise State teams also took second in the regional competition in Design Build and Heavy Civil divisions and third in the Commercial Building and Residential divisions. Boise State was the only school to place in all competition categories.

A few weeks later, the program's Construction Management Association won the Campus Activities Award for the fourth straight year in a competition sponsored by the Associated General Contractors of America.

DANCERS FINISH THIRD
Boise State's Harvey Neef Maneline Dancers finished third at the annual United Spirit Association championships held in late February. The 21-member dance squad that performs at athletic contests, parades and other events finished behind Arizona and Cal State-Fullerton. For the past three years the team has been judged the best in the country in the dance/pom category.

BEST IN NATION
Freshman Carina Madrigal, a computer science major from Hammett, was named one of four outstanding migrant students in the nation by the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education. She is a 2000 graduate of Glenns Ferry High School.

Boise State partners with Korean university
Boise State University and Chonbuk National University in South Korea have signed a formal partnership agreement that provides a framework for the colleges of education at each institution to develop cross-cultural ties.

The partnership is part of efforts at Boise State to ensure that future teachers develop a multicultural awareness they can bring into their classrooms, says Joyce Garrett, dean of Boise State's College of Education.

In its initial phase, the agreement calls for promoting the exchange of education faculty from the two universities and developing collaborative research projects.

“We look forward to building a long-term relationship with our colleagues at Chonbuk University,” said Garrett during a signing ceremony at Boise State attended by dignitaries from both institutions and about 40 members of the Korean community who live in the Boise area.

Dong-Ro Shin, director of admissions at Chonbuk University, and Bong-Geun Kang, dean of that university's College of Education, attended the ceremony. Speaking through an interpreter, Kang said the new partnership would provide many opportunities for each university to strengthen its education programs.

Chonbuk University is located in the city of Chunju about 150 miles southwest of Seoul. Founded in 1947, the university has 13 colleges and about 20,000 students.

New minor in engineering begins
This fall the College of Engineering will offer a minor in materials science and engineering, an interdisciplinary program that teaches the fundamentals of advanced materials and an understanding of how properties, structure, processing and performance of materials are interrelated.

The departments of mechanical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, physics and chemistry will participate in the new program.

Hurricane Carter
Human Rights Activist
Keynote speech at Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration, Jan. 24, 2002

“Obstacles are not there to stop us; they are there to make us stronger for the next obstacle to come.”
Trade simulation extends to Russia

A n international trade simulation developed in Idaho is attracting global attention.

Created by the Idaho Council on Economic Education, the International Economic Summit has grown from a statewide project to include schools in Tennessee as well as Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia. Teachers are currently being trained in Latvia, and ICEE director Jack Rucker hopes to present the program to educators at an international forum in Paris. Boise State has hosted the nonprofit council since 1972.

Aimed at teaching high school students the basic concepts of international trade, the summit is the culmination of eight weeks of classroom study and outside research.

In the Treasure Valley, 450 Southwest Idaho students — many dressed in the costumes of 88 different countries — will converge on the Boise State Student Union in late April to implement strategic plans through negotiation and trade. Students will have spent weeks studying their assigned country's social, political and economic structure from every angle and preparing an issue statement they feel will help advance the economic well-being of that country.

Twelve such summits are held in Idaho each year, providing fertile training ground for new states or countries interested in the program. Because of the rapid changes in former Soviet countries, Rucker says, the summit has proven to be a good way to introduce economic concepts in an easy and entertaining format.

"Young people in Russia preparing to leave secondary school understand their country is rapidly in transition into a market economy," he says. "The International Economic Summit is providing them with an experience-based learning opportunity demonstrating the many benefits of trade among free and open markets around the world."

Following a visit to Boise State in 2000, several Russian and Latvian educators returned to their countries ready to begin training. After being implemented for only a year, the program has been officially adopted by the Moscow Education Committee, which oversees educational programs, and is currently in use in about 60 schools in the Moscow region.
Budget Squeeze

University copes with cutbacks in services, personnel

The assignment the Idaho Legislature gave higher education was clear and concise: Next fiscal year operate with 10 percent less than you received this year.

Boise State has been sharpening its pencil over the last three months to meet the resulting $9.34 million shortfall, most of which with consequences, especially at Boise State where enrollments are at an all-time high, in part because when the economy slows people return to college for additional training. To put it into private sector terms, the university's market share is growing at the same time as it must reduce its capacity to serve customers.

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attributed to an anticipated decline in tax revenues as the state's economy continues to struggle. Current fiscal year revenues are running $100 million below projections.

The solution boiled down to simple arithmetic — add $4.34 million from increased student fees, subtract $5 million from the university's general account budget and the $9.34 million is covered.

The seemingly simple solution is fraught with consequences, especially at Boise State where enrollments are at an all-time high, in part because when the economy slows people return to college for additional training. To put it into private sector terms, the university's market share is growing at the same time as it must reduce its capacity to serve customers.

"The reality is, we can't do more with less. A reduction of this magnitude means a reduction in our class offerings and our services," says President Charles Ruch.

Because 80 percent of the budget is devoted to personnel, the university had no choice but to reduce positions. Forty-one slots — 22 faculty and 19 staff — were eliminated. Thirty-one of those were positions that were vacant due to resignations or retirements. Ten people were laid off, including four faculty.

"This is a temporary setback in what has been a long history of growth at Boise State. This essential trend line will reassert itself when the economy recovers."

—Charles Ruch

FOCUS magazine wasn’t spared from the university's budget reduction. The quarterly magazine will now be published three times per year. Readers will receive the fall issue in November, one month later than usual. The magazine will then be published every four months throughout the year rather than every three months. The summer 2002 issue will still be published on schedule in early July.

With 22 teaching positions eliminated, the university won’t be able to offer as many class sections as it has in the past, says Ruch. "If high demand core classes fill earlier than usual, students may have to wait to take required courses. That could mean a delay in their progress toward a degree," he says. The
university is trying to mitigate that situation by encouraging students to enroll in summer sessions and giving registration priority to degree-seeking students.

It will take years, says Ruch, for the university to recover the lost faculty positions, which were slowly added as the university’s enrollment grew. Now the university must return to where it was four or five years ago and rebuild its faculty numbers a few at a time — if the state budget picture improves.

The university closed two programs — entry level respiratory therapy, which was not meeting enrollment projections, and paramedic education, which was in its first year. The university still offers associate and bachelor’s degrees in respiratory therapy in the College of Health Sciences.

“We don’t have many undersubscribed programs to eliminate or colleges to reorganize. We are already operating at a very efficient level … closing entire programs really wasn’t an option,” Ruch says.

The fee increase could close the door of opportunity for some students already on tight budgets. While Boise State anticipates an increase in federal financial aid packages, the potential remains that the $160 per semester increase could force some students to forgo a college education.

“We were left with few options. No one wants to see fees increase, but without that additional revenue our personnel cuts would have been much deeper. With help from our students, we can maintain quality, even though the quantity of our programs will decrease,” says Ruch.

It will take some time for the university to recover, both from a budget and morale standpoint.

“Most of us in higher education are in this profession to build a better university, not to dismantle programs people need,” Ruch says.

“We can’t underestimate the effect these reductions will have in the future. On the other hand, given the enormous scope of the problem, we did well to preserve as much as we did.”

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The whole reduction process was amazingly civil. While people were discouraged by the impact, they showed a cooperative spirit and a desire to do what was best for the institution given the circumstances.”

—Daryl Jones, Provost and chair, Executive Budget Committee

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The scenario has played out hundreds of times. John or Joan Q. Freshman lives in a residence hall for a couple of semesters, makes plenty of friends and gets involved in campus activities.

Then, for a variety of reasons, John or Joan moves to an apartment off campus. The bonds to the campus are loosened as he or she joins the legions who commute to Boise State each day.

Student housing officials hope that this familiar pattern will change after the university is finished with an ambitious construction plan — the largest in Boise State's history — that will increase the volume and variety of housing options for students.

"We are basically a one-year-and-out housing program ... we hope to change that by providing students with more choice and variety," says Greg Blaesing, the director of auxiliary services for student affairs.

Two major additions to the housing system are now in the design pipeline — a new 340-bed residence hall and a 175-room apartment complex. Together, they will increase Boise State's housing capacity by 40 percent, the largest single addition to the university's inventory since the John B. Barnes Towers were built 30 years ago.

The nature of the campus will change as more and more students are accommodated in university housing, says Peg Blake, vice president for student affairs.

"Housing on campus is one of the things that helps students connect with the university and each other," she says. "It produces a community of students who participate more in campus activities and who enhance the co-curricular offerings of the university."

Blake adds: "Research clearly shows that students who are involved in co-curricular programs and activities get better grades, are more likely to stay in school and become involved alumni. We believe that living on campus promotes more student involvement."

The residence hall will be built near Chaffee and Driscoll halls, while the apartments will replace the existing World War II-era University Courts south of University Drive. The cost: approximately $15 million for the residence hall and $14 million for the apartments. Both projects will be funded through revenue bonds backed by housing receipts. No student
fees or state appropriations will be used to construct or maintain the new buildings.

Boise State's current housing system, which includes 889 residence hall rooms and 283 apartments, is at capacity, says Blaesing. There are almost 100 students on a waiting list for apartments, and residence halls are full at the beginning of each fall semester.

Boise State last added to the residence hall inventory in 1995 with a 125-bed addition to Chaffee Hall. The last apartment addition also came in 1995 when the 66-unit University Village apartments opened. In the meantime, Boise State's enrollment has increased by more than 2,000 students.

Blaesing says a recently completed Master Plan for Housing points to a pent-up demand for housing, especially among sophomores and juniors.

"We have a good supply of traditional residence hall rooms — double occupancy with a shared bathroom. These are a good fit for freshmen."

"But we don't have residence hall rooms or starter apartments tailored to the needs of sophomores and juniors, who prefer more privacy," he says.

While the detailed design of the new residence halls hasn't been decided, Blaesing says they will feature "suite-style" rooms that offer separate sleeping rooms with a common lounge and study space.

As for the new apartments, they will replace units that have long passed their shelf life, says Blaesing. Living conditions are below standard in the old barracks-like buildings and maintenance is an ongoing headache, he adds.

The university already owns most of the land for the project and is negotiating with the owners of seven houses and one small business that are located in the building zone. Those properties, most of which are located on University Drive, were identified for possible Boise State use in the university's master plan that was adopted in 1997.

The bonds to pay for the design and construction of the residence halls and apartments have been sold and architect selection is under way for both projects.

While timetables are still tentative, the University Courts site will be cleared as soon as property can be acquired. Current Courts residents will be given first choice in other university housing, says Blaesing.

Construction on the new apartments could begin by this fall and open by fall 2003 using a design-build schedule.

The residence hall will be designed first and then bid for construction. Design will take one year, with construction scheduled to start by the summer of 2003 and completion before the opening of the fall 2004 semester.

"A better residence hall system means a better university. We have needed these facilities for many years, so we want to complete construction as quickly as possible," says Blaesing.

—Larry Burke
CAMPUS NEWS

DEPENDENT ON D.C.
By Charlotte Twight

In Dependent on D.C., economics professor Charlotte Twight contends that Social Security, income tax withholding, federally funded education and federally mandated databases have weakened the personal privacy of ordinary citizens. She also shows how the costs and benefits of many programs are misrepresented, and how some are embedded in huge bills so as to be virtually undetected by the public.

Dependent on D.C., published by St. Martin's Press, also outlines the government's ability to track minute details of people's lives, from where they earn and spend their money to how they play.

VIETNAM: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY
By Shelton Woods

History professor Shelton Woods brings the Southeast Asian country of Vietnam to life in Vietnam: An Illustrated History, published by Hippocrene Books. The book details the events that shaped this country and its people over more than 2,000 years.

Beginning with early folkloric myths, Woods paints a panoramic view of the country's domination by various empire nations, its religious and philosophical influences, its culture and the resilience of its people. The compact 5x7-inch volume is complemented by 47 black-and-white illustrations.

PROOFREADING: A PROGRAMMED APPROACH
By Dona Orr

Applied technology instructor Dona Orr co-authored this step-by-step approach to proofreading with two colleagues. Proofreading: A Programmed Approach uses Orr's own experience as a legal secretary to create examples and lessons. An optional CD-ROM is also available for interactive exercises. Orr, (AAS, legal office technology, '01), has taught editing and proofreading for the past 10 years.

Girvan named health sciences dean

James Girvan, associate dean of the College of Health Sciences and director of the Center for Health Policy, has been selected as dean of the college. His appointment begins July 1.

Girvan joined Boise State in 1999. From 1986 to 1999 he taught at Idaho State University, where he served an extended term as chair of the department of health and nutrition sciences.

Girvan earned his Ph.D. in health services/community health from the University of Oregon in 1986 and a master's degree from the University of Washington in 1996.

He is a nationally recognized authority on community health and health education. He is president of the Idaho Public Health Association, chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Association for Health Education, and serves on the editorial board for the journal Northwest Public Health.

Girvan will replace James Taylor, who served as health sciences dean since 1997.

Business program reaccredited

Boise State's College of Business and Economics' undergraduate and graduate business programs received an important seal of approval when they were reaccredited in February by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier agency for business school accreditation.

Only 32 percent of the business programs — less than 400 — in the United States are accredited by AACSB. To achieve the accreditation, programs must meet a wide range of quality standards relating to curriculum, faculty resources, admissions, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources and intellectual climate that all are mission-linked. Boise State's business programs have been accredited since 1979.

"Attending an accredited program assures the student of an excellent academic curricula tied to real-life business experiences," says Boise State President Charles Ruch.

College of Business and Economics Dean Bill Lathen credited both the faculty and community for the college's success.

On campus...

Sherman Alexie
Author, poet, screenwriter, director

Speech at First Nations Conference, March 14, 2002

"For the next 24 hours, every time you think something you believe, think: 'What if I'm wrong? What would it mean in my life if I'm wrong?' ... You'll be amazed at how it opens you up."

The accrediting team identified several strengths at Boise State, including high faculty morale, student-oriented faculty, success in building supportive business community relationships, high quality technology and computer labs and high levels of student satisfaction.
Blankenship selected to lead social sciences

As FOCUS went to press, Boise State announced that Michael Blankenship, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Teaching and Learning Center at East Tennessee State University, has accepted the position of dean of the College of Social Sciences. Blankenship earned his Ph.D. in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University in 1988. He taught at Memphis State University before joining East Tennessee State. A former president of the Southern Criminal Justice Association and a former editor of the American Journal of Criminal Justice, Blankenship is a highly regarded authority on capital punishment, white-collar crime, law and society, and policing. He is the author of several books and numerous articles. Communication professor Suzanne McCorkle has served as the college’s interim dean during the past two years.

Nobel Laureate delivers free ‘Distinguished Lecture’ April 25

Horst L. Stormer, the 1998 Nobel Prize laureate in physics, will speak at Boise State at 7 p.m. April 25 in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom as part of the university’s Distinguished Lecture Series. The event is free. Free parking is available in the Bronco Stadium lot and on Bronco Lane.

Stormer, a professor at Columbia University and a research director at Bell Labs, will discuss “Physics in the Communication Industry.” The lecture, intended for a lay audience, will focus on today’s physical research, its impact on communications technology and what technological revolutions might lie ahead.
Boise State named among best for ‘Real World’

Boise State University has been listed in the new edition of Great Colleges for the Real World.

Designed as a guide for prospective students, the publication features more than 200 colleges that “attempt to deliver what students want” and that “feature programs that offer a tangible return on investment in the form of a job or career path.”

“Our inclusion in the guide speaks to the array of internships, service-learning, part-time work and job opportunities our students enjoy because of our location in one of the nation’s most dynamic regions,” says President Charles Ruch.

“Boise State’s proximity to Idaho’s center of government, business and high technology provides our students with a real world laboratory where they can put into practice what they learn in the classroom,” he adds.

Among the factors author Michael Viollt used to evaluate colleges were the population of surrounding cities, job placement, non-traditional student programs and diversity of the student body.

“Today’s student is more likely to be a financially independent working adult balancing college with family, social activities, work and other responsibilities. They

Newsmakers

Offering expert advice on topics ranging from earthquakes to term limits, Boise State faculty are a treasure trove of expertise for local and national media. Here are some of the Boise State faculty who have been quoted or profiled in the national media in recent months.

- Psychology chair Charles Honts, an expert on polygraph testing, was interviewed by The Discovery Channel, 60 Minutes II and KGW TV in Portland, Ore.
- Ross Burkhardt, political science, was cited in a story in the New York Times in November on a study of the connection between robotics and economics.
- Kinesiology professor Werner Hoeger’s participation in the luge event in the recent Winter Olympics was featured in Sports Illustrated, the Seattle Times and many other newspapers, and he was interviewed by numerous international television networks.
- A profile of music professor Marcellus Brown was printed in the Los Angeles Times in March.
- An honors class on “Environmental Science, Policy and the Law” taught by John Freemuth, political science, was featured in the March 8 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education. Freemuth was also quoted in a Writers on the Range column that appeared in several papers in the West.
Renaissance Institute serves over-50 learners

Gone are the days when retirement was defined as a time to simply kick back. With people retiring younger and remaining more active, demand for programs for older community members is at an all-time high.

One new program, the Renaissance Institute offered by the Division of Extended Studies, is designed to fill that need.

Working in conjunction with community organizations, the Institute offers short-term seminars and a current issues lecture series to meet the educational interests of learners aged 50 and beyond who don't want to commit to a traditional semester-long class. The program began this spring with two lecture series, one on jazz and the other on the origins of terrorism in the Middle East. Other series are planned for the fall.

"Boise is one of the best places to retire, partly because of its access to the university," says Extended Studies Dean Joyce Harvey-Morgan, citing a list of the nation's top 100 retirement communities recently published by Where to Retire magazine. "We have wonderful resources at the university and in the community that people of retirement age can take advantage of."

There is a $50 membership fee to join the Renaissance Institute, with $35 for a second family member. There is also a charge for seminars.

For more information call the Division of Extended Studies at (208) 426-1709.
Boise State, charter school collaborate on programs

Kindergartners don colorful homemade wings and avian headdress and "fly" around the room. A gaggle of Boise State art education students, adult volunteers and teachers supervise the action. Bird songs end in laughter. Excitement, and a few unglued feathers, fill the air.

Eggs-actly what's going on here? It's just another day at Anser Charter School in Boise — albeit one that's gone to the birds. Under the direction of Boise State doctoral student Kathleen Keys, art education students recently worked with Anser kindergartners to design costumes as part of an intensive, hands-on exploration of the world of birds.

The art project was just one of a number of recent endeavors that have brought town and gown together at Anser's River Street campus. Since it opened in 1999 as Idaho's first charter school, Anser has teamed with Boise State on a multitude of programs that have benefited both institutions.

"It's so powerful for [Boise State] students and professors to be here ... there are many opportunities for growth," says Darrel Burbank, (MS education, '76), executive director of Anser.

Adds Jonathan Brendefur, a Boise State education professor who teaches math classes to Anser sixth-graders that are observed by both teachers and university students: "This is a chance to promote professional development, and it also gives me an opportunity to work in an elementary classroom and try out new ideas."

Recent collaborations range from teaming university students with Anser students as "writing buddies" to promote literacy, to bringing Anser students to campus to learn how to use video equipment and make commercials, to introducing Anser students to rope climbing and other physical education alternatives. Boise State graduate students have conducted research projects in Anser classrooms, and the university and charter school have also teamed to bring internationally known education experts to Boise for public presentations.

Suzanne Gregg, (Ed.D. education, '99), is Anser's instructional guide, a position that involves teaching teachers and assessing the school's curriculum. She also teaches Boise State education students in a comprehensive literacy class that meets after hours in an Anser classroom. "It's great to meet at Anser because I have all the materials right here. It makes the class authentic ... they can see how things are set up in a real classroom," Gregg says.

Programs that bring university faculty and students to the charter school are integral to Anser's mission, Burbank notes. "We set out in our vision to be a professional development school. Our collaborations with Boise State support that vision."

—Janelle Brown

Boise State tower providing signal to Highway 93 corridor

A new wind-powered tower built by Boise State Radio's 24-hour news station KBSX-FM began providing a radio signal for a remote area of Nevada in late November. The area previously had no reliable signal of any kind.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, the transmitter sits high atop Ellen D. Mountain in northeastern Nevada. Because wind gusts are often between 80 and 100 mph, engineers decided to harness the wind to power the transmitter.

The tower will provide service to the Jackpot, Nev., area as well as to the thousands of people who travel the Highway 93 corridor between Twin Falls and Wells, Nev., each day. The coverage area also includes northwest Elko County as well as rural areas of Cassia, Twin Falls and Owyhee counties in Idaho.

Steiner heads

Twice each month, a dedicated group of teachers, librarians and Boise State University students has gathered at a local public school or library to talk about a shared passion: Children's literature and which new books should receive the prestigious "Teachers' Choices" seal that recommends them for classroom use.

The group, under the direction of Boise State education professor Stanley Steiner, has reviewed about 400 new children's books since last September as part of the national project sponsored by the International Reading Association. Boise is one of seven sites across the United States participating in the project; each site ranks its top choices and about 30 books are eventually selected as "Teachers' Choices," indicating they have been field-tested by teachers and have the poten-
"Booker’s Dozen," an exhibition of artists’ books designed and produced by Idahoans, will be displayed in 12 locations around the state during 2002 as part of a program presented by the Idaho Center for the Book at Boise State.

The fifth juried exhibit travels to libraries in Moscow, Lewiston, Caldwell, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and other locations, before returning to Boise State for display next December.

The exhibit includes 14 handmade books that were selected by Idaho artists, bookmakers, gallery owners, writers and publishers.

The creations stretch the boundaries of what we imagine a book to be, according to Tom Trusky, a Boise State English professor and ICB director. For example, one book uses cut-and-taped 45 rpm vinyl records. Others feature 128 thumbtacks in the cover or a deck of original cards that can be shuffled to create a near infinite number of stories.

"You need not be a member of the artists union to make an artist’s book, nor is a volume rife with Picasso’s illustrations necessarily an artist’s book," Trusky says. "The book — not the maker — decides the issue."

Established at Boise State in 1993, the ICB works to encourage and promote an interest in reading, writing, making, disseminating and collecting books. The center also seeks to preserve and publicize the bibliophilic heritage of the Gem State.
Basketball coaches hired

Athletic director Gene Bleymaier didn’t waste any time finding new coaches to guide Boise State’s basketball fortunes as assistants from two programs that went deep into this year’s NCAA playoffs were selected by the university as FOCUS went to press.

On March 27, Oregon assistant coach Greg Graham was named the Bronco men’s basketball coach, three days after the Ducks lost in the Midwest Regional final to Kansas. Graham, 46, has been Oregon’s top assistant for the past five years.

The previous day, Jen Warden, an assistant at Colorado, was named coach of the Bronco women’s team after the Buffaloes were defeated by Oklahoma in the NCAA West Regional final in The Pavilion.

Warden, 31, served as Colorado’s top assistant and recruiting coordinator since 1997.

Graham replaces Rod Jensen, the Bronco men’s head coach for seven years who was removed after the team completed a 13-17 season, its first in the Western Athletic Conference, and home-game attendance fell to a record-low average of 4,323 fans per game.

Jensen guided the Broncos to an overall record of 109-93 during his seven years at the helm. He was with the Boise State basketball program for 19 seasons.

Warden replaces Trisha Stevens, who resigned after the Bronco women finished 10-20 in their first year in the WAC. Stevens’ overall record in her six years as head coach was 77-93.
Leadership by individual champions Collin Robertson and Jesse Brock, Boise State came from behind to capture its second Pac-10 wrestling championship in three years. The Broncos finished 7.5 points ahead of runner-up Oregon.

Robertson captured the 149-pound league crown. Brock was the surprise wrestler at the league tournament, coming from an unseeded position in the 133-pound weight class. Top-seeded Ben VomBaur took second in the 125-pound division. Top-seeded VomBaur, Mitch Morgan (157 pounds), Tony D'Amico (184), and Boe Rushton (heavyweight) qualified for the NCAA National Championships in Albany, N.Y.

At the national meet, the Broncos finished 19th. The highest placement honoring in early March with an 125-pound division. Robertson, Brock, Boise State came from an unseeded position in the 133-pound weight class. Top-seeded VomBaur, Mitch Morgan (157 pounds), Tony D'Amico (184), and Boe Rushton (heavyweight) qualified for the NCAA National Championships in Albany, N.Y.

A perfect 10 by freshman Marie Lucas and an upset of 15th-ranked Brigham Young highlighted the regular season for the gymnastics team. Lucas' 10 on the beam came on Feb. 27 during a meet against Idaho State. It was the first 10 earned by a Boise State freshman and just the third perfect score in school history. In its upset of BYU, the Broncos edged the Cougars 195.35-194.8.

Rod Jensen was removed as head men's basketball coach, while Trisha Stevens resigned as head women's basketball coach following disappointing seasons (see opposite page). The Bronco men finished with a 13-17 record and a seventh-place finish in their first year in the Western Athletic Conference. The Bronco women, also in their inaugural season in the WAC, finished with a 10-10 overall record and an eighth-place finish in the conference.

Two players set Boise State records, both for 3-point field goals in a career. Senior Abe Jackson set the men's record with 253, while Abby Vaughan set the women's mark with 179. Camille Woodfield also broke a long-standing record for most assists in a game with 11.

Bleymaier appointed to NCAA council

Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier has been appointed to one of the most important governing bodies in collegiate sports, the NCAA Division I Management Council.

The 49-member council makes recommendations to the NCAA's board of directors, which has final approval of all Division I legislation. The council receives legislation on academic affairs, eligibility and compliance, and championships and competition.

A seat on the Management Council is one of the highest NCAA appointments an athletic director can receive, says Boise State President Charles Ruch.

"Gene will be an excellent representative for the Western Athletic Conference. His appointment gives Boise State a voice in athletic policies at the national level," says Ruch.

Bleymaier was appointed to a four-year term by the presidents of the WAC, and replaces conference commissioner Karl Benson on the council.
Anatomy by committee

The unlikely collaboration of a Boise orthopaedic surgeon and two engineering professors at Boise State has provided a much clearer definition of the term "anatomically correct."

While it would seem that Dr. Kevin Shea's medical practice and the rapid prototype technology employed by mechanical engineering professors Steve Tennyson and Joe Guarino would not have much in common, the trio, along with other colleagues from the university, has developed a cutting-edge process to provide surgeons such as Shea with anatomically precise solid models of knees, hips, spines and other body parts on which they are to operate.

Using specialized imaging software to create virtual graphic models from CT (computerized tomography) and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scans electronically transmitted from Intermountain Medical Imaging, Guarino and Tennyson are able to take those images and program them into the university's rapid prototyping machine, which was installed in the College of Engineering a year and a half ago, and build exact physical and virtual models of bones and joints.

Unlike conventional prototype processes that would take considerably longer to make exact models, the technology used by Tennyson and Guarino can produce the models in a matter of hours. Assisted by kinesiology professor Ron Pfeiffer and radiologic sciences professor Lorrie Kelley, who provide anatomical and imaging expertise, Guarino and Tennyson can quickly and efficiently furnish Shea with a prototype that replicates the body part right down to the most minute detail.

"That way," says Pfeiffer, "surgeons like Kevin can 'rehearse' the surgery using the model before they actually go in. It helps the surgeons prepare, which can improve the outcome for the patient."

Given the precision needed in the operating room — especially during surgeries to correct spinal deformities such as Shea performs — the availability of a three-dimensional model that so closely resembles the real thing is an invaluable tool.

"There are certain risks associated with spinal surgery," says Shea, who specializes in pediatric surgery. "Having a model of the spine allows us to plan the surgery more completely and do it more safely."

Shea, an adjunct professor in Boise State's kinesiology department, says the union of high-speed image transmission and rapid prototyping to assist surgeons is a fairly new process that has
FOR LOCAL SURGEONS

Student Holly Staffan, engineering professor Steve Tennyson, and physicians Kevin Shea and Howard King examine an anatomically precise bone model created in Boise State's rapid prototype laboratory.

Boise State professors Bill Knowlton, left, Charles Hanna, Frank Lamelas and Amy Moll will conduct nanotechnology research.

Boise State receives funding for nanotechnology research

An interdisciplinary team of Boise State scientists will be part of a statewide project to study and develop nanoscale materials, the ultra-miniaturized systems that are formed by manipulating individual atoms and molecules to create tiny but complex electronic devices.

Nanoscale materials are regarded as essential to the future of the computing, optical, aerospace, electronics and biomedical industries.

The Boise State phase of the project is financed by nearly $2 million in federal and matching state funds awarded to the university through the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) that supports competitive research in Idaho.

Boise State physics professors Charles Hanna and Frank Lamelas, along with Amy Moll in mechanical engineering and Bill Knowlton in electrical engineering, will join researchers at the University of Idaho and Idaho State University on the project. Hanna, a theoretical physicist, will model how electrons behave in two, one, and even zero dimensions, by working with students to carry out computer-based quantum-physics calculations. Lamelas and his students will conduct experiments involving the growth of crystals in solution under unusual conditions, while Moll and Knowlton will study the reliability of nanoscale oxides used in integrated circuits.

The three-year grant also funds a new faculty position in applied physics at Boise State.

The nanotechnology project is one of three statewide programs supported by the EPSCoR program in a recent round of funding. A total of $9 million in federal funds, plus $4.5 million in institutional matching funds, were allocated. A second project, which involves studying the interaction of microbial communities and their geologic settings in hydrothermal springs, includes Boise State geosciences professors Mitch Lyle, Bill Clement and John Bradford on the statewide research team.

The EPSCoR program promotes the development of the state's science and technology partnerships by involving state universities, industry and federal research and development enterprises in collaborative projects.

—Janelle Brown

yet to receive widespread notice in the medical community. "I've used the process to prepare for about six patients since last year," he says, "and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City has contacted us about making models."

Shea and his Boise State colleagues have applied for funding to continue their efforts. Given the advantages the models provide, there's a good chance it will only be a matter of time before the practice becomes commonplace.

—Bob Evancho
Boise State scientist leads expedition

Searching for climate clues

Some 50 million years ago, the Earth was so warm that alligators roamed as far north as the Arctic and palm trees thrived in the Rocky Mountain region. Today, scientists are increasingly interested in understanding these ancient climate patterns because they offer insights into current climate conditions, including the effects of global warming.

A Boise State University researcher is playing a leadership role in unraveling these climate clues.

Mitch Lyle, a paleoceanographer with the university's Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface, recently served as co-chief scientist aboard the scientific drillship Joides Resolution on a voyage to an area of the Pacific Ocean about halfway between Mexico and Hawaii. The purpose of the expedition, part of the international Ocean Drilling Program, was to learn more about tropical oceans in the warmest period on Earth in the past 65 million years — the Eocene period of 34 to 55 million years ago.

Working with 27 researchers from eight different countries, Lyle oversaw round-the-clock shifts to collect and analyze sediment cores from deep beneath the ocean floor. The cores, which contain fossilized remains of plankton and other organisms, are giving scientists the first-ever continuous record of the climatic conditions in the tropical Pacific during the Eocene, a time period when the first recognizable mammals appeared in North America.

"I was really struck with how different oceanographic conditions were in the Eocene than I had pictured," says Lyle. "There's still a lot we have to learn." The research has practical applications, Lyle adds, including helping scientists develop climatic models that can be used to understand and predict future climate changes.

The Eocene time period appears to have begun very quickly, with a warming on the
scale and rate of modern global warming, and it ended almost as abruptly, Lyle explains. Ocean circulation at the equator was sluggish. The ecology of the area was dominated by radiolarians, a small zooplankton that builds its shell of silica. After the end of the Eocene, these organisms never attained their earlier dominance, indicating that something in the ocean ecology had fundamentally changed.

Lyle and other scientists are looking for clues to the changes that signaled the end of the Eocene by analyzing the data collected from sediment cores. For example, scientists don’t know what the radiolarians were feeding on, or why they attained such dominance. "These are the fun parts," Lyle says. "They’re the solvable problems."

The cores will also be used to calibrate different "yardsticks" for measuring geologic time. By identifying the location of certain "marker" fossils, scientists can establish how old the sediment layer is to a much greater accuracy level than has ever before been accomplished.

Lyle says he enjoys both the challenges of spending months at sea on scientific expeditions and analyzing the data back in the relative comfort of his lab at Boise State. He’s led 12 oceanographic expeditions and participated in 29, and is planning an expedition in a few years to the South Pacific to survey drill sites for a study of the Eocene Antarctic.

Lyle’s last expedition included scientists from Japan, Germany, Sweden, Great Britain, France and Italy. "We had an outstanding group of people and we accomplished a great deal,” he says. Among his duties as co-chief scientist were overseeing the drilling logistics and organizing the scientific investigation onboard ship.

The Ocean Drilling Program, which operates Joides Resolution, is an international partnership of scientists and research institutions organized to explore the evolution and structure of the Earth. Funded in part by the U.S. National Science Foundation, the ODP provides researchers around the world access to a vast repository of geological and environmental information recorded far below the ocean surface in seafloor sediments and rocks. For more information on the ODP and a virtual tour of Joides Resolution, go to www.oceandrilling.org/ODP/ODP.html.

—Janelle Brown

Kinesiology professor weighs in on kids’ sedentary lifestyles

Lack of exercise often leads to poor health. Diabetes, orthopedic problems, arterial sclerosis and even some weight-related cancers have all been associated with too little physical activity.

That’s not surprising news, says Boise State kinesiology professor Ken Bell, considering what we know about the connection between a sedentary lifestyle and health. What is surprising is the rate at which these conditions are showing up in young people, Bell says.

“What we’re seeing is that as children become less physically active, diseases normally associated with mature adults are starting to show up in children and adolescents,” he says. But Bell has plans to help change that, at least in Idaho schools.

Idaho is one of four states to receive funding to develop a model nutrition and physical activity program in its schools. For his part, Bell is charged with training teachers in physical fitness activities and establishing after-school fitness programs to keep kids active and away from alternative, and less healthy, activities.

“Often parents don’t feel safe letting their kids out to play, so they stay inside where there’s the lure of video games,” Bell says. “They’re exciting and fun to play, but it’s a sedentary activity.”

In addition to a surge in diseases such as Type 2 diabetes, Bell says, a portion of a child’s self-esteem is based on how he perceives his physical prowess. In his doctoral research, Bell found that as a child’s weight increases, he tends to become more sedentary and lacks the stamina to be active, thus lowering his self-esteem.

Bell is working with officials to create a Governor’s Council on obesity and physical activity among children. At the heart of that effort is an attempt to collect accurate data of where Idaho’s kids currently stand.

Bell and Boise State health studies professor Elaine Long are gathering data on 16,000 students from 16 school districts across Idaho through a grant aimed at training teachers and schools in healthful eating and physical activities for kids.

By getting kids up and moving, Bell not only hopes to keep them physically and emotionally healthy, but also create lifelong habits.

“I want to do something that’s going to help kids,” he says, “to help people have a better life.”

—Kathleen Mortensen
In the 70 years since its founding as a junior college in 1932, Boise State University has produced a number of prominent, successful and inspirational alumni. In celebration of those 70 years, FOCUS magazine takes a look back to remember 70 exceptional alumni who made a difference — and made an impression. (Actually, the list is a bit longer than 70 because a few spots are shared by more than one alum.)

Our list is by no means a definitive “top 70,” but rather a cross-section of success stories that intend to embody the true spirit of Boise State and its former students. As you review our list, we urge you to share with us the names and stories of others who you think merit recognition.

A fighter pilot during World War II, Nat Adams ('42) received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and served in the same squadron as George Herbert Walker Bush, who later became United States president.

Boise physician Michael Adcox ('81) has been the medical director of the Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Center since 1995. He chaired the center’s board of directors in 1999 — the same year he finished his term as president of the Boise State Alumni Association and was awarded the Robert L. Miller, M.D. Memorial Award for Consultant of the Year. He was inducted into the North Pacific Society of Internal Medicine in 1997 and was awarded the Dana Foundation Research Scholarship Award in 1990.

William Anderson ('39) wrote the best-seller Penelope while he was a pilot and public affairs officer in the Air Force. Using his military adventures as the basis for his writing, he became a full-time author in 1964 and has written more than 20 books — both novels and nonfiction — and screenplays. His book BAT-21 sold a million copies and became a Hollywood movie. He continues to write and edit magazine columns and work on screenplays from his home in Fairfield, Calif., where he lives with his wife Dortha ('39).
Steve Appleton

Steve Appleton (’82) was recruited to Boise State in 1978 to play tennis. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in business management, he began working at Micron on the night shift, earning $4.46 an hour. He received 11 promotions in nine years and was named company president in 1991.

In 1994, he became CEO and chairman of the board, helping propel Micron Technology to become the leading DRAM producer in the world. Bassford was named company president in 1991.

Dennis Bassford (’80) is CEO of Money Tree Inc., a Seattle-based check-cashing company he founded in 1983 with his brother David and sister-in-law Sara. With more than 600 employees and 72 branches in four states, the company is a leader in the retail financial service industry. Bassford was named a Master Entrepreneur of the Year in 1998; he retired in 1999. In 1997, Bennett was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for his leadership in space power and propulsion. He lives in Emmett.

Keith Bishop (’82), a cellular immunologist specializing in organ transplants, is a professor of surgery and director of the graduate program in immunology at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He is a member of the National Institutes of Health Surgery, Anesthesia, and Trauma Study Section and the recipient of more than $5 million in research support from the National Institutes of Health. Prior to his job at Michigan, he was a professor at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

The face of Earl Boen (’61) is familiar to millions of television and film buffs. The Hollywood actor has appeared in more than 50 feature films, including Terminator, Terminator 2, 9 to 5 and Nutty Professor II. He will reappear as the evil Dr. Silverman in Terminator 3, being filmed this summer.

Boen has also made more than 400 television appearances on such series such as Seinfeld, St. Elsewhere, The Golden Girls, and L.A. Law. Boen was an original member of the Minneapolis Tyrone Guthrie Theatre acting company. He then hit the “big time” and has been working in Los Angeles for the past 25 years.

Marvin Bryant (’47), a microbiologist with a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, received one of the highest honors for American scientists when he was elected in 1987 to the National Academy of Sciences. His specialty was the study of anaerobic (living where no oxygen exists) bacteria of cud-chewing animals such as cows, goats,

Meridian's Charles Burton ('96) made Bronco history by being the first Boise State athlete to compete for the U.S. Olympic team. The wrestler placed fifth in the 187-pound freestyle division at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia. An All-American for Boise State at 167 pounds in 1996, Burton has wrestled internationally since he finished his collegiate career. After leaving Boise State, he won the 1997 University Freestyle national championship and a silver medal at the 1999 World Team Trials. He is currently a wrestling coach at Indiana University.

John Carley ('55) began working at Albertson's in 1950 as a 16-year-old ice cream dipper and retired from the Boise-based grocery chain 46 years later as its president and chief operating officer. After working as a store director in Albertson's stores in Idaho, Montana and Washington, Carley rapidly ascended the corporate ladder, serving in operating positions in Seattle and Southern California. He was elected to the board of directors in 1979 and named Albertson's president in 1984. He resides in Boise and Arizona.

James Cassan ('60) started his Seattle-based Dollar Rent a Car in 1967 with six Volkswagens. The company now has a fleet of 3,000 rentals at 12 outlets. A member of BJC's 1958 national championship football team, Cassan's business interests now include real estate holdings and land development. He lives in Mercer Island, Wash.

The most successful four-year period in Boise State basketball history took place between 1985 and 1989 with Chris Childs ('89) leading the way. Now a point guard with the NBA's Toronto Raptors, Childs started in every game during his career with the Broncos, leading BSU to Big Sky regular-season titles in 1988 and '89 and the tournament crown in '88. In 1989, his senior year, he was named the MVP of the Big Sky. After five years in the CBA, he joined the NBA's New Jersey Nets and later joined the New York Knicks before being traded to Toronto.

Bethine Church ('43), the widow of the late U.S. Sen. Frank Church, is an active member of many civic and political organizations at the local and national levels. She has been instrumental in the growth of Boise State's Frank Church Chair of Public Affairs, an endowment that was established in 1981 to bring a variety of internationally known academic and political speakers to the university. She also is president of the Sawtooth Society, an organization dedicated to the preservation of open spaces in the Sawtooths.

Jim Coulson ('56) was recruited to play football for Boise Junior College after serving in the Navy. In 1960, he went to work for Coeur d'Alenes Co. as an advertising manager. When the company faced hard times in 1968, he took over its Spokane operation. Under his leadership, the company bounced back to become one of the Northwest's largest steel fabricators and distributors. Today he owns more than a third of the family-run business.

Paul Courtright ('78) earned a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University in 1983, followed by a doctorate of public health in 1988 from University of California at Berkeley. He has traveled the world since 1984 as an epidemiologist, fighting leprosy and other ocular diseases. Specializing in eye diseases, he has served as the co-director for the Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology at Tumaini University in Africa since 2001. Courtright is also an assistant professor of ophthalmology at the University of British Columbia and an associate member of the UBC Center for Health Services Policy Research.

Christine Donnell ('73) is leader one of Idaho's largest and fastest-growing school districts. As superintendent of the Meridian School District, Donnell is in charge of schools
Allen Dykman ('74) was a member of the Bronco football team known as the "Cardiac Kids" that pulled out a win in the 1971 Camellia Bowl over Chico State. Armed with a degree in economics, he went to work in the family electrical wholesale business before starting Dykman's Electric in 1981. Dykman is an avid supporter of Boise State, serving as a board member and past president for both the Alumni Association and the BAA, and as president of the BSU Foundation, through which he funds a family endowed scholarship.

Elaine Elliott ('77) is one of the top athletes in Boise State's history. Now in her 19th year as women's head basketball coach at the University of Utah, Elliott has recorded the most wins of any coach in Utah women's basketball history and is regarded as one of the top women's coaches in the nation. Last season, the Utes made it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time ever.

John Elorriaga ('49) retired as chairman of the board and CEO of the United States Bank of Oregon and U.S. Bancorp in 1987 after 36 years in the corporate world, most of those as one of the nation's top banking executives. After graduating from BJC, he went on to earn a BBA from Oregon in 1951 and MBA from Pitt in '52. Elorriaga now resides in Vancouver, Wash.

Bernard Fisher ('49) was an Air Force pilot in Vietnam in 1966 when he risked his life to save a fellow airman. For his courage under fire, he was awarded the first Air Force Medal of Honor, bestowed by President Lyndon Johnson in January 1967. He retired from the Air Force in 1973 after 27 years of combined service in the Air Force and Navy and spent several years as a farmer. He is currently retired and lives with his wife in Kuna.

Three track athletes, three wrestlers and a skier — they are Boise State's national individual athletic champs. BJC's Curt Flisher ('60) won the 1960 national junior college 220-yard low hurdles; Eugene Green ('91) claimed the 1991 indoor triple jump; Jake Jacoby ('85) took the 1984 outdoor high jump; BJC wrestlers Bud Johnson ('63) and Bill Pederson ('63) won the JC national crown at 190 and 177 pounds, respectively, in 1963; Bill Shaw ('75) captured the 1974 slalom title; and Kirk White ('00) won the 165-pound wrestling championship in 1999.

Harry Fritchman ('46) was a beloved faculty member at Boise State who was considered an icon of the institution and taught countless students in biology courses during his 34 years here. Among his many honors were several Distinguished Professor Awards, serving for a number of years as chairman of the biology department, and being recognized as the 1973 Boise State alumnus of the year. "K," as he was commonly called, retired in 1988. He died last September.

The passion that Francisco Garcia ('75) has for equality in education fueled his rise from teaching in the Caldwell School District to his current position as the director of the Office of Migrant Education in the U.S. Department of Education, an office that annually oversees more than $300 million in migrant education funds. Garcia has also served as a consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and as director of the Northwest Regional Laboratory's Center for Bilingual Education.

William Glynn

William Glynn ('79) is president and director of Intermountain Gas in 1973. After a brief hiatus to North Dakota, he returned to Boise to join Intermountain Gas in 1973. He began his career in Omaha, Neb., before moving to Boise to join Intermountain Industries. Today Intermountain Gas consists of Intermountain Gas Co., III Exploration Co., Petroglyph Energy Inc. and InterWest Capital Inc. Glynn was the recipient of the 2001 Community Service Award from the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce.
Bob Gossett ('43) was a visionary who understood that personal computers would change the face of business. Gossett founded Cougar Mountain Software in Boise in 1982 at the age of 59. The company, which develops software for mid-range accounting and point-of-sales transactions, has annual revenues of more than $5.1 million and is ranked by Soft Letter in the top 100 of independent software companies in the nation. Gossett turned over day-to-day operations of the company in 1999 but remains CEO.

Celia Gould

State Rep. Celia Gould ('79) was only 29 when she was first elected to the Idaho Legislature in 1986, making her one of the youngest women lawmakers ever to serve in Idaho. Prior to her retirement this year, she was chair of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee and sits on the Revenue and Taxation Committee. Gould is a rancher and farmer in Buhl who got involved in politics in Ronald Reagan's 1976 campaign.

Gary Green ('68) was the first student to receive a bachelor's degree in music from Boise State College. He is now director of bands and chair of the instrumental performance department at the School of Music at University of Miami. Green has received numerous honors and awards, including national recognition as director of bands at University High School in Spokane. He has conducted honor bands internationally and in most of the 50 states.

Edward Groff ('54) accumulated more than 40 years of experience in the planning, design and construction management of hydroelectric plants, railroads and other public facilities before he retired as principal engineer at Duke Engineering & Service in North Carolina in 1998. Groff spent 33 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before taking a job as senior manager at Idaho Power, the position he held before joining Duke. His projects include the $500 million Dworshak Dam near Orofino and the $30 million levee on the Snake and Clearwater rivers at Lewiston. Groff lives in Boise with his wife Adriana ('56).

Kitty Gurnsey ('76) served 22 years as a state representative from Boise’s District 19 before retiring at the end of the 1996 session. She served as co-chair of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee from 1980-1996 and as a member of the Environmental Affairs Committee. Gurnsey is currently chair of the Idaho State Pharmacy Board.

At 14, Sergio Gutierrez ('80) was a high school dropout. Recently, at the age of 47, he was sworn in to the Idaho Court of Appeals, becoming the first Hispanic on the state's appellate bench. After he earned his GED, the Mexican-born Gutierrez was recruited to Boise State in 1976 to participate in a program to train bilingual teachers, but he opted for law school once he earned his bachelor's degree. As a young attorney, he worked for Legal Aid Services, representing farmworkers. He later opened a practice in Boise and was appointed to the District Court in 1993 by then-Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Preston Hale ('33) is part of the reason why Broncos wear blue and orange. Hale, one of Reno's most successful real estate developers, was among a small group of athletes who picked the school's colors and the Bronco mascot. They made the selections back in 1932 when the school was just a tiny 80-student junior college. As a developer, Hale, now semi-retired, has helped transform Reno into a major metropolitan area.

As a student at BJC Jerry Hannifin ('38) remembers a professor telling his class they should visit Brazil someday. In 1969-70, he was TIME magazine's bureau chief there. A world-renowned aviation expert and journalist, Hannifin still works on demand as a consultant for TIME Inc. monitoring and reporting on aerospace matters from Cocoa Beach, Fla. From seeing Charles Lindbergh at the
Boise airport in 1927 to the Atlantis shuttle, to viewing 80-plus rocket and shuttle launches into space, Hannifin says his love of aerospace has spanned a lifetime.

Fiddler Danita Hartz ('96) combines technical virtuosity with her own distinctive style. In 1998, she became the first woman ever to win the championship division of Weiser's National Oldtime Fiddler's Contest. She repeated the feat, winning top honors at Weiser again in 2000 and 2001. She also is a three-time Grand Masters Fiddle Champion and holds a number of other fiddle titles. Hartz runs a music shop in Meridian and teaches lessons. Her latest album, which also features her husband, fiddler Matt Hartz, was hailed as "one of the best fiddle recordings to come along in years" by The Devil's Box magazine.

Gib Hochstrasser

Musical legend Gib Hochstrasser ('50) studied music at BJC and later founded and directed the 18-piece Kings of Swing big band. During his long career, Hochstrasser performed with Bob Hope, Red Skelton, Jim Nabors and Wayne Newton. Despite offers to join big-name bands, Hochstrasser remained in Boise, playing with the Kings of Swing at the Boise River Festival, at a concert in his honor at the Morrison Center, and at many other venues. He died at home in Boise in 1999 at age 72.

Hollywood filmmaker Michael Hoffman ('79) was Boise State's first Rhodes Scholar. He produced his first film, featuring fellow student Hugh Grant, while a student at Oxford. His movies include Promised Land, Soapdish, Restoration (which won two Oscars), One Fine Day and A Midsummer Night's Dream. In February he directed "A Cherry Orchard" for Boise Contemporary Theatre. His latest film, The Palace Thief with Kevin Klein is due for release this fall, and he is currently working on a television pilot in Los Angeles. His wife, Samantha Silva, is a 1980 Boise State graduate.

Victoria Holloway ('78) is a professional director, playwright and actor who was a founding member and former artistic director of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. A driving force in regional theatre, Holloway co-founded the American Stage in St. Petersburg, Fla., producing more than 90 productions in her 15 years there. Since 1995 she has been a member of the theatre faculty at Arizona State University, directing department plays and regional theatre in Florida and Arizona. Holloway also served as executive director of the Sun Valley Repertory Company from 1996 to 2001.

Evidence of work by Charles Hummel ('43) can be found throughout Boise. As one of Idaho's top architects, he designed the Boise Public Library, the National Interagency Fire Center and many other landmarks. His father and uncle designed all of the original BJC campus buildings. Hummel, whose career in architecture spans more than six decades, is helping with the restoration of a piece of Boise history — the O'Farrell log cabin, which is the city's first building.

Bill Ilett ('65) is president of TransCorp Inc., a trucking industry management and consulting firm. In 1995 he was awarded the State of Idaho's Blue Chip Enterprise Award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In 1997 he put together a group of investors to bring the Idaho Stampede basketball team of the Continental Basketball Association to the Treasure Valley. He served on the CBA Executive Committee until the team was sold in 1999.

On the mound, in the business world or in the political arena, Larry Jackson ('52) was a natural. After a 10-year major league career as a pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies, the ex-BJC baseball and football star returned to Idaho and worked for Boise Cascade before starting his own insurance business. He served four terms in the state Legislature — sitting on the Appropriations Committee for eight years.
four of those as chair — and ran for governor in 1978. He died of cancer in 1990.

**Ben Jayne ('48)** was a football All-American at BJC and an Athletic Hall of Famer, but his real love is academia. Jayne went on to earn a Ph.D. in forestry engineering from Yale in 1955 and served as dean of Duke's School of Forestry from 1976-85. He also served on faculties at Yale, Washington State, Washington and North Carolina State. In 1988 he was selected as the second professor to occupy the Maurice K. Godard Chair in forestry and environmental resources at Penn State. He lives in Gig Harbor, Wash.

**Gus Johnson ('62)** is generally considered the greatest player to wear a Bronco basketball uniform. He was a five-time NBA All-Star with the Baltimore Bullets and played in the NBA and ABA for more than a decade. In his single season at BJC (1961-62) he averaged 28 points per game and scored 43 in a single contest before transferring to Idaho. He died of cancer in 1987.

In 1995, Idaho Gov. Phil Batt appointed **John "Jack" Kane ('70)** as commander of the Idaho National Guard. Kane is responsible for the training, readiness, management and combat effectiveness of some 5,000 soldiers and air personnel. Kane, whose headquarters are at Gowen Field, also serves as director of the state's Bureau of Disaster Services.

**Karl Knapp ('81)** spent two years as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he earned a master's degree in English literature. From there he went to Wall Street where he worked as an associate in the public finance division of E.F. Hutton, and in 1988 he earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. Knapp and his family recently moved from Houston back to New York City, where he has taken a new job as a managing director for United Bank of Switzerland (UBS) Warburg, a leading global investment banking and securities firm.

Finance graduate **Louann Krueger ('78)** is a Northwest business leader. Krueger is Idaho Community Banking President for Wells Fargo Bank. She oversees operations, sales and customer services for 92 branches in Idaho and Oregon and supervises as many as 1,000 employees.

**Danette Lansing ('92)** and **John Thomson ('71)**, have both received national recognition for their teaching of elementary school physical education. Lansing was honored by the Walt Disney Co. with a 2001 American Teacher Award, for which 111,000 teachers were nominated. She was named the best in the wellness and sports category for her fun and innovative teaching style. Thomson was likewise named the best teacher in the nation in 1991 by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Twins **Bill** and **Bob Leaverton ('43)** earned business administration and music degrees before serving in the Army and then working as musicians in California and Las Vegas. The two went on to work for their father's plumbing business in Idaho Falls before being drawn to sunny California, where they operated several plumbing companies and eventually the Leaverton Co. They ran the multi-million-dollar company in Anaheim together until Bill died of cancer in 1992. Bob is now the owner of the nearly $50 million business that manages industrial business parks.

**Judge Edward Lodge ('55)** was the youngest person ever appointed to the District Court of Idaho and has spent nearly 40 years serving in various courts in Idaho. Lodge, now
a U.S. District judge, has handled some of Idaho’s most famous cases, including the Claude Dallas murder trial and the Randy Weaver trial. Lodge was an All-American football player for BJC in 1955.

When Jay Luo ('82) received his bachelor of science in mathematics from Boise State at age 12, he was the youngest college graduate on record. In 1984 he received his master’s in mathematics from Stanford, and in '87 he earned a second master’s in computer science, also from Stanford. He lives and works in the Atlanta area as a software consultant.

James McClary ('59) began working for Boise-based Morrison-Knudsen as a high school laborer and retired from the construction giant 45 years later as its chairman of the board in 1978. McClary began his affiliation with Boise State as a BJC student in 1934 and later earned an associate’s degree in 1959. He served on the school’s board of directors for several terms and was its chair when Boise College became a state-assisted school. McClary was one of the five founding members of the BSU Foundation and served as its president from 1970-81. McClary, who earned an engineering degree from Stanford, lives in Boise.

Richard Nelson ('72), recently retired as CEO of Regence BlueShield in Washington state after almost 30 years in the insurance industry. Close to 20 of those years were with either Blue Cross or BlueShield agencies. Nelson also served on the BAA board from 1993-96. He, his wife, Teresa, and all three of their children attended Boise State.

Former Nevada governor Mike O’Callaghan ('50) earned two medals for extraordinary action during battle during the Korean War — the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with a “v” for valor. After teaching high school government and history, he became active in Democratic politics, eventually serving as Nevada governor from 1971-78. He is currently an executive and columnist for the Las Vegas Sun newspaper.

Richard Nelson

Jan Packwood

Mike O’Callaghan

When she was a single mother of four, Mary...
Pearson ('79) worked her way through school and then was accepted into five of the seven law schools to which she applied. She became one of three judges for the Northwest Intertribal Court System, based in Edmonds, Wash., and traveled the circuit ruling on civil and criminal matters. A descendant of the Georgia Creek tribe, Pearson is now in private practice in Okanogan, Wash. She still serves as vice president of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges and is working on a book titled From Genocide to Jurisdict, which discusses the ways she believes genocide of Native Americans has been legalized over the years.

Ralph Peterson ('65) was named an outstanding young engineer at Boise College in 1965. Now the president and CEO of CH2M Hill, he has an environmental engineering degree from Stanford University and is an advocate for the environment. He has represented industry for the Clinton administration’s “Technology for a Sustainable Future” initiative, at the Rio+5 Forum (a follow-up to the 1992 Earth Summit), and at China’s Agenda 21 Conference.

Caldwell cowboy Dee Pickett ('78) played quarterback for Boise State in 1976 and 1977 before hanging up his football helmet to devote full attention to his rodeo career. It turned out to be the right decision as he won the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association’s all-around championship in 1984. He also claimed the world title in team roping and was the 1984 national finals calf roping average winner.

Diane Haddock Russell ('61) was a professor and chair of the department of pharmacology and therapeutics at the University of Southern Florida before she died of cancer in 1989. Before working at USF she was a professor of pharmacology at the University of Arizona Medical School for several years. Internationally known for her pioneering research in cell growth, she was one of 27 female scientists included in the Institute for Scientific Information’s list of the 1,000 contemporary scientists most cited between 1967-78.

Ana Maria Schachtell ('91) is an advocate for Hispanic education and cultural pride, Schachtell played a leading role in laying the groundwork to create a Hispanic Cultural Center in Nampa, serving as president of the center’s board for five years and currently serving as a board member. She was named 2002 Human Rights Leader of the Year by United Vision of Idaho, and received the 2002 Idaho Women Making a Difference award from the Epilepsy Foundation as well as other honors. Schachtell is a former president of Mujeres Unidas of Idaho and a former board member of the Ada County Human Rights Task Force.

Boise resident Marilyn Shuler ('77) has worked for more than two decades to advance human rights for Idahoans. Shuler is president of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, which is building the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial along the Greenbelt in Boise. She was director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission for 20 years before becoming president of the Education Center in 1999.

Betty Reddoch Stadler ('41) organized the first Idaho chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 1988 following the death of her daughter by a drunk driver in 1987. Stadler was among the first group of students to meet in what was then the brand new Administration Building in the early 40s. She and her late husband, Ben, eventually opened Shadow Valley Golf Course. The business is still family owned and operated.

Former All-Americans Randy Trautman ('82) and Dave Wilcox ('62) achieved football’s ultimate honor after their playing days. In 1999 Trautman, a defensive tackle during the 1978-81 seasons, was the first player from Idaho to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He played in the Canadian Football League from 1982-85. Wilcox, a two-way lineman for BJC in 1960...
and '61, finished his collegiate career at Oregon and went on to become one of the top linebackers in NFL history, earning Pro Bowl honors seven times during his 11 years with the San Francisco 49ers. In 2000 he was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Historian Merle Wells ('39) founded the Idaho State Archives, began Idaho's state historic preservation program and became known as Idaho's preeminent historian before his death in 2000. He will be remembered as a teacher, writer and the only Idaho historian emeritus. Author of more than a dozen books and at least 100 articles, he was also the driving force behind Idaho's historical marker program.

Boise businessman Larry Williams ('73) founded Idaho Timber Co. in 1979. Since then, it has grown into one of the top 10 private corporations in Idaho. Williams is past president of the Bronco Athletic Association and a current member of the BSU Foundation board. His contributions to his alma mater have included a major donation to the Bronco Stadium expansion project.

Charles Wilson ('58) came to Boise Junior College on a football scholarship and later became president of a string of Northwest radio stations. Wilson is the former president of Pacific Northwest Broadcasting, including radio stations KBOI and KIZN. He also is past president of the BSU Foundation.

The executive director of the world's largest dental association for eight years, John Zapp ('57) cut his academic teeth at Boise Junior College before he graduated from Creighton University's dental school in 1961. For nearly two decades he was chief of the American Medical Association's lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., before he took over as head of the American Dental Association, a position he held from 1993 until his retirement in 2001. Zapp, 69, had a private dental practice in Oregon before he got involved in the political arena. He lives in Bethesda, Md.

Benjamin Christian Zimmermann ('68) was awarded a Silver Medallion in 1986 by Boise State University. As a TWA flight engineer, he helped free 145 hostages held in Beirut by Arab terrorists the year before and went on to write *Hostage in a Hostage World*, detailing how he staged a mechanical emergency that led the terrorists to believe that they couldn't leave the airport. Zimmermann, a member of the clergy for the Lutheran Church, retired from the Idaho House of Representatives in 2000 after serving two terms and now lives in Cascade. A graduate of National Defense University in Washington, D.C., he is also writing a fiction book that deals with terrorism.

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Clarinetist shared love of music

In musical terms, mf stands for mezzo forte, not mighty feeble. That guidance from Jim Hopper still makes Melinda Carney chime when she affects the beloved teacher but an accomplished musician, playing principal clarinet in the Boise Philharmonic for 31 years and receiving the first Governor's Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts. In February and March, Nampa Mayor Tom Dale and Boise Mayor Brent Coles declared Jim Hopper Day in their communities.

To continue Hopper's legacy of nurturing young musicians, his family and friends have established an endowment with the Boise State University Foundation in his name to provide scholarships for clarinet students at Boise State.

Contributions can be made payable to the Boise State University Foundation for the Jim Hopper Clarinet Scholarship, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725-1030. Donations can also be made online at www2.boisestate.edu/development. All gifts are tax-deductible.

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New scholarship to honor influential teachers

Individuals will have an opportunity to honor an influential teacher who has had a positive impact on their lives as part of a new scholarship program in the College of Education at Boise State.

The “Outstanding Teacher Memorial Scholarship” will be funded by donations from people who want to pay personal tribute to a memorable teacher. The donations will be used to create a scholarship for a top Boise State student majoring in education.

“Many of us can name a teacher who made a difference in our lives. This is a chance to honor that teacher, as well as to provide a scholarship for an outstanding student who plans to enter the teaching profession,” says Joyce Garrett, dean of the College of Education.

Donations of any amount will be accepted, and the teacher honored will be sent a letter from the College of Education that a gift has been received in his or her name. For deceased teachers, a letter will be sent to the teacher’s family, if the information is submitted by the donor.

Any teacher — from preschool to graduate school — is eligible to be honored as part of the program. “It’s appropriate that we look back and say thank you,” says Garrett. “A wonderful way to do that is to provide a donation that will support outstanding students who plan to teach.”

For more information or to make a donation to the scholarship fund, contact the Boise State University Foundation at the phone numbers, address and E-mail listed below.

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Alum looks at life through a different lens

Only a handful of artists across the world know how to create daguerreotypes, the earliest form of photography. Deborah Hardee (BFA, photography and painting, '79) is one.

"It's such an eccentric thing to do," Hardee says. "Just the equipment accumulation alone is a major thing."

Daguerreotypes date back more than 150 years. They're named for Louis Daguerre, the man who perfected the process in 1837. They are created through a highly detailed process that includes producing an image on a sheet of silver-plated copper. Daguerreotypes remained popular through the 1850s until newer and more efficient forms of photography replaced them.

Today, few people practice the process. And Hardee is the only known woman in the United States who is a full-time daguerreotypist.

Hardee enjoys daguerreotypes for their luminous and reflective qualities. The plates used to make daguerreotypes are mirror-like, allowing people to see themselves when they look at the image.

They also reflect a range of colors and seem to change from different angles.

"I think it takes the imagery away from reality a little bit more," Hardee says. "And it changes with the view. I like that part of it."

Hardee first studied the process under a daguerreotypist about two years ago at a summer workshop in Montana. But she didn't produce a daguerreotype on her own until more than one year later. That's about how long it took to get the necessary equipment custom made and to rewire her Boise photography studio.

A single daguerreotype can take four to five hours to produce. It's hard and painstaking work.

"That's why there's only about 10 of us doing it," Hardee says.

Hardee, who this year trained under another daguerreotypist in Toronto, says she is into the art form for the long haul. One of her teachers once told her that "once you make a thousand plates, you'll kind of understand it."

Hardee recently exhibited 17 of her daguerreotypes in a show at the Boise Art Museum. The work shown is a series of portraits reflecting human emotion. "The goal of my work is to reveal the inner, emotional truth of human experience that lies beneath the outward appearance of the composure we normally express," Hardee's artist statement reads.

Her work — unlike that of traditional daguerreotypists who try to stay true to old portraits — brings a contemporary flair to this antique art form.

"What Deborah has done with the process has really kind of pushed it. One, it's a difficult process to learn. Very few people can do it. Two, she chose a difficult subject," says Heather Ferrell, Boise Art Museum associate curator of art.

"Idaho should be very proud to have one of the few daguerreotypists in the country with such a solid body of work."

—Liz Wyatt
Tragedy leads to life-saving idea

Scott Swanby knows as well as anybody that you can’t change the past. But he has never forgotten it, either.

On Thanksgiving morning 1983, a good friend of Swanby’s drowned while the two sporting enthusiasts were on the water. Neither were wearing life jackets because they were bulky and uncomfortable.

“That was the saddest day of my life,” he says. “After that I went down and bought the biggest, bulkiest life jacket you could buy and wore it religiously. But when it got hot, I found myself taking it off.”

So Swanby (BBA, marketing, ’85) set out to find a jacket that was both comfortable and safe, one that avid sportsmen could be convinced to wear. When he couldn’t find one, he found a Meridian teacher who knew how to make one.

He trademarked the phrase, “Comfort you can live with,” and went on to market SOSPENDERS around the world to fishermen, duck hunters, canoe paddlers and boaters.

Today, his Fruitland-based company, SOS Inc., makes more than 30 types of inflatable SOSPENDERS. Worn like a pair of suspenders, the personal safety devices can be inflated manually or automatically when needed. SOSPENDERS have become the best-known personal flotation devices in the country.

About 80 people work in his 25,000-square-foot operation designing and manufacturing SOSPENDERS. The site also includes a replica of the Underwriters Laboratory testing pool in Raleigh, S.C., so his designers can constantly test and re-test new ideas.

Swanby markets his SOSPENDERS — life jackets worn like suspenders — around the world.

Swanby sells his products to cruise lines, the United States Coast Guard, U.S. Sailing Association, the U.S. Naval Academy and to the general public, and continues to unveil and patent new innovations in life jackets. His most recent additions are the first-ever Coast Guard-approved inflatable life jackets for children.

Though the successful marketing of his idea has been rewarding, Swanby says the 200 or so calls he has had from users is what continues to drive him. Especially those who tell him that a SOSPENDERS jacket helped save their life.

—Sherry Squires

Alumni Association creates student organization

As a way to prepare students for a life of involvement with Boise State after graduation, the Alumni Association has invited 15 students to serve as founding members of the Boise State Student Alumni Association (SAA).

“Our university needs a coordinated student effort that is dedicated to building a sense of community, of tradition and lifelong pride on campus,” says Executive Director Lee Denker. “With our growth in student numbers we need to make sure that we don’t experience an erosion of the Bronco spirit that has propelled Boise State into Idaho’s higher education leader.”

Students will work with association volunteers and staff during the spring 2002 semester to create an organizational structure and establish plans for the future. More students will be invited to participate once the initial groundwork has been completed.

According to Denker, Boise State will use successful student alumni programs at other universities as models. “We will definitely do our research to see what is working at other schools,” he says. “The key will be to keep Boise State’s long-term potential at the center of our efforts.”

The association expects that SAA members will become active participants in events and programs that enrich the Boise State experience for alumni and students. While a calendar of programs has yet to be defined, events such as Homecoming and the Graduation Celebration look to benefit from increased student and alumni coordination, says Denker.
IN TOUCH

Our policy is to print as much "In Touch" information as possible. Send your letters to the Boise State Alumni Association, 1920 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725, or send e-mail to Ibursement@boise estate.edu. In addition, if you know someone who would make a good feature story in our "Alumnotes" section, contact the office of News Services at the same address.

50s

RONALD PHILLIP MOORE, diploma, general arts and sciences, '52, recently retired. Moore is active in his church and is a tax volunteer for the IRS.

60s

JOHN D. SCHOLL, AA, general arts and sciences, '62, retired in 1993 after working as a peace officer. A certified emergency medical technician, Scholl now volunteers for fire/rescue and is also a licensed private investigator. He also participates in triathlons.

BILL R. McCracken, BA, general business, '69, lives in Milwaukee, Ore. He recently completed three marathons in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

70s

PATRICIA (LOPEZ) DAMLER, AS, nursing, '74, is a home health community and parish nurse. She lives in Glendale, Ore.

GLENN E. Krauss, BBA, general business, '75, is employed at TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation in Ocala, Fla. Krauss received his doctorate in Christian education from Freedom University. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1994.

RONALD E. ARNDT, BBA, finance, '76, has been named assistant vice president for Washington Federal Savings’ Idaho Division. Arndt, with 25 years of banking experience, joined the company a year ago from Home Federal Savings. Arndt previously was manager of the bank’s Fairview branch in Boise. He also volunteers for Juvenile Diabetes and the Optimist Club.

80s

SERGIO A. GUTIERREZ, BA, elementary education, '80, was appointed Third District Judge by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to a vacancy on the Idaho Court of Appeals, becoming the first Hispanic on Idaho’s appellate bench. Gutierrez also is on the board of directors for the Boise State Alumni Association.

MATTHEW M. WOOD, BBA, computer information systems, '80, has been appointed vice president and director of customer service at SCP Global Technologies in Boise. Woods has worked in various capacities for the company including vice president and director of information technology, and vice president and director of sales and marketing.

RENATE (ELLER) BRADFIELD, MPA, '81, recently retired from the Idaho Department of Corrections, probation and parole. She is now the chief investigator for Little Road Dog Investigations. She resides in McCall.

SAMUEL K. COTTERELL, BBA, accounting, '81, recently served as mountain regional director for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. A certified public accountant, Cotterell is former chair of the Idaho State Board of Accountancy and a member of the Idaho Society of CPAs. He is director of financial reporting for Boise Cascade Corp.

JOAN A. (RAMOS) KENNEDY, BA, communication, '81, received the outstanding staff award for 2000 for the Cal Poly University Library (Kennedy Library). Kennedy is a serials cataloger for the library. She resides in Los Osos, Calif.

DANIEL R. PAUL, BS, psychology, '81, has joined the staff of Liberty Northwest Insurance Corporation’s Boise office as senior loss prevention consultant. Previously he worked as personnel and safety director for Excel Transport and Hoff Forest Products, as well as case coordinator for St. Luke’s Occupational Health and loss prevention coordinator for Fremont Compensation Insurance.

JOAN ADELE (PITAWAY) ELIZONDO, AAS, child care and development, '82, works for the Houston (Texas) Independent School District.

ROBERT F. WATSON, BBA, management/aviation, '82, was promoted to senior contract analyst with Northrop Grumman Corp., a defense contractor located at Naval Air Station, Pt. Mugu, Calif. Watson has been employed with NGC since 1983.

TRACIE (WADLEY) WELLS, BBA, marketing, '82, has been promoted to vice president and credit manager of the Wells Fargo Bank.

Brush with 9/11 tragedy doesn't ground pilot

When Tom Nicholson’s dreams finally took flight, he was determined to let nothing ground them. Not even his brush with the devastation of Sept. 11, 2001.

The United pilot was the last to safely land the United Airlines 767 that soon after became the second plane to plow into the World Trade Center. He’s thought about it in the months that followed, but refused to let it cripple him.

“You deal with it while you’re sitting at home on your couch,” he says. “[Being a pilot] probably is a lot less dangerous than being a roofer.”

Nicholson (AS, arts and sciences, ’63) began to dream about flying as a profession when he was in college.

“Flying was it,” he says. He went on to spend 20 years in the Air National Guard as a pilot before joining United Airlines. As captain of a 767, he is the decision-maker in the cockpit.

“I enjoy the freedom and the challenge,” he says. “It’s a tremendous amount of responsibility, which I like and accept.”

That responsibility grew heavier after Sept. 11. But since then, he has had only two passengers approach him to discuss security. If anything, passenger behavior is better. He says first-class passengers are less insistent on pampering, and few passengers grumble about the extra security measures, which he says are equally thorough for pilots.

Nicholson says his connection to Sept. 11 has never made him rethink his career. “It really didn’t make me feel that I was two steps away from being killed myself,” he says.

“There’s always been some risk, and I guess there’s more now. But it’s worth it.”

— Sherry Squires
owner-occupied real estate office in Boise. Wells, who joined the bank in '98, has almost 20 years of experience in financial services. She is a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School.

JULIE L. (WILSON) EDGAR, BBA, business education/administrative service option, '83, recently accepted a position as a legal administrator for Boise Cascade's corporate legal department.

TODD A. HOWLAND, BBA, management/BS economics, '83, is the deputy chief of U. N. Human Rights Division, Angola. Howland also received the Order of St. Ives from the University of Denver College of Law 1986, Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow, Harvard University School of Law 1996-97. Howland is an avid soccer player and skier and speaks four different languages, Spanish, Portuguese, French and German.

CARLA M. MATTHEWS, BBA, quantitative management, '83, is manager of production planning and scheduling for J. R. Simplot Co. Matthews received the President's Performance Award in 1992, and Outstanding Achievement Award in 1994 from J. R. Simplot. She also is a member and officer of Ada County Sheriff's Mounted Posseettes and a volunteer for the Sheriff's Employee Association.

V. WILLIAM BARRETT, BA, communication/English, '84, recently joined the English faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley in Menasha. He recently received his MFA in creative writing from University of Arizona.

DONNA R. BEAN, MBA, '84, recently received recognition as a certified materials and resource professional, a national credential given by the American Hospital Association. Bean is director of materials and resource management at Holy Rosary Medical Center in Ontario, Ore.

LOUANN M. NOCKELS, BA, theatre arts, '85, is coordinator of the Active Older Adult Program at the Presidio YMCA in San Francisco.

MATTHEW D. MEININGER, BBA, finance, '85, is the owner of Nampa Gusher and Beverage in Nampa.

KATHERINE KEYS CRAWFORD, BS, psychology, '87, is employed at Montrose Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Center in Montrose, Colo. Crawford earned her master's in occupational therapy from the University of Indianapolis in 1992.

GARY C. MATTSON, BS, construction management, '87, is the vice president of northern Utah construction for Jack B. Parson Companies in Ogden, Utah.

THERESE (MARZOCCHI) JARDINE, BBA, management, '88, is a self-employed software consultant in Redmond, Wash. She previously lived in New Jersey.

KENNY WROTHEN, BBA, finance, '88, was awarded the Nampa Chamber of Commerce Annual Service Award last May in recognition of his volunteer efforts. Wrothen works for Pioneer Title in Nampa.

ROBERT WOODBURY, BS, premedical studies, '88, is a surgeon stationed at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Calif. He recently returned from a tour of duty in the Arabian Sea.

MATTHEW T. BATTEN, BA, history, '90, has been promoted to capital equipment buyer with Micron in Boise.

MICHAEL W. HICKS, BBA, finance, '90, has been

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**Novel explores war and women**

A passion for history and fervor to tell the stories of women of the World War II era has landed Teresa Funke her first novel. *Remember Wake*, a 1st Books Library publication, will be available in bookstores by late spring.

The novel is based on the true stories Funke (BA, history, '90) gleaned from 13 men and women, most of them from Boise, about their experiences during and following the Battle of Wake Island in the Pacific. She wove the stories into the two main fictional characters in her book.

The male character, Collin, is a civilian who went to work on Wake Island to build a defense center. He was taken captive by the Japanese and spent seven years in prison camps. Maggie is the female character who was left behind — and left wondering:

"I think the best part of the book is that virtually everything that happened in the book really happened to one of the 13 people I interviewed," Funke says. "The book was a tribute to them."

Funke stumbled across the story while working as a research assistant for Idaho Public Television as part of an internship set up through the Boise State history department.

She says the novel was her way of getting across the important elements of history in a way that might appeal to a wider audience.

But she has also put together a nonfiction book titled *We Can Do It: American Women's Stories from WWII*. The oral history features stories from women across the country, three of them from Boise.

"Their husbands have been asked a lot about their experiences, but they hadn't been asked," she says. "To know the book is going to mean something to women of the World War II era is very rewarding. They've always felt a little overlooked."

Funke is also working on a nonfiction book about the lives of Vietnam-era women and plans to write future novels from the Fort Collins, Colo., home she shares with her husband and three children.

— Sherry Squires
ASSOCIATION WINS AWARD

Idahoans already know that for pregame football revelry there is no beating the Boise State Alumni Association.


The association's tailgate parties were rated among the top three alumni events within the district. Consideration was given to financial management, overall theme, marketing and alumni participation.

Casandra Sipes, assistant director of events and student programs, accepted the award at the CASE district meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The Alumni Association first held tailgate parties in 2000 after purchasing an eye clinic directly across the street from the football stadium. Following a year of renovation, the new Alumni Center opened in March 2001 and tailgate parties were expanded to include indoor and outdoor activities.

Outside, the Alumni Center's expansive parking lot is packed with orange and blue clad Bronco fans enjoying food and beverages, a variety of Bronco merchandise, local media promotions and door prizes. Inside, guests watch the day's other college football games on a big screen TV while socializing with friends.

Bronco Bash tailgate parties are scheduled for each home football game in 2002, beginning with the Idaho game on Aug. 31.

named vice president and commercial loan officer for the new Zions Bank branch in Boise. Hicks has more than 30 years' experience in the banking industry and most recently was a vice president and commercial relationship officer for Key Bank.

ROBERT S. BRUCE, MBA, '92, is vice president of marketing at CH2M Hill in Boise.

JUSTIN RAY TOOTHMAN, BS, construction management, '93, has joined the staff of Conger Management Group in Boise as a project manager. Toothman brings years of large-scale construction management experience to CMG through his positions with Sawtooth Logging and most recently Sommer Construction.

SARAH ANN BOSARGE, BA, English/general literature, '95, has joined Healthwise Inc. in Boise as the associate medical librarian.

DANIEL BRADFORD TODD, BBA, management/human resource, '95, is president and CEO of Smoky Mountain Pizza and Pasta, which has been nationally ranked as a top 10 independent pizza company by Pizza Today magazine.

STEVEN W. TURNER, MBA, '95, is the sales director for the Idaho Business Review in Boise. Turner previously was the reseller marketing manager for Hewlett Packard and was on the startup team for Crucial Technology. He earned his undergraduate degrees from the University of Oregon.

LAURA ANN (WHITE) LAWLER, BA, English, '96, is a freelance writer in Wausau, Wis.

STEPHANIE L. OLSEN, BA, elementary education, '96, completed her master's degree in education from Northwest Nazarene University last August. Olsen resides in Boise.

ELLEN "ELLY" BOLDMAN, BS, psychology, '97, recently earned her J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law and passed the Idaho State bar exam. In her final year of law school, Boldman was president of the American Bar Association-Law Student Division and the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association. Boldman is now employed as a deputy prosecutor for Ada County's criminal division.

RON G. CARVER, BA, criminal justice administration, '97, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. Carver is a maintenance officer with the 436th Aircraft Generation Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

JADE L. RILEY, BA, political science, '98, was named the executive director of the Idaho Democratic Party. Riley also served as a legislative assistant in the Clinton White House Office of Legislative Affairs. He has also volunteered for numerous legislative campaigns and was involved in campaigns for former U.S. Rep. Richard Stallings, and Gov. Cecil Andrus.

JEFFERSON HUNT WEST, BS, political science, '98, recently graduated from law school at the University of Idaho and passed the Idaho bar. He became a J.A.G. officer in the U.S. Air Force last May and was promoted to captain in November. West is employed as chief of labor and employment law at Bolling AFB, D.C.

STEPHANIE S. (NEELEY) WRIGHT, BS, physical education/secondary education, '98, is employed as the facility manager for Bronco Elite Gymnastics in Boise.

TAMMY LEE ALLGOOD, BBA, general business management, '99, recently joined the staff of Alliance Title & Escrow in Twin Falls. Allgood has several years of banking experience and is training to become an escrow officer. She and her husband also operate Allgood Exteriors.

SEAN P. MURPHY, BA, communication/English, '99, is the marketing director for Windows America of Idaho. Murphy previously worked for U.S. Office Products as a regional account executive. While at Boise State, he worked for the student newspaper.

NICHOLE CATHELEEN CRUSER, MA, education/special education, '00, was named teacher of the year at Liberty Elementary in Mountain Home. A fourth-grade teacher at Liberty, Cruser earned her undergraduate education degree from Lewis & Clark College. She has taught at Liberty for five years.

SARA ELIZABETH JONES, BFA, graphic design, '00, is a graphic designer for Idaho Business Forms (IBF) Group in Boise.

PATRICK JAMES COURTRIGHT, BBA, finance, '01, is a financial advisor for Rathbone McReynolds Investment Consulting in Boise.

STEVEN ERIC GARRINGER, MBA, '01, is a new agent for State Farm Insurance in Eagle. Previously Garringer worked for State Farm's field executive office in Meridian and in the technology sector in the Boise area. Garringer has also served in the U.S.
Army 82nd Airborne Division.

MONICA ROSE JONES, BS, management/human resource, '01, is the new human resource officer/city clerk for the city of Caldwell. Jones previously worked in human resources for the city of Idaho Falls and Rogers NK Seed Co.

TODD A. KNOWLES, EdD, curriculum and instruction, '01, is an instructor for the LDS Church Educational System in Boise. Knowles also earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Boise State.

JOSHUA JORDAN, BA, communication, '01, recently became the sports editor for the Newport News, Newport, Ore. He resides in Depoe Bay.

JULIE ANN MORGAN, BSE, electrical engineering, '01, took first place honors during a regional IEEE paper competition in San Jose, Calif., last fall.

JOHN LESTER PARRETT, BS, psychology, '01, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.

ANNA M. SHOEMAKER, AAS, horticulture, '01, has been awarded a $1,000 Ed Markham International Scholarship from Floriculture Industry Research and Scholarship Trust, an organization that funds research for the commercial horticulture industry. Shoemaker resides in Nampa.

MICHELLE GINETTE (GREIG) SRHOLES, MA, curriculum and instruction, '01, is a first-grade teacher for the Weiser School District.

MATTHEW WAYNE STOKES, BBA, marketing, '01, is a new State Farm agent in Twin Falls. Stokes has over five years experience with State Farm in a variety of customer service and marketing positions. Stokes recently completed State Farm's agency training program.

WEDDINGS

TOM FISCHER and LEANNA HELSLEY (Boise) May 12.

STEPHANIE S. NEELEY and Leo Wright (Boise) May 19.


BRIAN DOSTER and Theresa Bytchison (Boise) June 16.

ERIN CLEM and Jamie Kubena (Boise) June 23.

MICHAEL KEITH and Marissa Stevens (Meridian) June 23.

JIM BREKKE and Andrea Seim (Boise) July 7.

JILL MICHELLE COMPTON and Cameron Cryder (Boise) July 7.

Cory Simon and JAIME GROSS (Boise) July 7.

DANIELLE GRAVELEY and Travis Krawl (Boise) July 14.

LISA A. REED and Justin Sterling (Boise) July 14.

SAMANTHA REED and Jason G. Sadler (Boise) July 14.

JEANNE MAYNE and RICHARD PAGOA JR. (Boise) Aug. 25.

APRYL BRAINARD and Brian Adams (Sagle) Sept. 22.

ROBERT P. LINK III and JANE E. PAVEK (Boise) Sept. 22.
ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS

Make plans now to support the Bronco football team on the road this season. The Alumni Association and the Bronco Athletic Association have created weekend getaway travel packages to many game destinations.

Current plans are to provide travel packages for four games: Sept. 7, Arkansas; Sept. 14, Wyoming; Oct. 26, San Jose State/San Francisco weekend; and Nov. 23, Nevada.

In addition to transportation and lodging, each trip includes a game ticket, admission to the Alumni Association tailgate party and other extras. For details, call the Alumni Association.

ALUMNI RECEPTION HELD IN D.C.

Boise State alumni living in the Washington, D.C., metro area gathered in early February for a reception with Boise State President Charles Ruch and Idaho's congressional delegation. The reception, coordinated by the Alumni Association, was held at the offices of McClure, Gerard & Neunschwander Inc. Ruch was in Washington to meet with lawmakers and share information about Boise State's cutting-edge research efforts and immediate federal funding needs.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Layout and design are under way on the new Boise State Alumni Directory. The directory lists names, addresses and biographical information about alumni. It is being produced by the Alumni Association in conjunction with Bernard C. Harris Publishing, a firm that collects alumni data and publishes directories for many of the nation's largest colleges and universities.

Directories can be ordered until production begins in May. They can be purchased later for an additional $30 while supplies last. Call Harris Publishing at 1-800-877-6554 for order information. The directory is available in both softbound ($69.99) or hardbound ($79.99). Shipping, handling and sales tax will be added. Directories are scheduled for delivery in late July.

The Alumni Association will not sell any directories out of the Alumni Center.

TRACY LYNN BARTLETT and Shawn Lee Gunter (Las Vegas) Oct. 23.

LAURA ANN WHITE and Mil Lawler (Freeport, Maine) Oct. 27.

MATTHEW D. MEININGER and Mary E. Lewis (Las Vegas) Nov. 2.

MICHAEL ADAMS and Yvonne Vong (Sydney, Australia) Nov. 17.

DEATHS

AFTON (GRUNDER) ANDER-SON, AA, general arts and sciences, '37, died Dec. 11 in Kuna at age 84. Anderson taught school for two years before serving a church mission in New England in the late 1930s. She and her husband operated a dairy farm in Emmett until 1961 when they moved to Argentina to supervise the building of churches. They also lived in Chile, Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala. After retirement they made their home in Kuna.

THOMAS ALEXANDER BAR-LING, BA, criminal justice administration, '93, died Feb. 23 in Boise at the age of 59. Barling served in the U.S. Army and worked as an iron worker in Boston and Boise prior to attending Boise State.

JOSEPH C. BARROETABENA, diploma, arts and sciences, '52, died Jan. 23 in Boise at the age of 78. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a prisoner of war in Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He worked as a horse breeder and farmer in the Treasure Valley and was active in the Idaho Thorougbred Association.

GARY RONALD BRAY, AA, general arts and sciences, '59, died Dec 24 in Leesburg, Fla., at age 62. After graduating from BJC, Bray attended Oregon State University. In the 1960s he worked as a production manager at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission facility at Hanford, Wash., and later was manager of waste processing for the Savannah River National Laboratory reprocessing facility. Bray also was a nuclear arms nonproliferation negotiator for President Jimmy Carter.

CAROLEE MAE FOSTER died Feb. 24 in Boise. She was 68. Foster graduated from the Saint Alphonsus School of Nursing in Boise in 1955. She worked as a nurse for 30 years, 25 of which were at the Boise State Health Center.

FREDERICK RAY "FRED" GRAVES, AAS, culinary arts, '90, died Dec. 12 in Mountain Home at age 56. Graves retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1986 after 22 years of service, including two tours in Vietnam. During his military career he received seven flying medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. After his Boise State graduation, Graves worked for a short time in the culinary field. In 1991 he received a heart transplant in Salt Lake and afterward enjoyed speaking at schools to promote donor awareness. He volunteered his time to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Skills Development Center at Mountain Home AFB.

GERALD "JERRY" HARDING RANSOM, AA, general arts and sciences, '48, died Jan. 4 in Meridian at age 81. Ransom served in the military during World War II and flew 67 combat missions throughout Europe. After his BJC graduation, Ransom attended the College of Idaho and the University of Illinois. He worked as an elementary teacher in Boise before joining the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in 1957, where he worked until retiring in 1980.

BARBARA JEAN HARRIS, BA, criminal justice administration, '96, died Nov. 28 in Boise from a sudden illness. She was 52. Harris worked for Mountain Home Air Force Base, Magic Valley RCMP, Intermountain Gas, Multiple Sclerosis Society and most recently was a unit secretary at Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise. Harris participated in many fund-raising walks for charities and was active in organizations such as the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

JAMES R. HOLLIFIELD, attended 1970s, died Dec. 18 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was 50. A native of Gooding, Hollifield was active in the FFA and other organizations and played football for Gooding High. After attending Idaho State for one year, he transferred to Boise State, where he played football for three years. Hollifield worked on the family farm in Gooding until the early 1980s and since had worked for D & D Transportation, A.F.S. of Idaho and most recently had owned and operated J & L Enterprises in Gooding.

Longtime Boise State music professor JAMES W. HOPPER died Dec. 28 in Boise at age 98. Hopper joined the music faculty in 1970 after 20 years as an adjunct professor. He earned his bachelor's from the Juilliard School and his master's from University of Iowa. He was awarded the Governor's Award for the Performing Arts, the Silver Medallion for service to the university and was an Idaho Statesman Distinguished Citizen. His career took him from Boise City Band, where he played solo clarinet, to Casablanca and Morocco where he played in the Air Corps Band during World War II. He was principal clarinetist in the Boise Philharmonic for 31 years. See story on Page 36.

JEFFREY L. HUFFMAN, AAS, electronics technology, '83, died Nov. 26 in Boise at age 51. A native of West Virginia, Huffman attended college there before transferring to Boise State. Huffman traveled extensively through his work as a service engineer in the computer field. He also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

LINDA MARIE (WHITLEY) OPPENHEIMER, BBA, marketing, '96, died March 4 in Boise. Oppenheimer...
worked in business and marketing positions with major national food companies in Boise. She earned a master’s in technology management through the University of Phoenix.

Bronco Athletic Association (BAA) supporter JACK L. ROBINSON died Feb. 3 in Boise. He was 79. Robinson served as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army during WWII. After the war, he returned to Idaho, worked for Idaho Department Stores and operated the family farm in Homedale. In 1957 he moved to Boise where he owned and operated Boise Blue Art Supply. He served on a number of boards, including the BAA. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Robinson received the Bronze Bronco Award from the BAA in 1996. A memorial scholarship in his name has been established at Boise State.

Diana Lee Swift, AS, nursing, ’78, died Dec. 26 in Boise at age 63. She lived in Canada, Alaska and California before moving to Idaho in 1962. She worked for 25 years in nursing homes throughout the valley and recently retired from the Veterans’ Administration Hospital. At the time of her death she was employed by Life’s Doors Hospice in Boise.

M. Rachel Terry, attended ’40, died Feb. 14 in Boise after a brief illness. While at BJC, Terry was active in the B-Cubes and the Valkyries. She later attended Oregon State. After college she attended airline school in Denver and worked for Braniff Airlines. She worked for Boise State’s Library for 19 years and was granted emeritus status when she retired.

Ruby (Fredricks) Walker, BA, general business, ’71, died Jan. 13 in Boise at age 90. Walker grew up in Twin Falls. She earned a teaching certificate from the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, but found that teaching was not her calling. After a long career as a legal secretary, she returned to school, earning her BA from Boise State at age 60. She was active in various civic organizations, including Rebekahs.

Retired Boise State painter Alfred W. Woehlbbrandt died Feb. 23 in Meridian after a brief illness. He was 77. Born in Germany, Woehlbbrandt immigrated to the United States in 1953 and lived in New York until the late 1970s when he moved to Idaho. He worked as a painter, paper hanger and decorator. He retired in 1990.

Luella (Springer) Zink, AA, general arts and sciences, ’41, died Feb. 6 in Twin Falls. She was 87. Runner graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio and taught music at Boise Junior College from 1937-1940. She later earned her master’s in music from the University of Redlands in California, where she met her husband Herb Runner, a longtime Boise State research director. After returning to Boise in 1966, she taught private lessons and played with the Philharmonic.

Gerald James “Jerry” Ryan, AA, elementary education, ’59, died Jan. 9 at age 62 in Weiser. Ryan taught and counseled in the Boise School District for 35 years and after retiring worked as a substitute in local schools. An avid sports fan, he also worked as a referee throughout the Treasure Valley.

MBA grads launch finance company

With an unemployment rate in Vietnam estimated between 7 and 25 percent, quitting your job to launch a startup firm is risky at best. Especially in a country where entrepreneurial ventures are rare.

But Vuong Hoang (MBA, ’97) and his business partner Le Nghi (MBA, ’95), believe their firm, Mezon Finance Corp. (Mezfin), will surely boost Vietnam’s lagging economy as that country moves toward a more market-oriented economy.

For starters, they say, Vietnam is on the verge of tremendous growth following the long awaited bilateral trade agreement with the United States. And with Hoang’s experience with the International Finance Corp./World Bank and Nghi’s similar experience with the World Bank and Vietnam’s emerging stock market, the pair feel well-prepared to offer analyses and advisory services to investors and the local business community.

The two men are products of Boise State’s partnership with National Economics University in Hanoi, Vietnam. Since the program was first funded by the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency in 1994, Boise State professors under the direction of Nancy Napier have been involved in delivering an accredited MBA program to NEU; to date, 84 Vietnamese students have graduated from the program.

Hoang and Nghi credit much of their success to the education they received through Boise State.

Despite the firm’s small size — it employs six people — under Nghi’s and Hoang’s direction Mezfin has initially been successful. Located near the proposed future stock market site in Hanoi, the firm has built up a respectable clientele and developed a name for itself among financial investors.

Mezfin also hosts an interactive Web site, www.mezfin.com, which it hopes will become an important professional resource. “At times, its [Mezfin’s] public comment and analysis send a chill and fever through the marketplace,” Hoang says. “It’s not overoptimistic to say that one day Mezfin will become an influential factor in Vietnam’s financial market in general and its growing capital market in particular.” — Kathleen Mortensen
Nearly 100 alums are members for life

Two years ago the Alumni Association began a new dues category that offered alumni the opportunity to join the association for life. Today, almost 100 alumni have become Life Members by paying one-time dues of $350 for individuals or $500 for couples.

Lifetime memberships can be paid either in full or in four annual installments.

The program benefits both members and the association, says Executive Director Lee Denker. "The Alumni Association benefits because the greater level of financial support allows us to offer expanded programming for alumni, students and friends of Boise State. For members, it means that they have made a commitment to support, stay informed about, and be involved with Boise State for life. It also means that they have access to a growing list of member rewards such as discounted athletic and campus event ticket prices, and others," he says.

Those listed to the right have purchased lifetime memberships in the Boise State Alumni Association as of March 1, 2002.
President’s Message

By Mark Dunham, President
Boise State Alumni Association

Recently, a firm interviewed several members of the Boise State Alumni Association leadership about why we are involved in the organization and the university. It was an interesting exercise that really forced us to evaluate why we are so involved and what we want to contribute.

One of the reasons I became involved in the Alumni Association was to help Boise State students. It wasn’t until a few years after I graduated from Boise State that I fully understood the benefits of my education, and I grew to appreciate the efforts of the university and its alumni who worked to help me in my future.

During my year as president, I’ve been pleased to see our assistance to students increase. Not only is the Alumni Association helping with scholarships, but we are now establishing a student alumni association so we can begin helping students earlier. In addition, this organization will help guide the activities of the Alumni Association so we can offer more diverse and meaningful membership opportunities.

The Alumni Association’s commitment to helping students is exemplified by the Top Ten Scholars and Distinguished Alumni Banquet. Having attended several of these events through the years, I continue to be overwhelmed by the accomplishments of our students. Their personal stories are inspiring and their futures are limitless.

“Limitless” is a good description of both Boise State and the Alumni Association. When I began my term as president, my goals were to hire a great executive director. We’ve done that, and Lee Denker is a great asset to the university. I wanted to continue to help students and to expand our programs for students. We’re continuing to do that. I wanted to work toward funding equity at the Legislature to assure that Boise State’s students were treated fairly. We’ve made great strides in that direction. I wanted to increase Boise State’s visibility and effectiveness at the Legislature in general, and working with the administration and others, we’ve done that.

“We” is the key to such success because everything the Alumni Association and the university have done has been based on teamwork. We have a great team at the Alumni Association and I want to thank the staff and the board of directors for their hard work and dedication.

I’ve had a wonderful year as president, and I’ve truly appreciated the opportunity to serve. It’s been an honor. Go Broncos!

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