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A few thoughts about distance education

The between-semester break provides a few moments for reflection on the state of higher education and our university. Prompted by clearing the piles of professional and junk mail that have accumulated for the past several months, I was struck by the number of articles, reports, and documents related to distance education, including some institutional studies. Clearly, this pedagogy has grown in impact and impact in recent years.

For some, it continues to be the innovation for the 21st century, a tool so powerful as to totally revolutionize higher education. For many who live beyond the academy, distance education is viewed as a "silver bullet"—a cost-effective mode of educating growing numbers of students in an era of very limited fiscal resources. New totally "online" universities are now available. For others, expanded distance education heralds the end of a quality collegiate experience that has evolved over decades. So where is Boise State University on this issue?

Distance education is not new to Boise State. One of the leaders in the Northwest, we pioneered the delivery of college courses via television with the opening of the Simplot/Micron Instructional Technology Center in 1986. Since then, the use of alternate forms of instructional delivery has grown. This past year Boise State offered 358 sections of 189 distance education courses, which produced an enrollment of 3,801 students and generated 10,806 credits.

Courses are delivered using public television, cable and microwave systems, the Internet, radio, videotape and videoconferencing. Internet courses have seen the greatest growth over the past few years. To wit, in 1996-1997 we offered eight courses via the Internet to 113 students. This past year the number of courses increased to 56 with an enrollment of 1,457. Two complete degree programs are offered through the "Net."

Even with this growth, distance education currently enrolls only a small portion of Boise State University's 17,000-plus students. Most (95 percent) still take "traditional" courses. Of those who take distance courses, most take both distance education and traditional courses. Master's level students, women, part-time students, older students and students with higher GPAs are more likely to enroll in distance education courses.

Over the past year, our office of institutional assessment has conducted a series of studies on student and faculty reactions to distance education courses. Taken together, these reports present a good picture of distance education at Boise State. In sum, both students and faculty reported satisfaction with their distance courses. Both groups also noted that distance education courses may result in less interaction between students and the instructor than in a traditional course. However, they also reported that discussions of ideas and concepts with the instructor or other members of the online courses can result in a higher level of interaction between faculty and students than in other distance education courses. Internet courses can offer a satisfactory pedagogy.

Both groups highlighted areas of concern that warrant future attention. Faculty report the need for additional preparation time, the absence of incentives and the need for technical support to enhance their use of distance pedagogy. Students comment on increased time demands, the need for technical support and limited interactions as barriers to success in distance education courses. There is much more in these studies that interested readers can access at www2.boisestate.edu/lassess/Reports/REPORTS.HTM or contact Marcia Belchie, Institutional Assessment, at aoambel@boisestate.edu.

Recognizing that distance education courses will continue to be important to the university, Boise State launched CoreOnline@Boise, a three-year pilot project to assist faculty in developing online versions of core courses. This $1.2 million Technology Incentive Grant from the State Board of Education is now entering its final year. More than 154 faculty have participated; this spring 11 core courses were offered online; another 10 courses will be offered this fall. One goal of this effort is to provide a full range of core courses offered through the Internet.

At this juncture, distance education courses are one of a number of delivery strategies used by our faculty to support the concept of a distributed campus, making higher education accessible to students by varying time, space and location. Our distance education courses are embedded in the overall curriculum, not separate functions. Students "mix and match" on-campus courses with courses taught at branch locations and via distance education. In metropolitan universities, one size does not fit all. Distance education courses are finding an important, but not singular, place.

I appreciate your support and welcome your comments; I can be reached at (208) 426-1491 or through e-mail: CRuch@boisestate.edu.

---Charles Ruch, President
University copes with reduced classes, narrow course selection

Boise State officials are trying to find a soft spot to land somewhere between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

State-mandated budget cuts cost the university 22 faculty positions, which means fewer class sections can be offered next fall. Yet enrollment is on track to surpass last year’s 17,161 total.

The inevitable result: some students will have a hard time finding open classes.

Continuing students who registered in April and new students who signed up early this summer should be able to enroll for a full schedule. But students who register in July and August may find several class sections already filled, says Mark Wheeler, dean of enrollment services.

“We are doing our best to inform students of the situation. We are obviously disappointed that we can’t offer the access to courses that we have in the past,” he says.

The university has been able to mitigate the situation by shifting some enrollment to the summer sessions. After an extensive information campaign, summer enrollment at press time was up eight percent over this time last year.

“We had to meet the challenge with new approaches,” says Provost Daryl Jones.

“One of the most logical options was to shift some of our enrollment to summer when we have more capacity. We especially encouraged students to take core classes,” says Jones.

Jones says the university also has moved the registration of nondegree-seeking students to later in the registration cycle to give degree-seeking students an earlier opportunity to sign up for fall courses.

“We are pleased with the response. Students understand the issues we face and have been proactive in planning their course schedules. We are doing the best we can, but there will come a time when there won’t be enough courses to meet everyone’s needs,” says Jones.

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**Construction begins on TECenter**

Boise State professors and budding entrepreneurs will soon join forces to nurture fledgling high-tech businesses in a new building to be constructed this summer and fall.

Known as the Technology and Entrepreneurial Center (TECenter), the building will provide space for 20-30 businesses. It will be the first building on the Boise State-West campus near Nampa.

Because it is being funded by a $1.9 million federal grant, the TECenter is not among the building projects postponed because of the drop in state revenue. The building is expected to be completed by the end of 2002.

High-tech incubators like the TECenter assist startup and early-phase businesses by providing economical and flexible facility space, direct management staff and other support services, says John Glerum, a retired Ore-Ida chief executive who is directing the center.

But just as important as the physical space, the TECenter will provide the new firms with business and engineering consultants, student interns, staff services and technical help. As many as 500 hours in services will be provided per client.

“Startup businesses — especially in the high-tech sector — are very vulnerable. We provide services that help get them through that difficult period when so many businesses fail," says Glerum.

“The university is a vast source of expertise that businesses can use. In linking those resources with the private sector, we can provide hands-on experience for professors and students while helping businesses succeed.”

Most businesses will use the TECenter’s services for three to five years before they venture on their own. Once they leave, Boise State will retain a small ownership share in the businesses, ensuring future revenues to support the center and the university.

Glerum is busy lining up potential clients. With more than 800 new high-tech businesses started in Idaho in the last 10 years, he is optimistic he can line up a full stable of clients, despite the recent downturn in the high-tech sector.

“Businesses need our help more than ever. By helping new businesses, the TECenter will contribute to the long-term economic health of Idaho,” he says.
Ever since the Boise State Children's Center opened in 1995, there has been a long waiting list for infant and toddler care.

That list will soon get smaller as the university begins construction on a four-classroom addition that will more than double the center's capacity to provide care for children ages 6 weeks to 2 1/2 years. Construction should be completed by the end of the year.

The center currently accommodates only 30 infants and toddlers, leaving more than 100 children in that age group on the center's waiting list. The addition will increase capacity to 70.

The addition is being financed by $600,000 in private donations.

Nursing project earns award

A health-screening project for migrant farm workers initiated and coordinated by the Boise State department of nursing is one of two recipients of the first Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Award. The project was selected from a pool of more than 140 nominees nationwide.

The past two years Boise State nursing students have visited migrant sites to assess the health needs and assets of the community and produced four health services events, including a drive to provide hats that protect workers' eyes and a screening project to detect eye diseases such as pterygium and pingueculum, illnesses triggered by extended exposure to wind, sun and dust.

The project was started in 2001 by Boise State nursing professors Cindy Clark and Nancy Otterness and several of their students as part of their service-learning curriculum.

The award, intended to highlight the partnerships between communities and higher education institutions, was announced in May by the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health during its sixth annual conference in Miami.

The award-winning project is designed to improve the health of migrant and seasonal workers in southwest Idaho. In addition to Boise State, the project sponsors include several health care agencies, civic service organizations, the Idaho Migrant Council, community youth organizations, and more than a dozen local businesses.

The 19th annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs, slated for Sept. 27 in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom, will examine "America's Image Abroad: Leadership? Hubris? or Indifference?"

Forrest Church, son of the late senator, author of The American Creed and a Unitarian Universalist Church pastor in New York City, will be the evening keynote speaker. In addition, two panels will look at how the United States is viewed by both its allies and the Islamic world.

For more information about the free conference visit sspa.boisestate.edu/frank_church_conference.htm.
Silver Medallion awarded to Gov. Batt

Boise State honored former Idaho Gov. Phil Batt with a Silver Medallion, the university’s highest award, at Commencement May 18.

In bestowing the medallion, President Charles Ruch praised Batt for his years of service as an elected official.

“Regardless of which office he held, Governor Batt has been steadfast in his advocacy for human rights and in his support of education. Idaho’s citizens continue to benefit from what he accomplished as a public servant,” said Ruch.

First elected to the Legislature from Wilder in 1965, Batt went on to serve as a state representative, state senator, lieutenant governor and governor.

Batt served six years as Senate majority leader and two years as president pro tempore during his tenure in the Legislature. He was elected governor in 1994 and served one term.

“Governor Batt lent his support to Boise State in innumerable ways over the years. He was one of the prime movers behind the establishment of the Gene Harris Jazz Festival and was key to the establishment of an engineering college at Boise State,” said Ruch.

“He was a statesman who instinctively understood the relationship between education and the development of the state.”

Boise State sends numerous students to medical and dental schools

In what is considered the largest group yet, more than 20 Boise State graduates have gained acceptance into medical and dental schools. Universities the recent graduates will be attending include Johns Hopkins, Columbia and Washington. In addition, four recent graduates were accepted into physician assistant programs at prestigious institutions such as Yale, Baylor and Duke.

“This year was exceptional,” says President Charles Ruch of the quantity of future physicians and dentists and the quality of the schools they will attend, “perhaps the best ever.”

Following is a list of the students and the schools where they have been accepted:

**MEDICAL:**
- Eric Elliott, Johns Hopkins; Ann Keidel and Aaron Campbell, University of Utah; Christie Atwood and Jenifer Barry, University of Washington; and André Michaud, University of Iowa.

**DENTAL:**
- David Hone, Columbia University; Steve Simon and Shane Porter, Case Western Reserve; Stephen Edwards, University of Connecticut; and Mark McDonald, University of Nebraska.

**CHIROPRACTIC:**
- Nicole Peterson, University of Houston; and Megan DeJana, Western States Chiropractic College.

**OSTEOPATHIC:**
- Kristy Trent, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Western University of Health Sciences.

**VETERINARY:**
- Raffael lichdi and Patricia Dowell, Washington State University.

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT:**
- Dustin Bowman, Yale; Andrea McNeil, Baylor; Heather Choate Hall, Duke; Amber Vickers, Midwestern; Jeremy Frix, Army; and Collin Soares, Idaho State.

Reduced energy use saves university money

Boise State’s energy conservation plan is already paying dividends.

Figures from December-April indicate a total energy savings of $135,566 from the same months last year. Electrical consumption was down 6 percent and natural gas use decreased 14 percent.

As part of its budget reduction plan the university has reduced operating hours in buildings, consolidated classroom scheduling into fewer buildings, expanded utilization of temperature control technology and launched a campaign to decrease energy use by faculty, staff and students.

“Our energy conservation efforts are bearing fruit,” says Larry Blake, director of facilities administration. “A large portion of the savings are due to the personal efforts of our faculty, staff and students. We can’t say enough about how important they are to the success the plan has achieved so far.”
Some of the newest additions to the Albertsons Library won’t show up on any best-seller lists, but Alan Virta, head of special collections, considers them valuable nonetheless.

A cache of about 285 17th and 18th century books donated by Boise resident Bob Fahringer focuses mostly on English history. Not only is the subject matter important, says Virta, but so are the books themselves.

“It enlarges our collection relating to the English Civil War and the Restoration,” he says. “It’s important to have this subject matter written by people a lot closer to that era than we are. But it’s also an example of the bookmaking craft. These books are leather bound and the paper is in wonderful condition, made mainly from rags as opposed to wood fibers.”

Fahringer began collecting the books as a graduate student in the 1950s working on a thesis on the English Restoration period. While serving a tour of duty in the Army, he found himself in England, where he purchased several more books at old bookstores.

“After my discharge in 1956 I just kept collecting,” he says. “Not just old English, but also special editions and masterpiece reproductions.”

The collection includes a book printed in 1649 as well as a reproduction of the Book of Kells, a hand-illuminated manuscript originally done by monks in Ireland in the 8th century.

Before he knew it, his collection had grown to more than 100, then 200-plus. A teacher in high school and college for 38 years, he moved five times, packing books with him every time.

Finally, a friend suggested he donate them to the university. As a teacher, the idea of making them accessible to students is appealing. “I hope they’ll have an opportunity to use them, particularly the newer history and literature books,” he says.

Virta says the books will be kept in the rare book room with temperature and humidity control, but will be available to the public upon request.

Conference room named in honor of Lois Chaffee

Those in today’s Boise State family know Lois Chaffee for her steadfast devotion to the university, and in particular her attendance at campus events, even at age 91.

But those in the junior college era knew her as a surrogate mother for students, a trusted adviser to her husband and a friend to the supporters of a growing college led by her late husband, Eugene.

In April, Boise State recognized Chaffee’s contributions to the school by naming one of its most high-profile conference rooms after her. Adjacent to the president’s office, the newly named Lois Chaffee Conference Room is used for meetings held by the president, provost and other university officials.

“It is significant that this room bears Mrs. Chaffee’s name because it is here that the essential policy- and decision-making for the university take place,” said President Charles Ruch at the dedication ceremony.

Eugene Chaffee served as president of Boise Junior College/Boise College from 1937-67. During her 30 years as Boise State’s first lady, Lois Chaffee was a partner with her husband in the development of the school and helped lay the foundation for the university of today.
ALUMNI MAGAZINE TOPS

FOCUS magazine took first place in the 2001 Magazine General Excellence competition sponsored by the Idaho Press Club. FOCUS staff recognized by the award included editor Larry Burke; writers Janelle Brown, Kathleen Craven, Bob Evancho and Pat Pyke; graphic artist Cris Shin; editorial assistant Brenda Haight; and photographers Chuck Scheer and John Kelly.

In the Magazine Writing category, Evancho also took first in Light Feature and third in Serious Feature; Brown took second in Serious Feature; and Pyke took third in Light Feature. In the Public Relations competition the Boise State Viewbook for prospective students tied for first in Special Purposes Publication.

The Boise State President's Report produced by Burke, Haight, Shin and Stephanie Sackerman took second in the Annual Report competition.

ARBITER CAPTURES TOP AWARDS AMONG COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS

The Arbiter, Boise State's student newspaper, captured five national awards, including the Business and Advertising Student Staff of the Year Award, at the 30th annual conference of the College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers in Denver.

The other awards were: Best in Category for Newspaper Promotion Campaign, First for Best Spot Color and Best Black and White Advertisements and third for Best Special Section for papers with a circulation under 40,000.

Brad Arendt, The Arbiter's general manager, was also re-elected to the CNBAM Executive Board as the vice president of awards.

BOISE STATE DEAN SELECTED AS 'PEACEMAKER OF THE YEAR'

The Idaho Mediation Association has selected Suzanne McCorkle, interim dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, as its Peacemaker of the Year for Idaho.

McCorkle was the primary sponsor of Boise State's Dispute Resolution Program in 1992 and has been the director since then, overseeing a certificate program in which students learn negotiation and mediation skills to be applied in the public arena.

She has been instrumental in the creation of mediation programs in Ada, Boise and Canyon counties and has presented papers on dispute resolution at several conferences.

Literary journal explores the human experience

A haunting story of the enduring power of parental love, a story of quiet grief at the passing of a young woman's mother and a bitingly funny look at a writer's struggles to write are among the topics featured in the 2002 issue of The Idaho Review, published by Boise State's master of fine arts program in creative writing.

"This year's issue covers the gamut of human experience," says Mitch Wieland, a professor in the MFA program at Boise State and founding editor of The Idaho Review.

"These are stories that will stay with you long after the book is put down, stories that are comic and endearing and provocative— all in the span of 224 pages."

The annual collection of fiction and poetry from award-winning authors offers new work from Montana writers Rick Bass, author of Where the Sea Used to Be, and William Kittredge, author of A Hole in the Sky. It also features fiction by Boise's own Anthony Doerr, whose work recently appeared in Atlantic Monthly magazine and the Paris Review. Doerr's new book, The Shell Collector, was recently published by Scribners.

The volume costs $10.95 and is available at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Borders Books and Music, at the Boise State Bookstore or at boisestatebooks.com.

New speaker needed after Gould's death

Stephen Jay Gould, an evolutionary theorist who was scheduled to speak Oct. 9 as part of Boise State's Distinguished Lecture Series, died of cancer in May. A new fall speaker was in the process of being selected as FOCUS magazine went to press.

"We have some outstanding prospects for the fall lecture, and we plan to announce our selection in the next few weeks," says economics professor Chris Loucks, chair of the DLS committee.

The date of the lecture may also change, depending on the speaker's availability, Loucks says.

On campus...

Horst L. Stormer
1998 Nobel Laureate in Physics
Boise State University Distinguished Lecture Series
April 25, 2002

"We aren't at the end of science; we may be at the beginning. Who knows what's out there that we'll someday discover?"
The wait will be well worth it.

Boise State's new Recreation Center is opening later than anticipated, but when students arrive on campus this August to begin the fall semester, they will have a spacious and impressive facility that will "greatly upgrade the recreational and wellness opportunities on campus," says Joyce Grimes, campus recreation director.

That's an understatement. With various lounge areas and conference rooms, televisions galore, a second-floor terrace, Internet access, child-care services and locker-room saunas, the $12 million facility has the look and feel of an upscale health club and is certain to be one of the campus' major hangouts.

The 86,000-square-foot complex, located on University Drive across the street from and southeast of the Student Union, will include a three-court gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and badminton; two multipurpose rooms for dance, cycling and martial arts; a state-of-the-art studio for aerobics and group exercise; four racquetball courts; an equipment checkout counter; running track; outdoor rental center; cardio equipment; and weight training areas. A climbing wall will be installed at a later date.

"This new facility will allow us space to do multiple activities and sports at one time," says Grimes. "The design is based on an open floor plan that provides for high program visibility and ease of accessibility."

According to Grimes, the facility has received rave reviews from those who have gotten a sneak preview. "The view of the foothills from the upper level is breathtaking," she says. "It was love at first sight when some of our students, faculty and staff toured the center for the first time. The reaction was tremendous."

The Recreation Center is the culmination of plans that began in the mid-1990s when student leaders determined there was a need for a centralized recreation facility. In the late '90s the final student-fee proposal to pay for the complex was approved and the planning began.

"The creation of this facility should stand as an example of collaborative efforts, foresight, and leadership among students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators," says Grimes. "Programs and services will include intramural and club sports, group exercise classes, fitness classes, informal recreation and various instructional classes."

The center's dedication ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 31, the day of the Idaho-Boise State football game.

— Bob Evancho

The Recreation Center's main entrance, above. The facility will include a three-court gymnasium and running track, left.
The Langroise House

In Boise’s formative years, Warm Springs Avenue was the marquee address of the town’s social elite. The avenue was a showcase of the city’s best houses, a catalog of architectural styles that even today attracts the attention of locals and visitors.

Few houses on this bustling street surpassed the newcomer that arrived on the scene in 1925 — a half-timbered, Tudor-style mansion owned by department store magnate C.C. Anderson and his wife, Henrietta.

Anderson spared no expense to build the best. He hired one of the nation’s top residential architects, Kirtland K. Cutter, to design the house and the firm of Frederick Olmstead, the designer of Central Park in New York City, to lay out the 2-acre garden and grounds.

With a slate roof, leaded glass windows, hand-pegged oak floors, quarter-sawn doors with hand-forged hardware and an oak staircase, the house could have been as much at home on an English country estate as it was on Warm Springs.

Now the property of Boise State and known officially as the Langroise House, the old Warm Springs dowager is undergoing a face-lift. While the essential quality of the house remains intact, its heating, electrical and other systems had fallen behind the times.

So craftsmen are working to modernize the historic residence by replacing antiquated radiant heating and cooling systems, replacing electrical wiring, modernizing the kitchen and giving the worn floors, walls and fixtures a touch up.

When their work is complete later this summer, the 5,600-square-foot home will be used as a showcase for Boise State and a residence for the Boise State president. The downstairs, with its large dining hall, parlor and catering kitchen, will be used for university functions, while the upstairs will be the living quarters for the president and his or her family.

In the opinions of others ...

FOCUS invited two of Idaho’s most respected architects to tour the noted Warm Springs landmark and comment on the home’s place in Boise’s history.

Both Nat Adams (BJC, ’42) and Charles Hummel (BJC, ’43) have childhood memories of the original owner, C.C. Anderson, and were personal acquaintances of the most recent owners, William and Gladys Langroise. Here is what they say about the house and its place in Boise’s pantheon of historical residences.

HUMMEL: Clearly, it is one of the premiere historic houses in the city, not only because it was done by K.K. Cutter, one of America’s most famous residential designers at the time,
About the previous owners

Only two couples have owned the house; neither had children who lived in the house. The original owners were C.C. Anderson and his wife, Henrietta. Anderson, who came to Boise in 1896, founded the Golden Rule Store, which he later built into a chain of 34 department stores. He was a generous benefactor of local causes, including the construction of the Cathedral of the Rockies. He died in 1958.

The second owners were William and Gladys Langroise. He was an attorney and CEO of the Boise insurance firm Continental Life and Accident Co. He died in 1981. His wife, Gladys, was a supporter of several local arts organizations as well as Boise State and Albertson College. She lived in the house until her death in January 2000.

but also because of the quality of the house itself. And its associations are historic. C.C. Anderson was a major figure in the economy and history of Idaho as a merchandiser. Bill Langroise was a very important figure in Idaho history because he was an entrepreneur and an astute lawyer.

ADAMS: So many houses that are gifted to universities don't meet the needs of the president or work well for official use. The physical floor plan of this house will work for official use as well as any house we could find in the Boise Valley. This house is ideal ... you couldn't come closer. And the grounds are exceptional and will be excellent for university functions. (Note: Adams designed the president's house that is still in use at the University of Idaho.)

HUMMEL: University presidents need to have a considerable house in order to fulfill their function. It's not just for personal prestige or convenience ... it's part of the job. The president's house becomes a working tool of the university. Every university in the world that's worth its salt provides quarters for its president. Boise State is a latecomer in the state system and has finally caught up with the others.
Retirees leave behind a rich legacy

The 16 faculty members retiring from active teaching this year will leave some big shoes to fill. Their more than 400 years of combined experience span everything from private practice to award-winning publications. Many were honored as top teachers; all leave behind a legacy of learning.

Even with a dental practice in Emmett for 20 years, academia was always a part of Rudy Andersen’s life. Andersen joined Boise State in 1992 after teaching in the business program at Albertson College for eight years. He served as acting director of the master of health science program and chair of the health studies program during his 10 years at Boise State.

During more than 31 years at Boise State, Robert Andersen taught a wide range of mathematics classes and saw an increased emphasis on computers as part of math instruction. Andersen served on his department’s algebra committee and as a course coordinator for intermediate algebra. He had a special interest in supporting students who planned to become elementary school teachers.

During his 34 years in the chemistry department, Richard Banks served as department chair and received many honors, including the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award, the 1996 Outstanding Faculty Award and the 1993 University Foundation Teaching Award, among others. It was during his 12-year stint as chair that his department gained accreditation from the American Chemical Society and established a competitive research profile.

When T. Virginia Cox came to Boise College in 1967, there were only two anthropology courses offered, so she primarily taught geography — her minor. In addition to building the anthropology program, she has been a leader of the Canadian Studies program, serving as interim director, then director, since 1996, the same year she became chair of the anthropology department.

In his 39 years in Boise State’s political science department, Dennis Donoghue was elected to the Faculty Senate nine times and served as president for three terms. He chaired several departmental and faculty committees, including the Grievance Committee and served a term on the university Budget Committee. He chaired several panels on state politics and served two terms on the editorial board of the Idaho Political Science Association Journal. As a faculty member for Canadian Studies, he was awarded a Canadian Faculty Enrichment Grant in 1990.

Pat Dorman, sociology, started at Boise College in 1967. She served as department chair three times — first for five years, later for four more and she’s currently finishing her final four-year term. She helped establish the internship program in the mid-1970s and helped define the women’s studies program. Her research centered on gender inequality in organizational settings, including family medical leave compliance, and the changing role of women. Dorman was nominated to Phi Kappa Phi in 1971, received an Outstanding Educator Award in 1973 and has been included in Who’s Who of American Women.

Among his career highlights, art metals professor James Donald (Don) Douglass points to the number of alumni who have achieved successful careers as working artists and designers. Douglass, who came to Boise State in 1972, has received numerous awards and fellowships, including the 1994-95 Silver Design Fellowship, the Professional Silversmithing Fellowship and the Idaho Centennial Commission Fellowship in 1990. Metalwork by Douglass was recently featured at an exhibition at Tiffany’s in New York.

Boise State has produced 130 surgical technicians during the time that Marie Jacobs served in the surgical technology program. In the mid-1990s Jacobs started out as a clinical instructor before being named head of the program in 1999. Jacobs worked closely with the surgical departments at Saint Alphonsus and St. Luke’s regional medical centers to ensure that her students received intensive clinical training. She was certified as an on-site evaluator for surgical technology programs, which was a major benefit to Boise State’s program during its recent reaccreditation process.

Paul Jansson joined the electronics technology program...
in 1981. He later taught in the Selland College’s business systems and computer technology programs and most recently in the semiconductor manufacturing program. He helped to establish a computer-managed lab system in the business systems program and worked to incorporate computer-assisted instruction into the curriculum. Jansson was active in a number of university committees, including the Professional Standards Committee for the Faculty Senate.

**CARROLL LAMBERT** began teaching early childhood education classes at Boise State in 1976. She saw the program grow from an area of emphasis, to an endorsement on the elementary education certificate, to its current status as a blended certificate in the College of Education. Lambert was a national Head Start consultant in 20 states and in four Canadian provinces and a validator for the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. She received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Boise State Alumni Association in ’91 and ’82 and the Outstanding Instructor Award from the College of Education in ’95 and ’87.

In his 24 years at Boise State, seven Top Ten Scholars named **GORDON PIRRONG** as their most influential teacher. A professor of accountancy, he served as department chair for seven years. He was recognized with the Coopers & Lybrand Award for Service in 1992 and was a nominee for the Beta Alpha Psi Accountant of the Year in 1990. In 1984 he took a year’s leave to teach for the University of Maryland in Germany and Italy, then in 1995 he took a sabbatical to teach for a semester in Canberra, Australia.

**CHUCK SKORO** has worn two hats for the last few years — economics professor and campus minister at St. Paul’s Catholic Student Center. Although he’ll become a full-time minister at St. Paul’s, he’ll still teach one class each semester for the economics department. Skoro served as chair of the economics department and the university’s Curriculum Committee. In his 20 years at Boise State he forecast revenue for the Idaho Legislature, conducted economic impact studies and pursued several research interests, including Idaho’s living wage.

**HILARY STRAUB** joined the nursing department in 1984, specializing in mental-health nursing. She twice served as director of the department’s bachelor’s program. A longtime member of the Idaho Nurses Association, she served on its Continuing Education Committee for several years. She was the recipient of department awards for excellence in research (1991), in teaching (1994) and in community and university service (1995). She served on more than a dozen committees, including the university’s Core Curriculum Revision Committee and three years as chair of the College of Health Sciences’ Promotion and Tenure Committee.

With roots in both the College of Business and Economics and Selland College of Applied Technology, **LARRY WALDORF** has witnessed the growth of both schools since his arrival at Boise State 32 years ago. Waldorf, who has taught in the Selland College’s business management and information program for the last seven years, originally came to the business school in 1970 to teach in the management department. He spent four years as a financial officer for the Bronco Athletic Association, playing a key role in providing fiscal oversight during the construction of The Pavilion.

For the past 33 years, **FRITZ WARD** has taught classes ranging from arithmetic to advanced calculus in the mathematics department. His first classes here were taught in the old American Legion Hall that was once across from the Student Union, and he’s witnessed major growth in the university’s physical plant and computer technology facilities. Ward was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and served for a year as the university’s chapter president.

**KATHY YOUNG** came to Boise State’s department of elementary education and specialized studies in 1988 after a “first career” teaching fifth and sixth grades in the Boise School district. In 1983, she was named Idaho Teacher of the Year. Young taught classes in social studies, technology and curriculum and instruction, and says a highlight of her years here was the opportunity to work with university colleagues on a variety of educational challenges and issues.
Photo finish

There was hardly a moment in the last 28 years at Boise State that wasn't caught by the lens of university photographer Chuck Scheer (AA, '65). From his first day on the job in 1974 until his retirement May 31, Scheer took approximately 360,000 photos that captured the ongoing pageant of events that is Boise State University. From the dismissal of a president to celebrity appearances to scholarship presentations, Scheer was there — night or day, weekdays or weekends. His camera captured our humanity, from our triumphs to our tragedies. His legacy is a collection of pictures that do indeed speak louder than words. And those images speak loudest in praise of the man who recorded them for us — and for posterity.

Clockwise, from bottom left: Shawn Beaton after the 1980 national football championship; the hot air balloon Scholarship; the 1999 Humanitarian Bowl win over Louisville; the 2000 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships; Gene Harris; a red-tailed hawk from the Idaho Bird Observatory and the Friendship Bridge.
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
By William Carman

This 40-page children's picture book by art professor and illustrator William Carman will be released by Random House Inc. in late July. With detailed illustrations and simple text, Carman depicts a young boy who hears a mysterious noise in the night and bravely sets out to discover its source. His nighttime imagination conjures up toothy monsters, a renegade lawn mower, invading UFOs and other unlikely creatures before discovering the real source of the noise — his father's snores. The book is intended for children ages 4-8.

SECRETS OF THE MAGIC VALLEY AND HAGERMAN'S REMARKABLE HORSE
Edited by Todd Shallat

Edited by history professor Todd Shallat and published by Black Canyon Communications in Boise, "Secrets of the Magic Valley" covers the history of the Magic Valley from its earliest geologic formation through its habitation by early mammals like the Hagerman horse to the history of Native American and European inhabitants. The book also includes tales of the Oregon Trail and modern-day lore. The book grew out of research internships for history students at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. Boise State and the National Park Service collaborated to produce the book.

VALLEY COUNTY IDAHO, PREHISTORY TO 1920
Edited by Shelton Woods

A comprehensive history of Valley County that spans prehistoric times to the early days of the 20th century, the book from Action West Publishing and edited by history professor Shelton Woods offers a detailed look at one of the state's most remote areas. A product of the Valley County History Project, the book details the area's history through subjects as diverse as geography, fur trapping, forestry, transportation and early Basque and Finn settlements. In all, 27 authors contributed to the work. Illustrated with more than 100 historical photographs, the book is based on family letters, diaries, folklore and songs.

MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS: CREATIVE WRITING, LITERATURE AND ASSESSMENT IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
By Norma Sadler

Education professor Norma Sadler gives teachers practical ways to integrate multicultural literature into their classrooms by using instructive writing assignments with a multicultural theme. Published by Scarecrow Press, "Multicultural Connections" walks through the creation of a fiction work by explaining literary elements, illuminating the writing process itself and providing activities for strengthening students' writing.

Broncos unveil new logo

Real Broncos don't snarl. But Boise State's sports teams have one stern-looking horse as their new logo.

The new athletic image replaces the old logo of the rearing bronco and the lower-case "bsu" letters inside an image of the state of Idaho. The new logo will also replace the word "Broncos" on the side of the helmets of the football team.

With the new logo the athletic department will present a more unified graphic image to the public. Logos, business cards and letterhead that have been developed by individual sports will be replaced by a standardized set of materials featuring the new mark.

The sports logo was part of the overall project by North Charles Street Design Organization. The Baltimore-based national collegiate design company was hired by Boise State to create a new universitywide logo, which was unveiled last fall, as well as the athletic logo.

A variety of merchandise featuring the logo is available at the Boise State Bookstore and other outlets. See the Bookstore ad on Page 23 for ordering information.

ESPN to air game

The Boise State and Fresno State football teams will once again clash on national television on a Friday evening this fall. But this time the showdown between the two Western Athletic Conference foes will be in Bronco Stadium. ESPN will televise this year's Bulldog-Bronco game at 6 p.m. (MST) Oct. 18. The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, but the two teams agreed to meet on the preceding day for the added national exposure. As most Bronco fans fondly remember, last October Boise State upset the previously unbeaten and eighth-ranked Bulldogs 35-30 in front of a national TV audience.

Sensational season

Don't miss the best Bronco home football season in history, starting with the Idaho game Aug. 31 and continuing with Utah State, Hawaii, Fresno State, Rice and Louisiana Tech. See the full schedule on Page 54. For season ticket information, call (208) 426-4737.

Appleton

Described as one of the top outdoor collegiate tennis facilities in the nation, the Appleton Tennis Center opened for business earlier this spring at a dedication ceremony that recognized Micron CEO Steve Appleton (BBA, management, '82) for his lead contribution to the construction of the complex. Other dignitaries at the ceremony included Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Boise Mayor Brent Coles.

Appleton, who was the Big Sky doubles champ
SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

Young steps down as Bronco wrestling coach

Mike Young, one of the most successful coaches in Boise State athletic history, has called it quits while still on top of his game.

Following the 2002 season, in which he was named the Pac-10 WRESTLING Coach of the Year for the third time, Young announced that he was stepping down after a 33-year affiliation with the program. Under Young's guidance, Boise State wrestling teams won 10 Big Sky championships and three of the last four Pac-10 titles. Twelve of Young's athletes — including NCAA champion Kirk White in 1999 and Olympic competitor Charles Burton in 1996 — earned All-America honors. The Broncos finished in the nation's top 20 the last four years. Assistant coach Greg Randall will take over the wrestling program while Young will remain as golf coach.

In other sports news, senior Mark Hoxmeier recorded an all-time personal best in the discus to place fifth and earn All-America honors at the NCAA National Outdoor TRACK AND FIELD Championships. It was his fourth career NCAA All-America honor.

Justin St. Clair also earned All-America honors with an eighth-place finish in the javelin. Boise State's Rob Minnitti also placed 13th in the javelin.

At the WAC championships, in which the Bronco men finished third and the women eighth, Hoxmeier in the discus, Kenny Johnson in the triple jump and Ray Adrill in the 400-meter dash won individual titles.

In TENNIS the doubles team of Renate Stoop and Helen Lawson was selected to compete in the NCAA championships, but the duo was forced to withdraw because of an arm injury that Lawson suffered in the Western Athletic Conference tournament. Stoop and Lawson posted a 23-7 overall record as a doubles team and captured first-team All-WAC honors. Stoop was also named to the singles first team and Lawson was selected to the singles second team. Jemima Hayward and Erin Polowski were named second-team all-league in doubles.

Men's tennis players Marcus Berntson and Guillaume Bouvier earned first-team singles all-conference honors and Jonny Biorkman, with Bouvier, received second-team doubles honors. Both the men's and women's team finished tied for third in the WAC tournament.

In GOLF, Graham DeLaet was named the WAC Freshman of the Year. The Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada, native finished as Boise State's top golfer with a 73.8 season stroke average. He finished eighth at the WAC championships. As a team, the Broncos finished tied for ninth in the league tournament.

In GYMNASTICS, Jamie Johns was named Western Gymnastics Conference gymnast of the year. As a team, the Broncos finished fifth at the NCAA West Regionals.

Tennis Center opens

with teammate Chris Langdon as a member of the Boise State tennis team in 1982, spearheaded the project with a donation of approximately $1.8 million in stocks. The university raised an additional $400,000 to complete the project.

The center, located adjacent to the west side of The Pavilion, includes six courts, bleacher seating for 1,500, offices, locker rooms and concession and storage spaces. The complex is surrounded by approximately 40 new trees, shrubbery and landscaping.

The center will be the home of the Boise State inter-collegiate tennis teams; it will also be used for intramurals, physical education classes, clinics and open play for the Boise State community.

At the dedication ceremony, Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier announced that the center will host next spring's Western Athletic Conference tournament.

Left, Steve Appleton and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Appleton Tennis Center in May. Above, Gene Bleymaier announced at the ceremony that the center will host next spring's Western Athletic Conference tournament.
Unlocking the mystery of Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's disease is not only devastating for the 4 million Americans it afflicts, but it also could bankrupt America's health care system in the next 20 years if effective treatments aren't found.

"It is an epidemic looming on the horizon," says Boise State biology professor and Alzheimer's researcher Troy Rohn. "The largest segment of our population is now moving toward retirement. At age 65 and older, 10 percent will have Alzheimer's. At age 85 and older, 50 percent are affected. Half the people in nursing homes have Alzheimer's."

Those sobering statistics — and the billions of dollars in health care costs behind them — are driving an unprecedented effort to understand Alzheimer's and how to combat it. Boise State has a stake in the battle: Rohn, who earned a Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of Washington, is conducting Alzheimer's-related research with $250,000 in federal and private grants.

Rohn is searching for the mechanism that might trigger Alzheimer's disease. More specifically, Rohn and his collaborators at the University of California-Irvine are investigating whether a small protein called Beta Amyloid is, in Rohn's words, "the match that lights the fire" that causes critical brain cells to essentially self-destruct.

The research is highly technical. But Rohn, who gives tours of his lab to the families of Alzheimer's victims and to Idaho's elected officials, including a recent visit by Congressman Mike Simpson, is adept at helping laypersons understand its significance.

The tours are a great opportunity to showcase the kind of research being conducted at Boise State, Rohn says.

According to Rohn, the overriding feature of Alzheimer's disease is the death of special brain cells called neurons. The destruction of neurons results in memory loss and the inability to recognize people; as more neurons are destroyed, victims become unable to care for themselves and eventually die, usually from a secondary cause such as pneumonia.

"Neurons don't have the ability to divide," Rohn says. "When they're destroyed, a progressive loss of function results."

But what causes these neurons to die in the first place? According to Rohn, there is growing evidence that the cells may die through a process called "apoptosis" or "programmed cell death." The stimulus for apoptosis appears to be
Author researches Idaho history for kids

Carol Lynn MacGregor, (MA, history, '91) an author, historian and Boise State adjunct professor, has always been interested in horses. So it was only natural that she tell the tale of the Shoshone tribe introducing the horse to the Northwest in her first foray into writing children's books.

As a speaker for the Idaho Humanities Council's Scholars in the Schools program, MacGregor found that fourth-grade students studying Idaho history had little written information on the area's earliest inhabitants.

"The Shoshone have been here for more than 1,000 years, but the students are studying only the last 160 years of history," she says.

That realization prompted MacGregor to team with illustrator Dick Lee on Shoshoni Pony, a look at how the Shoshone people's introduction of the horse changed their lives and the lives of neighboring tribes. With the horse, she says, "The Shoshone had a better vehicle for moving camp and for making war, and a new value system for trading and the accumulation of wealth."

Now awaiting publication by Caxton Press in Caldwell, MacGregor hopes the book will be the first in a children's series on Idaho history. She's already started a second book, focusing on Lewis and Clark's journey through Idaho — a topic she wrote about once before in a book on the journal of Patrick Gass, a sergeant who traveled with the renowned explorers.

"Idaho was by far the hardest portion of the journey for them — I call it the hungriest part," she says. "At that time, all the game was on the plains, not up in the mountains."

She'll include in the book actual events and details gleaned from the expedition's diaries, avoiding the fictitious conversations found in so many children's history texts.

"Children don't need to be talked down to," she says. "They're interested in what really happened, and as a historian I feel compelled not to make up history."

She'd also like to write a book explaining the role of Chief Joseph as a caretaker of the Nez Perce nation, focusing on his character and the democratic process of the Nez Perce tribe. Finally, she hopes to eventually write about Bonnie McCarroll, the champion bronco-buster who in the 1920s competed equally with men before being killed in an accident at the Pendleton Roundup.

— Kathleen Craven

in plaques, abnormal brain structures in Alzheimer's victims that contain the protein Beta Amyloid. If researchers can learn how apoptosis is triggered, then drugs could be developed that would inhibit it and prevent Alzheimer's from progressing, Rohn explains.

In his university laboratory, Rohn conducts tests with autopsied brain tissue samples sent from UC-Irvine's research center. The tissue samples are from Alzheimer's victims and from age-matched normal individuals who represent a control group. Antibodies synthesized in Rohn's lab are applied to Alzheimer's or control brain sections, and the interactions are then studied. Because these antibodies have specific reactions to specific proteins, they can provide information about whether apoptosis is present and how the protein Beta Amyloid is involved.

Rohn and colleagues at UC-Irvine conduct parallel experiments, compare results and collaborate on analyses. "Getting results from two independent labs makes it believable," Rohn says.

The team's preliminary studies are encouraging and have generated considerable buzz; an article on new leads in the "how" of Alzheimer's published last fall in the prestigious journal Science quoted Rohn's colleagues at UC-Irvine and featured several of Rohn's photos of microscopic samples.

But while researchers on a number of fronts have made significant progress in understanding Alzheimer's disease, many questions still need to be answered before a cure is found. For example, Rohn and his colleagues still don't know how early in the onset of Alzheimer's apoptosis may be occurring; if it happens at the beginning, when the disease symptoms are still relatively mild, then there will likely be a much greater interest in developing new drugs.

Meanwhile, the Alzheimer's clock is ticking, and the health care crisis looms closer. Rohn offers another statistic: By the middle of this century, 24 million of today's Baby Boomers will have Alzheimer's disease. For most of them, Rohn says, the process that will destroy their memories, their lives and their savings has already begun.

"The stakes are growing," says Rohn, who serves on the leadership for the Alzheimer's Association of Idaho Council on Aging's Boise chapter. "It's becoming increasingly critical we find effective treatments for the disease."

— Janelle Brown

MacGregor with illustrations from Shoshoni Pony.
Flute prof performs in Egypt

In the midst of Middle East tensions, Boise State flute professor Liana Tyson found a warm welcome when she traveled to Egypt in March to perform before hundreds of people at the nation's new cultural complex and library, Biblioteca Alexandria.

Tyson, her husband Blake and other American and Egyptian classical musicians were invited to perform by Egyptian American composer Halim El Dabh in a series of pre-opening concerts at the library and at the Ministry of Culture in Cairo. The Tysons have performed on other occasions with El Dabh, 81, who is a professor emeritus at Kent State University. He is revered as one of the most important Egyptian composers ever and his celebrity status drew crowds of fans, reporters and television cameras.

Tyson found that Alexandria lived up to its ancient reputation as a center of culture and politics. On one side of the street was the architecturally stunning library, symbolic of the Egyptian sun and partly submerged in a pool of water on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. Meanwhile, across the street at the university, there were demonstrations supporting the Palestinian cause and opposing Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's alignment with U.S. policies.

Despite the vigorous protests, Tyson says the American performers felt safe and were warmly welcomed by everyone, even passers-by on the street.

"They were heartbroken at all the loss we had from Sept. 11," she says. —Pat Pyke

Undergrads receive BRIN fellowships

Talk about your dream job. This summer, a group of Boise State undergraduate students are conducting hands-on research experiments under the direction of university faculty as part of a multimillion-dollar, statewide research program funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Not only are the students gaining invaluable experience, but they're also getting paid.

The six students were selected from more than 40 applicants and will each receive $5,000 fellowships for their 12 weeks of work. The program is part of a three-year, $6 million grant to establish a Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) in Idaho.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for our students," says biology professor Julia Oxford, the project's coordinator. "They'll have a chance to be involved in significant research, and they'll learn a great deal."

The students selected for the fellowships are Yvette Barrios, Katey Irwin, Stephen Kessinger, Wendy K. Mercer, Marisa Queen and Laura Vogler. They'll work with faculty on biomedical research, including cancer-related studies, a project involving Alzheimer's disease, and several others.

"It's amazing. I'm so excited I get to do this," says Irwin, a biology major who is spending the summer working in Oxford's laboratory. "I hope to do genetic research someday. The best way to learn about anything is to do it."

Irwin is using sophisticated laboratory equipment and techniques to make recombinant proteins under Oxford's supervision. The protein may have therapeutic value for treatment of arthritis and cartilage repair. "I've never done lab work at this level before," says Irwin. "Even if I wasn't getting paid, I'd be thrilled to be doing this."

The BRIN program, established last October, includes Boise State, the University of Idaho and Idaho State University. The program focuses on medical genomics, with an emphasis on human health and understanding how cells transmit signals. Medical genomics is the practical application of the Human Genome Project.

The NIH funding allows the establishment of a bioinformatics network among the three Idaho schools. In addition the grant funds a portion of faculty members' time so they can be competitive nationally for future funding.
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Business college adds high-tech marketing emphasis in fall 2003

In an age of techno-gadgets and whiz-bang electronic communication, marketing new products sometimes takes skills not even heard of in years past. And with the short life cycles inherent in so many of the new high-tech items, knowing how and when to instigate a marketing push can require a crystal ball.

To help, Boise State has created a new emphasis for marketing majors. The high-tech marketing courses offered beginning the fall 2003 semester will focus on both the marketing of goods and services related to technological innovations and the use of technology (such as the Internet) in marketing strategy. Classes will be offered for undergraduates as well as those in the master of business administration program.

The high-tech marketing emphasis will also offer customized workshops and certificate programs to area businesses. Unlike regular academic courses, these options provide a quick introduction to specific topics, supplying both businesses and employees with the necessary skills to tackle their marketing needs with confidence.

The certificate program’s core training focuses on a number of key e-business topics, including hypercompetition, forecasting, market positioning, customer anxiety and pricing strategies. Students will then advance to sessions about Internet marketing, electronic customer relationships and advanced high-tech marketing topics.

The program is funded by a $100,000 grant from the Micron Technology Foundation, which helps cover the cost of an instructor, internships, a research pool and other expenses.

“We’re very excited about this new high-tech marketing program because it aligns well with the Micron Foundation’s interest in funding education projects that will have a high impact in advancing higher education,” says Karen Vauk, executive director of the Foundation.

Kirk Smith, chair of marketing and finance, says the program meets the needs of many of the valley’s employers by providing localized executive training either on campus or on-site. “Not only do these companies want to hire people who’ve had this kind of training, but they also want to get their own people trained.”

In addition, graduates with the high-tech marketing emphasis will be better prepared to meet the needs of companies dealing with new demands and products — an idea local companies see as a bonus. “I’ve visited with a number of local employers who seem pretty excited about the prospects,” Smith says.

Geology field camp goes to Sardinia

A new Boise State Geology Field Camp on the island of Sardinia off the coast of Italy is giving students an opportunity to apply their knowledge in a natural laboratory in a fascinating part of the world.

About a dozen Boise State students joined geosciences professors C.J. Northrup and Claude Spinosa for the first camp, which ran May 23-June 16.

The camp is designed to challenge upper-division students to use the knowledge and skills they’ve accumulated to investigate and interpret the geology of an unfamiliar area. Students make detailed geologic maps, record observations and write summary reports that interpret the geologic history and significance of the area.

Sardinia offers plenty of challenges: rocks on the island contain a geologic record of events spanning 500 million years of Earth’s history, including major volcanic eruptions, multiple collisions of continents and the opening of ocean basins.

The camp is part of a growing relationship between Boise State’s geology department and the geology departments of two Italian universities: the University of Pavia and the University of Cagliari. Several professors from the Italian universities joined Northrup and Spinosa in leading the camp. In future years, the camp organizers plan to seek applications from students across the United States.
The Bronco Bunch

Boise State graduates help propel the Treasure Valley work force

Imagine, for a moment, the Treasure Valley work force without Boise State. Think of the thousands of people affiliated with the university who would no longer deliver goods and provide services to Greater Boise each day.

No big deal? What exactly do Boise State people do?

Well, for starters they teach our kids, catch bad guys, care for our sick, own and run many local businesses, work for the government, manufacture computer components and run corporate offices. Boise State people take CAT scans, count money, coach kids, fix fenders, perform surgery, create art, program computers and help the homeless. Look around ... Boise State working-men and working-women are everywhere in Greater Boise. Some are graduates, some are current students holding down full-time jobs, some are workers honing their skills through the university's short-term programs. They are chefs, social workers, executives, engineers, educators, accountants, mechanics, medics.

Boise State workers ply their trades in virtually every sector of the Greater Boise work force. If you're the parent of a K-12 student, your child almost certainly has been and will be taught by a number of Boise State graduates. (In the Boise and Meridian school districts — Idaho's two largest — the percentages of certified staff with a degree from Boise State are about 43 and 36, respectively.) If you've ever needed a nurse or a cop or someone to fix your engine or do your taxes, there's a good chance the person providing that service is a graduate of or has received training from Boise State University.

As a primary supplier of employees — from the rank and file to corporate higher-ups — Boise State is a vital cog in the machine that drives our local economy. "Boise State's role is absolutely pivotal to the area's economic development," says Shirl Boyce of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce. "Just by the sheer number of people it graduates and sends out into the work force, I'd say it is the area's leading provider of skilled workers."

And most of those workers, says Dick Rapp, director...
of the Boise State Career Center, tend to join or remain in the Treasure Valley work force after they graduate. According to an annual survey that the Career Center conducts to determine the percentage of new graduates with four-year degrees who have found work in the Boise area, the overriding number has stayed put. Since the mid-1990s the percentage of those reporting jobs in the Treasure Valley has never been lower than 75 percent and rose to a whopping 89 percent in 2001.

A primary reason why so many Boise State grads enjoy these opportunities, says Rapp, is because of Boise's diverse economy, which is reflected in its wide-scale work force — current economic woes notwithstanding. "There are [Boise-area] jobs in high tech, health care, small business and law enforcement," Rapp adds, "and we have the state's cultural center, state government offices, corporate headquarters and two of the largest school districts in the state. There are a whole array of employment opportunities that allow our graduates to stay here. And over the last 30 years those opportunities have steadily grown."

Rapp points out that while a few of Boise State's programs have a high percentage of graduates who usually have to leave the area to find employment — construction management and geophysics, for example — the majority of the university's academic offerings are geared toward the Treasure Valley job market. "I think we've got most of the waterfront covered," Rapp adds.

In the Greater Boise work force, Broncos are ubiquitous — take the Ada County Sheriff's Department, for example. "Higher education is a growing demand in law enforcement," says Ada County Undersheriff Gary Raney (BA, criminal justice administration, '86). "Probably a third of our deputies have attended or are attending BSU and I expect that number to increase in the years to come."

Or take Micron. Of the 10,400 people employed by the semiconductor giant, 770 (7.4 percent) have a degree or a certificate from Boise State, including CEO Steve Appleton and several corporate officers.

"As we have grown [at Micron], the curriculum and the number of graduates and the breadth of the graduates at Boise State has continued to expand," says Appleton (BBA, management, '82).

"So today Boise State not only supplies some of our more visible employees when we're talking about the engineering program, but we have a lot of people throughout the organization, both in operations and administration along with sales and marketing functions, who have come from the university. Those programs have benefitted us tremendously, and they have grown with the company as its needs have grown as well."

Raney and Appleton aren't the only high-ranking officials who recognize the contributions of Boise State alums to their particular work force.

"Boise State University continues to play a key role in providing the Boise School District with quality, well-educated teacher candidates who are providing a first-rate education for our students," says Ed Davis, superintendent of Boise schools. "Working with a university like Boise State in this fashion benefits our students, and in turn our community."

Derek Carissimi, vice president of human resources and support services at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, also recognizes the crucial role Boise State graduates play at the Boise
hospital. "We have a large number of BSU nursing grads as part of Saint Al's nursing staff. We always find them to be well-trained and prepared to do bedside nursing," he says. "Saint Al's aggressively recruits the BSU graduating class each spring to hopefully attract these excellent nurses to our staff."

And nurses aren't the only Boise State people who work at Saint Al's, which employs nearly 3,000 workers. Graduates from the university's health sciences programs such as respiratory therapy and radiologic sciences are also in demand.

"Again, active recruitment has resulted in a large number of BSU grads among Saint Al's work force," comments Carissimi. "We are pleased to have them in all the fields our work force covers."

Adds Raney, "BSU has been an invaluable contributor to law enforcement in the Treasure Valley. As law and policy become more and more complex, criminal justice agencies are seeking college degrees in their applicants. Many law-enforcement agencies, especially the larger ones like the Sheriff's Office, stress the importance of higher education, and without BSU we would be severely limited on where we send our employees for courses to develop their knowledge."

Yes, Broncos are the backbone of the Treasure Valley work force. According to the Boise State Alumni Association, there are approximately 33,500 graduates living in Greater Boise, of which an estimated 28,900 are still of working age.

And these numbers don't include the thousands of Treasure Valley workers who have received some kind of non-credit training from the university, primarily from the Selland College of Applied Technology and the College of Business and Economics. While many of those who avail themselves of these services are not listed as graduates, they, too, join the area's ranks as educated and trained employees who are able to keep pace with the changing skill requirements to meet the area's economic needs.

"Last year we touched 13,500 people," says Larry Barnhardt, dean of the Selland College, "and we are reaching between 13,000 and 15,000 people every single year through customized non-credit training, our adult basic education programs, and our degree and certificate programs."

As the school fulfilling the community college function for the Treasure Valley, the Selland College's role is equally important to the vitality of the area's work force, says Barnhardt. "The vast majority of American workers require some kind of training beyond high school, but not all at the four-year level," the dean says. "With new technologies coming into the workplace process all the time, workers need skill upgrades."

"The vast majority of people working in the Treasure Valley are working for companies that are dynamic and changing, and employees need training to keep pace with those changes. Our Center for Workforce Training is geared specifically to those incumbent workers, people who are already in the work force."

Perhaps what makes Boise State most vital to the Treasure Valley work force, says Rapp, is its willingness to adjust to the area's economic needs.

"This is not just driven by what employers are telling us they need, but just as much or more by the demands of students who want to be prepared for developing career opportunities," comments the Career Center director. "As the economy of the area evolves and as technology changes the way work is accomplished, the university will add new programs and adapt current ones to address the needs of students and employers."

For example, the expansion of the Boise convention center and the growth of tourism in the area may well spawn either some new programs or some specialties within current programs to address the growing need for professionals related to tourism, convention planning and hospitality. Another area I predict we will address will be to provide more specialized education to meet the needs of an aging population."

As Boise continues to grow, it is a near certainty that Boise State graduates will continue to fill more positions in the area work force. Fortunately, the university's track record of adaptability bodes well for future students.

"The history of Boise State," says Rapp, "is that we have a culture that allows us to recognize windows of opportunity and to move more quickly than is typical for institutions of higher education to respond positively."
High-energy teacher keeps up with her young charges

They may have just finished a full day of second grade, but these kids seem anything but tired. They chat with teacher Monika Gangwer as they trickle out the door at Seven Oaks Elementary in Eagle. One boy lingers to ask about a library book, two girls demonstrate their latest gymnastic tricks, others finish up the birthday cards they’ve made for a classroom volunteer.

When the room finally empties, Gangwer (BA, elementary education, ’94) settles into a pint-sized chair. She doesn’t look a bit tired either. Even though she’s been up since 4:40 a.m. Even though she’s been interacting with students nonstop since 9. Even though she’ll soon head home to two very busy kids of her own, supper, chores and teacher prep work before hitting the sack and getting up to do it all over again.

“I’ve got a lot of energy. I’m kind of a whirlwind,” says Gangwer. “I was a cheerleader at Boise State, and I cheerlead here about half the day.”

Gangwer is one of 534 Boise State graduates who are teachers or administrators in the Meridian School District. About 36 percent of the district’s teachers are Boise State alumni, by far the biggest pool from any single university. In nearby Boise School District, the numbers are even higher, with 43 percent, or 723 Boise State alumni, working as teachers or administrators.

Gangwer strives to make her classroom a place where learning is exciting. “We’re very curriculum driven. There is such a high level of teaching at this school. It just makes you want to do better,” she says.

Mornings are spent on reading and language arts. Gangwer devotes several lunch hours each week to students who need extra help with reading. Afternoons include science, math and social studies. Hands-on work, integrated lesson plans and a variety of approaches ensure that students with diverse learning styles are reached.

She makes it a point to personally interact with each of her students during the day. “I try to provide the framework. I tell them, I’m one and you are 23, I can’t divide myself 23 ways,” she says. “They sometimes have to wait to tell me something, but then they get my undivided attention.”

Eight years after graduating from Boise State, Gangwer’s ties to the university remain strong. She’s mentored a number of Boise State student teachers, including several who later landed jobs at her school. During the past year, she’s taken classes at Boise State as part of a rigorous program for certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Gangwer is still waiting to find out if she qualified for NBPTS certification. Regardless of the outcome, she’s found the process invaluable. “This is the best year I’ve ever taught. I’m forever changed for going through this,” she says.

Gangwer has adopted specific techniques used by her Boise State professors in her classroom; for example, she makes it a point to have students turn in work when they feel it’s finished, a tactic that encourages them to focus on effort and attitude.

“I wasn’t one of those people who always thought they’d be a teacher ... but I’ve loved doing it.”

—Monika Gangwer

“I wasn’t one of those people who always thought they’d be a teacher,” Gangwer says. “It hit me later on. But I’ve loved doing it, from Day One.”

—Janelle Brown


Restaurant exec cooks up recipe for growth

It's the wee hours of the night and Dan Todd is still awake... as usual. He scrutinizes financial data on successful companies, sketches ideas for new menu designs or studies reports in restaurant trade journals.

As president and chief executive officer of his family's business, Smoky Mountain Pizza and Pasta, Todd (BBA, human resource management, '95) has helped the company grow from his brother David's original restaurant in Ketchum into an eight-restaurant operation with sales last year of $8 million and more than 350 employees.

"I spend a lot of time thinking forward about our company and where we're going and how we're going to get there," says Todd.

When morning comes Todd is at the office by 8 a.m., clad as he often is in dress pants and a crisply pressed, light-blue Smoky Mountain shirt, accentuating his commitment to Smoky Mountain's teamwork philosophy.

He and his father, Jerry Todd, look over architectural drawings for a future restaurant. Then he brainstorms logos and designs reflecting the restaurant's ski-town origin with local designer Ward Hooper (BFA, advertising design, '86).

The rest of his day includes lunching with a computer consultant to discuss upgrading the restaurants' software, discussing accounting system changes, meeting with an associate about future business opportunities, reviewing daily sales figures and working with his colleagues on numerous other projects and issues.

"There is not an average day," Todd says. "So much of it is discovery on a daily basis with a small business."

Some days might find him tasting ingredients for new menu items, or connecting with one of the many community organizations Smoky Mountain sponsors, such as the Firebird Raceway high school drag racing association, or even getting dirty and wet as he did when a water pipe broke at a restaurant on a Sunday.

Small businesses like the Todd family's account for about half of Idaho's economy. And Boise State grads are at the head of many thriving Treasure Valley business, including graphic designers, attorneys, investment advisers, building contractors and many restauranteurs.

"Any kind of small business there is, we've probably got [Boise State grads] involved," says Dick Rapp, Boise State Career Center director.

Some small business have faltered during the economic turbulence of the last two years. Smoky Mountain, however, has seen its sales increase.

"I think that our position as a moderately priced family restaurant...has helped us be a little insulated from some of the higher-end [economic effects]," he says.

"We pride ourselves on a well-trained staff, attention to service and quality of food."

Todd's business school education has helped him contribute to Smoky Mountain's success.

"I think that more than anything the exposure [at Boise State] through case studies, human resource law, some of the strategy courses... really broadened my horizons of what I felt we could do as a business," he says.

To prime the company for growth Todd has streamlined the company's financial reporting and banking systems, initiated market research and worked with the staff on health insurance changes and compliance with new human resource laws.

All the while Todd has remained connected to Boise State. Smoky Mountain has sponsored two student interns, the business has been a case study in a management class, and Todd has utilized the services of the Idaho Small Business Development Center for research information.

The diverse challenges and long hours of a small business suit Todd's entrepreneurial spirit.

"I consider it work, but I consider it a passion as well — to develop the concept of a strong company," he says.

"It's more than punching a clock."

—Dan Todd

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Boise police officer Chris Davis (BS, social science, '99) sits in a briefing room at 3:30 p.m. Friday, ready to start his four-day workweek. He glances at a large computer screen listing recent criminal activity and scribbles notes as bulletins from neighboring states warn of bank robbers or other lawbreakers possibly heading toward the Treasure Valley.

Davis, who majored in criminal justice and history, then heads to his Crown Victoria patrol car and spends the next few hours checking out general reports — items stolen from a car, people returning from vacation to find someone has broken into their home, stolen checks. For the most part, things are quiet until nightfall.

"Once the sun goes down, there's more active crime," he says, including bar fights, car burglaries and incidents involving weapons. His background in sociology helps when responding to the occasional family dispute.

"Those classes taught me how to deal with people and understand why people do what they do," he says. "For instance, when dealing with a Hispanic family, I need to understand that the male is the head of that family and I need to treat him with respect ... It helps to relate to their culture."

Despite the inherent danger he faces each day, Davis says, "It's still my dream job. I like it because I feel like I can make a difference. A lot of my friends sit at home and complain about things that happen. I feel with my job I can actually do something about that and protect some of the innocent people from some of the 'bads' in the world."

Davis didn't always plan to be a cop. As a recruit to Boise State on a football scholarship he had plans to be a physical therapist. But his tight practice and game schedule didn't allow for the time he was supposed to work in the training room, so he decided to make a change.

"I took a couple of criminal justice classes and really liked it," he recalls. "Then I did a ride-along for a night and fell in love with [police work]."

After graduation, he was hired by the Boise Police Department and entered the Idaho State Police academy in Meridian for three months. He then trained for three more months at the Boise Police Department academy. His university background, he says, was invaluable in both instances.

"It makes a difference to have a degree," he says. "You have a wider base of knowledge on different situations that might come up. Every day is different than the day before — you have to have a little bit of knowledge on everything."

Davis encourages current students to focus on getting a degree before worrying about getting a job. "They need to take classes that will really interest them and get them excited about what they're going to do," he says — advice he's taken to heart.

Married with an infant son, he's already looking to his future. He'd like to retire with the Boise Police Department one day, following a few administrative promotions.

"I'll probably eventually want to move up into a supervisor's role," he says, "but I really like being out on the streets. You can't beat being the guy on the street."

—Kathleen Craven
Albertson’s counts on Van Wagner’s attention to detail

Tammie Van Wagner (BBA, accountancy, ’99) is already hard at work at her desk at Albertson’s corporate offices. Launching Microsoft Outlook, she checks her schedule and begins analyzing figures, tracking sales data and lease contracts from 15 different Albertson’s stores.

By day’s end, she’ll have also juggled employee benefit expenses and stock option exercises, in between work on the company’s annual report and the occasional committee meeting. As a corporate accounting analyst Van Wagner, one of several Boise State grads working at the grocery company’s corporate offices, is responsible for helping track the Fortune 500 company’s 2,300 stores and 220,000 employees.

“This is a large industry with a small profit margin. We need to constantly monitor it,” she says, thumbing through quarterly and annual reports filled with numbers, ranks and stock values. “It takes a lot of bean counters to track these numbers and stay on top of what the market is doing.”

But Van Wagner hasn’t always been skilled in the number crunching game. She started working at Albertson’s in 1990 in a data-entry position. In 1994, she went back to school part-time, working in sales and auditing while transitioning to a full-time student. For several years she juggled her class work with her job, family responsibilities and civic involvement, eventually graduating with a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1999.

Boise State graduates approximately 80 accountancy students a year, and about 70 percent of those stay in the Treasure Valley, says business dean Bill Lathen. “They leave the university with an in-depth knowledge of accounting and a quality foundation in business practice. They are experts in their field.”

As a nontraditional student, Van Wagner says she appreciated Boise State’s unique approach to education. “I liked that the students were young and old, and all had different life experiences. I felt an instant camaraderie,” she says. “And the professors understood the issues I was dealing with — my job and my kids. There was also greater flexibility with night classes, Saturday classes, seminars and so on. The whole purpose of the journey through life is to satisfy your goals and aspirations, and Boise State facilitated that.”

Now that she’s out of school, she likes the fact that Boise State is right in her back yard. Not only does she work with several former classmates, she also has former professors she can use for a resource when questions arise. And as incoming president of the Boise chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, she gives back by working with students involved with Beta Alpha Psi, the student accounting club.

Van Wagner chose to study accounting because it offered a broad perspective of the business world. “I wanted to come out with something that didn’t limit me to one occupation,” she says. “With accounting, I can go into my career with a good understanding of business in general.”

Classes in computers, communication and dispute resolution rounded out her education. “Learning communications skills — mediation and how to get to the heart of the matter — helped me more than I can tell,” she says.

While she chose accounting to help her get a leg up in business, she chose Albertson’s for more personal reasons: “I wanted to work for a company that was helping the world,” she says. “Albertson’s supports the customers [and community] who support us.”

—Kathleen Craven
You wouldn't immediately peg Jennifer Cheffings as an electrical engineer. She doesn't wear a white coat or clean room attire and most of her work is done at a desk or in meetings.

But as a quality assurance engineer, it's her responsibility to measure the reliability of new processes for fabrication or assembly before they're approved for use in production. Chips are submitted to her department, where she supervises three technicians who conduct stress tests to determine failure rates and expected lifetimes.

No one is more taken with her day-to-day responsibilities than Cheffings. "Some days I still can't believe I made it, that I'm an electrical engineer," she says.

Cheffings (BS, electrical engineering, '91) began climbing the Micron ladder in October 1990 when she was hired as a production operator. She applied at Micron because she heard the company would pay for her education.

"Growing up, my family didn't have a lot of money and not a lot of people in my family had gone to school," she says. "I was changing sheets in a motel after I got out of high school, and I knew education was the way for me to make my life better."

She enrolled in general classes at Boise State for the first 18 months before deciding to pursue engineering, the most appealing of the Micron-related fields of study. She tackled classes two at a time, and one each summer.

"It was really tough," she says. "So many people said things to me like, 'You're still in school?' or 'Why are you doing this to yourself?'" But Cheffings says as her credits began to add up, she saw corresponding promotions at work and was determined to finish.

She also enjoyed a deepening understanding of her job, grasping the finer details of chip production that were at first over her head.

She was promoted to junior engineer, then engineer in the spring of 1999. When she obtained her electrical engineering degree, she joined more than 100 other Micron engineers who have earned their degrees from Boise State. Nearly 200 more Micron employees are currently enrolled in engineering-related classes at Boise State.

Alex Gutierrez, education coordinator for Micron, says the company takes pride in employees like Cheffings who have worked their way through the ranks.

To further facilitate learning, Micron offers on-site, shift-friendly courses through Boise State, picking up the bulk of the cost of employees' education in approved fields.

"Being able to grow a talented work force from within and partnering with Boise State is definitely a plus for Micron," Gutierrez says. "The proximity has been very beneficial for both parties."

Cheffings doesn't see herself heading back to school anytime soon, instead taking some time to enjoy her accomplishments. But with the Boise State master's program now available just down the road, she doesn't discount an eventual return to the classroom.

"I could have never made it and kept my job, which was everything to me, if I would have had to leave Boise to finish my degree," she says. "It has meant a lot to me to make it."

—Sherry Squires
Nurse fulfills her lifelong dream to help others

Like most nurses, Betzi Quiroz (BS, nursing, '01) has a job that often demands long, intense hours. But for Quiroz, hard work and dedication come naturally. In addition to her full-time job at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, she works part time at Central District Health as a child safety passenger technician.

On a typical day at St. Luke's, Quiroz is responsible for five to six patients on the medical-surgical floor. She is required to perform multiple duties — administering medications, comforting patients before and after surgery, assisting physicians. By the end of her shift, Quiroz's feet ache from standing so long.

At times, Quiroz says it can be difficult because nurses have to spread themselves so thin.

But the difficulties are offset by the rewards — especially when a patient is able to return home. "I love seeing them healthy ... seeing my patients smile," she says.

Quiroz is one of hundreds of Boise State nursing graduates who staff area hospitals, health-care agencies, long-term facilities and medical offices. Each year, the nursing department typically graduates 120 students with associate and baccalaureate degrees and sends them into the Treasure Valley work force.

Despite the challenges, Quiroz loves being a nurse. It has been her dream since she was 8 years old, and she credits Boise State with helping her fulfill that dream. "Not only did Boise State help me gain my skills," she says, "but the university provided me with the financial assistance to reach my goals. I became a nurse at Boise State."

The skills she developed at the university come in handy after her 12-hour shifts have ended. Passionate about teaching, Quiroz volunteers her time at several ranches in Idaho — educating shepherders, most of whom are Peruvian, about common health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and the eye diseases pterygium and pingueculum.

Quiroz, the former Betzi Baldeon, has a special kinship with the Peruvians. She was born into a family of shepherders in the Andes.

As a young girl, Quiroz wasn't thinking about going to college. Higher education wasn't something that was valued in her family. But spending three months in a hospital as a child changed her life.

It was then that Quiroz realized the pivotal role that nurses play in patient care. "They [nurses] were always so compassionate. They made time to sit and talk with me. I knew that's what I wanted to do with my life," she recalls.

And nothing was going to stand in her way. Quiroz was already a certified nursing assistant when she graduated from Capital High School in 1997. During her freshman and sophomore years at Boise State, she put her certificate to use working at several community nursing homes. By her junior year, she was a nurse apprentice at St. Luke's.

The teachers at Boise State, Quiroz says, were instrumental in her success. "They were always willing to lend me a hand. Thanks to them, I am doing what I like most ... being a nurse."

Next spring Quiroz hopes to begin working toward a master's degree in nursing. And after graduate school? In her typical enthusiastic fashion, she has a quick answer. "I want to get my Ph.D. and teach at Boise State," she says with a laugh, "but my husband tells me one thing at a time."

—Betzi Quiroz

—I love seeing them healthy ... seeing my patients smile."

—Molly Griffin
Interpreter helps deaf students succeed

Growing up with deaf parents, Maureen Jastremsky learned sign language at the same time she learned to speak. She does not consciously remember learning to sign, but her ability to interpret improved the learning experience for many Boise State students.

For more than four years, Jastremsky worked as an interpreter for deaf students at Boise State. As an interpreter, Jastremsky attended classes with deaf students and signed, or transliterated, the professors' words. In turn, she helped the students participate in classes by conveying students' questions and comments for them.

Jastremsky says it was an exciting experience for her. "I've learned so much from being in the classrooms," she says. "It exposes you to so many different environments."

The English literature major sat in science classes, art history classes and upper-division courses from departments other than her own. "That's what kind of makes it exciting — no two days will be alike," she says.

Jastremsky's parents taught her and her four sisters Signed English (SE), a literal form grammatically different from the more conceptual American Sign Language (ASL). Using finger spelling and linear phrasing, SE makes topics that are more technical easier to communicate as opposed to ASL's focus on an overall thought or message.

Jastremsky says her parents taught their children SE to ensure they would speak properly and succeed in the hearing English-speaking world. "Children growing up with deaf parents have vastly different experiences. My parents just wanted to assimilate us as best as possible," she says.

Jastremsky is proud Boise State offers these interpreting services. Her parents, Walter and Diane, who each lost their hearing in early childhood, watched their daughter receive her diploma at Commencement in May. They also saw her name signed by an interpreter at the event.

Jastremsky says her experience as an interpreter has given her valuable insight and appreciation of relating to and communicating with other people.

"I feel like I've learned alternatives to verbal communication. It's helped me to kind of think of different ways to express or communicate," she says. "I'm learning every day."

— Erin Willis
Rupert resident named outstanding grad

Amie Ketchum never met most of her classmates face-to-face. Instead, she communicated with them through Internet discussion boards.

Ketchum, who was enrolled in Boise State’s Twin Falls outreach program, graduated with a 3.84 GPA. She was named to the president’s or dean’s list every semester, received several scholarships and was named the outstanding general business management graduate.

Passion, focus and dedication may have something to do with her success. “I’ve always loved business. I’ve known it’s what I wanted to do since I was young,” she says.

She is following in the enterprising footsteps of her great-grandfather, who ran a stockyard and raced horses, and her grandfather, who was in the real estate business.

Ketchum earned an associate’s degree in management and marketing from the College of Southern Idaho in 1998. Afterward, she decided to pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration. But with a 6-year-old daughter, a traditional education was not an option. So Ketchum enrolled in the outreach program, taking courses through the Internet and sometimes commuting from Rupert to Twin Falls, an 80-mile round trip, to attend classes.

The program allows students to attend classes at their convenience without ever having to set foot on the Boise campus. Most of the time, Ketchum conversed with professors and classmates via e-mail and discussion boards, a technology similar to instant messaging. “The teachers are very dedicated and helpful. One of my professors e-mailed me on Thanksgiving,” she says.

Although she admits that she missed opportunities such as belonging to student clubs, Ketchum is grateful for the outreach program. “It’s a wonderful program,” she says.

“Without it, I wouldn’t have been able to get my degree.”

—Molly Griffin

Compassion, commitment inspire Pedraza to make a difference

Francisco Pedraza has a dream — and it began at Boise State. “I am passionate about evoking change in the community. I want to give back,” he says.

He’s off to a good start. Last year Pedraza was actively involved in the campaign to require that Idaho farmworkers be covered by minimum wage laws. He says he felt a sense of urgency to help. “I worked in the Marsing and Caldwell fields as a young teenager so I understand firsthand the hardship of farmworkers. And it’s the least I can do,” he adds.

Pedraza, born and raised in Nampa, was involved in many organizations during his five years at Boise State. He served as an Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU) senator for three years, was a resident assistant at Chaffee Hall for three years, was an active member of the political science association for five years and president of the Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos (OELA) club.

Originally an engineering major, Pedraza changed direction his freshman year after taking a state and local government class taught by Stephanie Witt, now associate vice president of academic affairs. “For the first time, I saw a connection between career, community and classroom learning,” he says.

For Pedraza, it was a defining moment. Not only did he decide to pursue a degree in political science, but he also began to feel passionate about pursuing leadership roles and public service.

His service to the university and the community hasn’t gone unnoticed. Pedraza has received numerous awards including an award for outstanding service within ASBSU, the Hewlett-Packard Human Rights scholarship and the Idaho Minority At-Risk scholarship, which he says helped put him through school.

Currently, Pedraza is focused on international issues. Under the guidance of Ross Burkhart, political science assistant professor, he is conducting research on trade in East Asia.

After receiving his diploma, Pedraza plans to continue his independent research and spend time with his family before pursuing a doctorate in political science. And after that? “I plan to return to Idaho to teach,” he says, “This is my home.”

—Molly Griffin
Grad’s software aids academic planning

Finding your way through the maze of academic offerings can be daunting, to say the least — especially for a new freshman just starting out. Trying to project those classes out to create a four-year academic plan that integrates graduation requirements with the realities of course schedules can be downright overwhelming.

Rather than wring her hands and give up, Megan Sorvaag decided to do something about it. Lying in bed late one night contemplating the problem, she came up with an idea to simplify the confusing advising process — a computer software program that would be an interactive tool to help students and advisers create an individualized academic road map.

More than three years later, that concept is finally becoming reality. With the help of Peter Agras, Boise State’s senior software developer, Sorvaag’s idea, aptly named E-Planner, has been piloted with psychology students, receiving rave reviews. It’s also been presented at the National Advising Association Conference in Canada, where advising professionals clamored for its release.

“We were bombarded with questions like ‘When can I buy this? I need it,” Sorvaag says. “It’s so exciting for me. This was my baby — it started from an idea I had and now others can see the need for it.”

A psychology major, Sorvaag plans to incorporate even more technology into her future plans. She’ll spend the next year at Stanford as a research assistant working with body image issues, then begin her graduate studies in technology and psychology.

“It’s a program that works with technology to combat internalization of the thin ideal,” she says. In short, her research will utilize computer programs to collect and sort data on how people, particularly young women, view themselves in light of their body type.

Sorvaag became interested in psychology when she took Psych 101. “It was an ‘aha’ experience,” she says. “Dr. [Eric] Landrum was the teacher and I just loved it.” A later class from Keli Braitman, an expert in body image research, helped hone her focus.

Sorvaag, a northern California native, hopes to eventually become a psychology professor and researcher.

—Kathleen Craven

Moldovan pianist polishes her artistic style in the United States

It’s not a story you hear every day. Russian-trained pianist Svetlana Nagachevkaya from Moldova decided to learn English and move 6,000 miles to Boise to refine her artistic interpretation of European composers. In 1999 Nagachevkaya was living in Russia after deciding to learn English and move 6,000 miles to Idaho, she told her former teacher, renowned pianist Alexander Paley who now lives in New York, that she would like to continue her piano studies.

“He told me there is a wonderful teacher [in the United States] — Del Parkinson,” she says. Parkinson is a professor of piano at Boise State and a colleague of Paley, who has performed in Boise several times.

Nagachevkaya spent eight months learning enough English to get by and earned a scholarship to Boise State. With Parkinson and other Boise State music professors, Nagachevkaya, now 28, has delved into the backgrounds of famous composers, studying their lives to help her interpret their music. Recently she has been reading about French composer Maurice Ravel’s piece Le Tombeau de Couperin, which he wrote about six friends who died in World War I.

“It helps me to understand more precisely the intimate mood of the piece,” she says in English as polished as her Russian-trained style was already technically excellent.

On her way to completing a master’s degree in piano performance this May, Nagachevkaya learned to use a computer (she had seen one only once in Russia), won several piano competitions, became a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and enjoyed every minute at Boise State, which she calls a paradise. She plans to continue her studies in the doctoral program at the University of Arizona.

—Pat Pyke
May 18 was a double big day for Tom Diaddigo. He received a master's degree in educational technology from Boise State and visited the campus for the first time.

"It's a nice campus. Everyone I've met has been great," he says.

A Corning, N.Y., resident, Diaddigo is the educational technology program's first student to earn his degree entirely online. Created in 1986 by education professor Carolyn Thorsen, director of the program, the curriculum is designed to train teachers in the use of information technology. Currently, 115 students are enrolled, 71 of whom are taking classes online. The majority of the students are working teachers.

For Diaddigo, it was a perfect fit. The online option allowed him to take classes while maintaining a full-time teaching job at Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y. "I wanted to be able to teach distance learning. This program allowed me to do that," says Diaddigo. Last summer, he taught a Boise State graduate-level workshop, PowerPoint for Educators, from his home in Corning.

Although he says it was challenging at times, Diaddigo found his online education rewarding. "Long-distance learning allowed me the opportunity to reflect on the assignments. I was more thoughtful in my responses because I had more time to think about the answers."

Admissions adviser Jerry Foster says the program gives students a great amount of freedom. "They can attend class at their convenience and they have three days to turn in assignments," he says.

As for future plans, Diaddigo is hoping to further his teaching career by landing a job as an associate professor at a state college. "Who knows," he says, "someday I might end up in Boise. I really like it here."

—Molly Griffin
Donors honored with Chaffee Awards

The annual dinner to honor Chaffee Associates included two new awards presented to individuals who have assisted Boise State.

The Chaffee Associates Spirit Award went to LARRY and KAREN ARGUINCHONA for their support to the entire university.

The Chaffee Associates Dedication Award was presented to ROGER and BARBARA MICHEMER. This award was given to recognize Chaffee Associates who donate not only their financial resources, but also their time and wisdom to Boise State.

The May event was held to thank alumni and friends who became Chaffee Associates by contributing $1,000 or more to the Boise State University Foundation during the last year.

The event was held in The Pavilion and featured a variety of entertainment from students in the theatre and music departments.

Theatre arts chair Richard Klautsch served as the master of ceremonies.

For information about the Chaffee Associates, please contact the Boise State University Foundation at (208) 426-3276 or 800-341-6150.

Donor Notes

ANONYMOUS DONORS, $1,000 to the Micaela Scholarship and $1,000 for the Laura G. Larson Nursing Scholarship.


ALTRUSA CLUB OF BOISE, $737 for the Elsie M. Buck Altrusa Scholarship; $737 for the Dr. Altrusa Beeman Memorial Scholarship and $737 for the Helen Wilson/Altrusa Scholarship.

AMI SEMICONDUCTORS, INC., $25,000 and Wright Brothers, $3,000 to the Micron Challenge for the Engineering Building.

LARRY AND KAREN ARGUINCHONA, $150,000 for the Larry and Karen Arguinchona Honors College Scholarship.

CHARLES AND ELIZABETH BAKER, $5,000 to the biology scholarship in their names.

DENNIS AND SUSAN BASSFORD, $4,500 for the Dennis Bassford Entrepreneurial Management Scholarship.

BECHTEL BWXT IDAHO, LLC, $10,000 to the NW Venture Championship.

CHARLES NORMAN BECKERT, $2,340 for the C. Norm Beckert Procurement Management Scholarship.

BOISE COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, $1,250 for the Jim Hopper Clarinet Scholarship and $350 for the Jim Hopper Administration Account.

BRUCE AND PATRICIA BUDGE, $1,500 for the Accounting Department Administration Account and $1,000 for the Arthur Anderson and Co./Harold Bunderson Excellence in Accounting fund.

CAPITAL ONE, $3,000 for the Distinguished Lecture Series.

DON AND DONNA CHANEY, $1,500 to the Anna and Blanche Chaney Nursing Scholarship.

COOPER NORMAN AND CO., CPAS, $1,000 for the Gordon Pirrong Accounting Scholarship.

LARRY AND JILL COSTELLO, $1,500 for the Accounting Research Endowment.

KIRSTEN AND MICHAEL COUGHLIN, $1,000 for the Margaret (Peg) Iseli Nursing Endowment.

JOY DEMEYER, $2,000 for the DeMeyer Nursing Scholarship.

PAT AND LYNN DORMAN, $500 for the Phyllis DeBois Memorial Scholarship and $500 for the Women's Studies Founders Scholarship.

WOMEN'S STUDIES FOUNDERS, $2,340 on behalf of PAT DORMAN for the Women's Studies Founders Scholarship.

DAN FOX, $4,000 to the Accounting Research Endowment.

LORI MAE FRITH, $3,500 for the 2003 Phonathon.

AUBREY M. GAINES, $1,000 to the Rosa Parks Academic Leadership Scholarship.

INLAND NW RESEARCH ALLIANCE, $7,500 for the NW Venture Championship.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS, $1,000 for the Institute of Internal Auditors Scholarship.

LANGROISE FOUNDATION, $2,500 to the business scholarship in its name.

ROBERT AND DIANA LEAVERTON, $1,050 for the Music Department Administration Account.

JASON C. MATHEWSON, $1,200 to the Treasure Valley Traffic Club.

MICATION FOUNDATION, $50,000 for the Micron High-Tech Marketing Center and $500 for the Arts and Sciences Administration Account.

DYKE AND CLAUDIA NALLY, $1,000 to the Alumni Center Building Fund.

RONALD AND BRIN O'REILLY, $4,000 for the Anna Mae O'Reilly Radiological Sciences Memorial Scholarship and $1,500 for the Frank Church Chair on Public Affairs.

DONALD AND DOLI OEE, $2,000 to the biology scholarship in their names.

OGDEN SURGICAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, $1,500 to biomedical/sports research.

E. AND A. PALMATIER CHARITABLE TRUST, $84,485 for the nursing scholarship in its name.

WENDELL AND MYRTLE PHILLIPS, $5,000 in the scholarship in their names.

ARLEN AND SUSAN PLANTING, $1,000 to the Norm Dahm Endowed Engineering Scholarship.

PRESSER FOUNDATION, $4,200 to the Presser Music Scholarship Fund.

JIM AND MARILYN PULLIAM, $815 for the Unrestricted Fund and $250 for the Alumni Center Building Fund.

RICHARD AND MARTHA RIPPLE, $5,000 to the Honors Program Fellowship.

SAINT ALPHONSUS, $22,746 and WEST VALLEY MEDICAL CENTERS, $3,588 to support the Nursing Medical Center.

MIKE SCHIRK, $1,000 and WALTER AND JANE WALLICH, $1,150 for the Jim Hopper Clarinet Scholarship.

DR. KEVIN SHEA, $1,500 to biomedical/sports research.

ALLYN AND MARY SWEENEY, $1,000 for the Political Science and English scholarships.

JOHN VALLEGA ESTATE, $75,000 for the John Vallega Endowed Scholarship.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, $2,000 for the Radiologic Sciences Education Fund.

WOODGRAIN MILLWORK, $10,000 for Business Administration.
Boise State recipient of Hewlett-Packard grant

With a major equipment grant from Hewlett-Packard's Community Technology Program, Boise State computer science and engineering students will have access to an innovative “wireless classroom” that provides Internet connections and online group interaction.

In May, HP announced that Boise State was one of three Northwest universities to receive grants of HP Wireless Mobile Classrooms, valued at more than $100,000 each. The University of Washington and Oregon State University were the other two schools.

The HP Wireless Mobile Classroom allows up to 30 students to use wireless, Internet-connected computers simultaneously. The equipment allows students to interact with the class instructor in real time. As a student works on a problem, the instructor is able to track each step and analyze the student’s progress. The instructor can personalize instruction based on the student’s individual skills.

The classroom features HP Omnibook notebook computers for up to 30 students to use simultaneously.

The notebooks are housed and transported in a wireless-enabled motorized computer cart. The grants also include an HP all-in-one printer, copier, scanner, fax and a digital camera to complete the classroom system.

The HP Wireless Mobile Classroom is earmarked for use at the Boise State-West campus and will be housed in the College of Engineering for computer science and engineering courses until the Nampa site is built.

“This grant represents a continuation of support by Hewlett-Packard for the College of Engineering and the university,” says Lynn Russell, engineering dean. “The HP Wireless Mobile Classroom will be of significant value to our present and future students as we attract and provide opportunities for a diverse student body. It will help us to stay on the forefront of technology and instructional innovation as we continue to develop programs in the college and the university.”
A passion for music drives Wendy, Phil Hartman

Some say music is passion. Phil and Wendy Hartman’s passion is certainly music.

The husband and wife team share more than 30 years experience educating music students in the valley.

Wendy (BA, music, ’79), who has been at Boise High School for the past 10 years, meets with the first of three orchestras she directs each morning at 6:50. Her orchestras have performed at festivals both nationally and internationally, including the Banff International Festival in 1997 and 1999, reserved for 10 orchestras from around the world.

Phil (BA, music, ’81), who has been at Centennial High School in Meridian since the school opened 15 years ago, directs the symphonic band, concert band, jazz band, pep band and marching band. The marching band has won the Boise State Blue Thunder Marching Band competition 10 years in a row. He also has seen his students rise to the occasion to perform at festivals around the country.

But both Phil and Wendy say it isn’t winning competitions or the accolades they receive for doing so that they take the most pride in. When they get to the heart of it, it’s much deeper than that.

“I can’t come up with the greatest single thing about what I do, because there are way, way too many rewards,” Phil says. “The students we teach are highly motivated, outstanding individuals, and the interactions with them every day are so uplifting.”

One of the biggest challenges for both of them is making it to each other’s events, which they try never to miss. So the Idaho Music Educators Association conference in March was a dream come true. It was the first time both of their student groups performed at the same event.

“That was absolutely one of my most memorable performances,” Wendy says. “When you are done with a performance, there’s a feeling so strong you cannot describe it. The entire group will be in tears offstage after putting so much into the performance.”

And helping to instill a lasting passion for music is what they say drives them each day. Examples come to life each Christmas as former students file to their door to say hello. Some have gone on to be professional performers or college music teachers. Others have followed other professions, but are quick to add that they still play their instruments in church or community ensembles.

Phil’s band this fall will include daughter Angela, 17, and son Ryan, 14. Both he and Wendy earned a master of music from the University of West Virginia and say they will always be teachers.

“There are lots of people who think going into teaching music is not the best avenue, that there are better things or more lucrative things,” Phil says. “I can’t imagine anything being better than this.”

—Sherry Squires
Alum looks at the relationship between body image and media

Once an Idaho rodeo queen, Vickie Rutledge Shields (BA, communication, '86) now educates her students and advertising executives about the powerful effect media has on a young girl's self-image.

For the past eight years, Shields, an associate professor of telecommunications and director of the women's studies program at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, has taught undergraduate- and graduate-level courses on the sometimes problematic relationship between gender, media and culture.

And earlier this year her book Measuring Up: How Advertising Affects Self-Image was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. The work focuses on how ordinary men and women respond to advertising images, a personal approach often overlooked in other research.

"There's been at least 30 years of really excellent scholarship that make a very good case that the negative images of women that women and girls see every day have a powerful effect on us," she says. "I always wanted to know how real people would talk about that ... how they would describe their lives with that kind of media."

Shields says that media images affect people in a way similar to second-hand smoke: you don't have to buy bikinis to be affected by bikini ads.

"When you think about these images in a really cumulative way, over a lifetime, seeing these kinds of images of the perfect, idealized body, kind of everywhere you turn — that has very powerful and deep effects on one's self-concept," she says.

To counter these effects, Shields suggests providing pre-adolescent and adolescent children with media literacy training. As they mature, children often look to the media and their peers for clues on what constitutes a normal body image. With the proper knowledge, children can resist negative images so they lose the impact they now have, she says.

Shields began studying the relationship between gender and media as an undergraduate in Boise State's communication department. After graduating in 1986, Shields entered Ohio State University where she earned her master's and doctorate degrees. But she commends her professors at Boise State for providing her with a solid background for her career.

"I really, really credit the foundation I got at Boise State for being prepared for graduate school, for knowing what I wanted to study and which direction I needed to launch off," she says. "It was an amazing foundation."

—Erin Willis

Alumni Association Web site to be enhanced

The Alumni Association Web site at alumni.boisestate.edu will be overhauled during July.

The new Web site will contain a wealth of information about the association's programs for alumni and students, as well as a lifetime member gallery and other items relating to membership in the association.

The Web site is part of a communication program with the theme "Carry it with you." The program encourages alumni to carry with them the many assets that Boise State provides: an enriching education, the inspiration of esteemed teachers and lifelong friendships.

A secure Web server will allow alumni to easily purchase or renew memberships, or make contributions to the Alumni Center and scholarship funds.

The site will be updated on a regular basis to keep alumni and friends informed about future activities and events.
Our policy is to print as much "In Touch" information as possible. Send your letters to the Boise State Alumni Association, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1035, or send e-mail to lb Burke@boisestate.edu.

In addition, if you know someone who would make a good feature story in our "Alumn notes" section, contact the office of News Services at the same address.

30s

NELVA JANE (HOPPER) WALLICH, diploma, general arts and sciences, '36, still lives in Boise, but is no longer substitute teaching.

40s

MILES R. ABEL, AA, general arts and science, '48, is a professional engineer in Oregon, Washington and California. Abel is self-employed as a consulting structural engineer. He is also a licensed real estate broker in Oregon.

50s

LONNIE PARK, attended '50s, is president and CEO of Park Place Mortgage LLC in Boise. The new company focuses on client services and specializes in residential mortgages. Park is the retired executive vice president of the commercial banking group and the executive vice president of credit administration from First Security Corp.

ELDON EVANS, AA, general arts and sciences, '53, was honored recently when the College of Southern Idaho named its multipurpose agriculture center the Eldon Evans Expo Center. Evans, one of the founders of CSI and a longtime rodeo official, was a member of the original board of trustees for the school. He has previously been named the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Man of the Year.

DONALD E. MAYPOLE, AA, general arts and sciences, '54, is the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright-Masaryk Award, which will allow him to teach in a university and provide leadership in fostering the development of nonprofit human service agencies in the Czech Republic during the spring semester 2003. He has previous Fulbright awards in Portugal and Qatar. Since retiring from University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2000, Maypole has taught in Portugal and in Lithuania as a recipient of a Rotary International University Teachers Grant.

60s

CLIFFORD G. LARSEN, BA, elementary education, '69, has launched 1st Venture LLC, a new consulting business for health-related issues in Montana, Idaho and Vermont.

70s

FRED E. FRASER, MA, art, '70, is a retired public school art educator, a part-time art instructor in two private schools, guest lecturer for the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus, practicing visual artist and an antique auto restorer.

LYNN DEE (KILER) JENSEN, BA, elementary education, '74, is a teacher at McMillan Elementary School in the Meridian School District. Jensen was recently named Teacher of the Year for the district.

80s

JAMES E. IRONS, BA, English, '80, is Idaho's Writer-in-Residence for 2002-2004. Irons has been a taxi driver, clerk in a bookstore, a firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service and a sports writer for the Idaho Statesman. Irons earned his master's degree in English at San Francisco State University in 1995. He teaches English at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

JANE (HARRIS) DAMSCHEL, BBA, accounting, '81, senior vice president and senior manager with Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., was recently appointed chief financial officer of the bank's Consumer Risk Operations Group. Her husband, RICK CHARLES DAMSCHEL, BBA, accounting, '82, is a business department of medical imaging for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. Burt works for Boise Radiology Group.

Gerald Ray Bowden, BBA, real estate, '77, is in his eighth year as Twin Falls County assessor. Bowden came on board 25 years ago as a chief appraiser for the county. Bowden has also completed a number of real estate appraisal courses through the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisal, International Association of Assessing Officers, Idaho State Tax Commission and Boise State.
FREDERICH P. KNEHANS, BBA, finance '82, is a commercial loan officer with Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Meridian. Knehans has worked for Farmers and Merchants since 1995 in Meridian and has been involved in the growth of several offices in the Treasure Valley including the Garden City office. Knehans has more than 20 years of banking experience.

DAVID JOHN BAUMANN, BBA, management, '83, is a hearing officer for the Idaho Transportation Department. Baumann has worked for the state of Idaho for 17 years and is an avid Bronco football season ticket holder.

ALLAN W. MEYERS, BBA, accounting/computer information systems, '83, was elected to the board of directors and appointed vice president, controller and treasurer for Menlo Worldwide Logistics, a global supply chain services company owned by CNF Inc. in Redwood City, Calif. Meyers previously served as director of strategic planning and analysis for Consolidated Freightways in Portland, Ore. While at Boise State, Meyers served as ASBSU treasurer in 1982.

DAREN WADE FALES, BA, psychology, '84, is a partner in the Grangeville firm Dee, MacGregor, Fales and MacGregor. Fales graduated magna cum laude from Boise State and received his law degree from the University of Oregon in 1987. After graduation, Fales entered a partnership with William Dee and Wayne MacGregor, where he has a general practice and is an Idaho County public defender. Fales is a member of the Second District Drug Court team and served 1 year as attorney for the city of Kooskia. He is completing five years as a member of the Idaho State Bar Professional Conduct Board.

MARK R. WARBUS, BA, political science, '84, an Associated Press reporter, has been appointed communications director for U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter. Warbus has been with the AP office in Boise for 20 years with an emphasis on politics, government, courts and the Legislature. Warbus is a Chicago native and has lived in southern Idaho most of his life except for five years in the Navy.

KELLY DEE COLES, BA, communication, '85, is president and publisher of Go! Publications Inc. in Boise, publishers of SkyWest Magazine, the in-flight publication for SkyWest Airlines. The company also produces travel and activity guides and other custom publishing projects.

JENNIFER PARK COX, BBA, marketing, '85, is vice president of operations and business development for Park Place Mortgage, a new company in Boise that specializes in residential mortgages. She previously worked for Sedgwick (Marsh) and Nordstrom.

PATRICIA J. SOBAN, BS, nursing, '85, was recently appointed to the National Editorial Board of the Journal of Pediatric Nursing.

VICKI L. (KERN) BROWN, CC, business and office education, '86, is a former Boise State cheerleader and is currently a cheer coach for Moses Lake (Wash.) High School. Brown is also the counseling office secretary.

JOHN HILTON EMERY, BS, construction management, '86, has been working as a project manager for five years and is currently working for Jacobson in Utah building a Four Season resort motel. Emery is a major in the Army Reserves.

KEITH LAVAR JOHNSON, BBA, accounting, '86, is chief deputy state controller for the state of Idaho. Johnson received his law degree from the University of Denver College of Law in 1993. He is both a CPA and an attorney. Prior to attending law school he worked as an attorney assistant with Sprint PCS in Charlotte.

CHERI LINDLEY, right, turned a casual interest in glass into a profession.

WHEN downtown Boise was going through its demolition phase in the '60s, one of the wrecking ball's targets was the church Cheri Lindley attended.

Many passed by the building and reflected on the past. Lindley looked into the glass and saw her future. "I kept looking at the stained glass windows and I was fascinated with them," she says.

That casual interest in glass was the impetus for founding Lindley Glass Studio. The unique Boise business now produces a broad range of glass art, from leaded panels and sculptural pieces to etched and engraved small crystal and glass pieces. The studio offers gifts, awards and unique artwork. Classes are also offered most weeknights.

"You could say it's a hobby that got out of hand," says Lindley, a 1956 Boise Junior College graduate. Her husband, Doug, gave her a box full of glass and some tools for Mother's Day after she continued to talk about the church windows.

"It was his way of saying 'put up or shut up,'” she says.

There was nowhere at the time to take classes or learn about working with glass, but she found a book.

"When I started working with glass, I found where I was supposed to be," she says. She was raising children, and it was something she could do from home. As she began making and selling pieces, requests came in for different items.

"I never intended it as a business," she says. "Every step of the way has been need-driven. First it was windows, then before I knew it, someone asked if I could make wedding goblets.

It wasn't until five years ago that she opened a showroom on Main Street in Boise and then expanded into her current location at 217 N. 10th St.

Now her grandsons, ages 1 and 4, spend their days in the studio along with Lindley, her daughter Toni Holmes (BS, bilingual education, '89) and Lindley's husband, who has built all of the shelving, tables and other items for the shop.

All of them, like Lindley, have learned to love the challenges of making glass tell a story or fit an occasion.

And Lindley Glass Studio has already left a lasting impression on Boise through windows at St. Luke's Children's Hospital, churches throughout the state and restoration of the stained glass windows in the Idaho Black History Museum.

The museum windows are one of her proudest accomplishments, a perfect example of the beauty that first fascinated her. "They allow the only light into that building," she says. "And when you stand in there, it's just an indescribable feeling."

—Sherry Squires
Four recognized as distinguished

Four of Boise State’s most outstanding alumni were recognized in April with the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Honorees included MICHAEL ADCOX, a physician; SERGIO GUTIERREZ, an appellate court judge; CHARLES HALLETT, an accountant; and DIANE MOSKOW-MCKENZIE, a public administrator.

Forty-five alumni have been honored since the award’s inception in 1989.

Adcox, a Boise nephrologist, has served as medical director of the Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Center since 1995 and chaired the center’s board of directors in 1999. A former president of the Alumni Association, Adcox gave tribute to his father and grandfather, who encouraged and inspired him to receive the education he said has given him access to a variety of people who have enriched his life.

Gutierrez, appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals in January, paid tribute to those who made an education possible for non-traditional students like himself. The son of Mexican farmworkers, Gutierrez dropped out of school in the ninth grade, finishing his education at Job Corps, a national job training program for at-risk youth. Taking Boise State classes at night with his wife while their children played in the hallway, he trained to become a bilingual teacher. He went on to law school and a career as a judge, earning the distinction as Idaho’s first Hispanic judge in 1993.

For Hallett, success in his top-rated accounting firm in Olympia, Wash., is the by-product of other people’s belief in him. “I owe a lot of what I have today to my parents,” he told those in the packed Jordan Ballroom. Canadian immigrants, Hallett’s parents gave everything to provide a better life for their children and encouraged him to set high goals, he said. He also credited Boise State for providing two scholarships that allowed him to be the first in his family to attend college. Because of that support, Hallett said he feels it’s important to give back and has funded three endowed scholarships to allow students the same opportunity he had.

Moskow-McKenzie, a member of the Myrtle Beach, S.C., city planning staff, was named Employee of the Year for her work on a variety of community projects including organizing a group of 1,000 volunteers for the city’s annual motorcycle rally and helping organize efforts to obtain Tree City USA status from the National Arbor Day Foundation. She recognized the influence of several of her former teachers for providing her with the skills she now uses to “help improve the lives of the people of Myrtle Beach.”

Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award are accepted year-round. For more information, visit alumni.boisestate.edu or call the Alumni Office.

MICHAELE P. SELLERS, B.A., political science, ’87, a senior assistant attorney general, is the chief of the Labor and Personnel Division of the Washington state Attorney General’s Office.

CANDICE DAWN ALLPHIN, BBA, management/human resource, ’89, is the senior vice president for Bank of America. She joined Bank of America in 2000 as a client manager. Allphin serves as president of the Junior League of Boise, is a board member of the Boise State University Foundation, advisory board member of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and past-president of the Boise State Alumni Association.

WILLIAM D. YELE, MA, history, ’89, has decided to come out of retirement and return to the work force. Yele is working for the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico as lead archaeologist.

SHANE ALEXANDER HAHN, BBA, finance, ’91, is the vice president and manager of the Wells Fargo Vista branch in Boise. Hahn, who joined the bank in 1992, previously served as manager of the Broadway office. Hahn also served as assistant manager at the Orchard and Vista stores, as a credit officer for small business lending and consumer lending administration and as a commercial loan officer in the bank’s small business center.

DAVID R. HANSON, CC, auto mechanics, ’91, is the Boise retail store manager for Cricket Communications. Prior to joining Cricket, Hanson served as manager for Express Wireless in Boise. He studied marketing and management at Boise State.

CHERYL KAY (HAINES) SOBBA, BS, nursing, ’92, works for The Clinic at Middleton as an adult and family nurse practitioner. Sobba earned a graduate degree from the University of Portland in 1997.

ELLEN C. BENCKEN, BS, nursing, ’92, is director of nursing for the Orthopedic Surgery Center of Idaho in Boise. Previously, she was the perioperative resource manager at Saint Alphonsus. She is also a certified operating room nurse and has received her nutrition-certiﬁcate. She is currently enrolled in an ambulatory surgery administrator certiﬁcate program.

DERREK LANE GAFFORD, BBA, accounting, ’93, is vice president and treasurer for Labor Ready Inc. in Tacoma, Wash. Gafford is a former CFO of Food Markets Northwest in...
Seattle. Previous assignments include a variety of positions with Albertsons and the Boise office of Deloitte and Touche LLP.

JILL NEBEKER, BA, English, '93, works for Merriam-Webster in Springfield, Mass., where she designs Web pages, writes and proofreads. Nebeker is also volunteering for the Valley Women's History Collaborative; her project is a women's softball league that began in 1976.

AMANDA WEBSTER, BA, political science, '97, was promotions manager for ProClarity Corp. in Boise before joining the Stampede. She has also served as group sales manager for Premier Resorts International in Sun Valley.

ANGELO BLACK, BA, visual art, '98, has joined the law firm of Melli, Walker Pease and Ruhly, S.C. in Madison, Wis., as an associate attorney. Black received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

JASON WALTER CROWELL, BA, history, '98, has completed law school at UCLA and will begin his practice of law in Los Angeles in the fall.

GUS PETRO ELIOPOULOS, BBA, management, '98, has joined the marketing team at the Idaho Department of Agriculture. Previous experience includes three years as a water quality analyst with ISDA, as well as manager for Petros Wine Shoppe. Eliopoulos was also distribution manager for marketing Petros wine throughout Idaho.

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Denison elected to lead alumni

Boise attorney ROBIN DENISON was elected president of the Boise State Alumni Association at its annual board meeting in May. She succeeds MARK DUNHAM, executive director of the Idaho Association of Realtors.

Denison (BA, political science, '93) is on the legal staff with Stoel Rives LLP. She graduated with a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1996. She served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Gerald Schroeder before joining Stoel Rives, where she specializes in corporate and business transactions.

During Dunham's term the association hired a new executive director, introduced several new social programs during the first year of occupancy in the Alumni Center, began a Student Alumni Association, restructured membership dues, increased the number of life memberships and earned a regional award for BroncoBash Tailgate parties.

Other officers elected to one-year terms on the executive committee included SUSANBAKES, a manager at Resources Connection as first vice president; DEBBROWN, president of Capital Matrix, Inc. as second vice president; BRIANYEARGAIN, senior manager at Little Morris Certified Public Accountants as treasurer; SUSIE SCHUMACHER, revenue integrity manager at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center as secretary; and Dunham as past president.

Serving three-year board of director terms through 2005 are TOM BEITIA, BOBBORONA, JEFF ENRICO, CAROL HOIDAL, LISA OLSTEAD and JEREMY PISCA. JOHN KALANGE will serve a two-year term through 2004.

Serving one-year terms are FAFALIDJANI, SHANNON ASBURY, WESLEY EDMO, TRAVIS JENSEN and JAMES WARR.

Ex-officio board members are DAWN DIFURIA, Student Alumni Association president; MARK LITERAS, past presidents' representative; and CHRIS MATHIAS, ASBSU president. Member-at-large is JAMES DAVIS.

"Boise State is very fortunate to have this group of dedicated alumni who volunteer their time and talent to help our university grow," says Lee Denker, association executive director.

The association works to enrich the Boise State experience for students, alumni and friends of the university. It coordinates events and activities that encourage alumni involvement, as well as offering scholarship support to students. Membership is open to all alumni and friends of Boise State.

Officers and directors meet quarterly to govern the operations of the association.

University of California-Los Angeles, and will begin her Ph.D. in child clinical psychology at the University of Washington in the fall.

TIMOTHY SCOTT DAVIS, BS, biology, '99, is the extension horticulture educator for the U of I Cooperative Extension System in Payette County. Davis will lead urban horticulture, master gardener and 4-H youth programs in Payette County. He will also develop regional educational programs and conduct applied demonstration trials in commercial tree fruit production.

WENDINE REBECCA THOMPSON-DAWSON, BA, economics/mathematics, '99, is teaching economics and working on her dissertation in labor economics at the University of Utah. Her first article will be presented at the American Economic Association Conference in January 2003 in Washington, D.C.

LISA R. ROSSETTI, BS, health science, '99, is enrolled in the department of family and preventive medicine at the University of Utah Medical School physician assistant program and plans to graduate in August. Rossetti was a National Health Service Corp. scholarship recipient in 2000.

CORY V. ARMSTRONG, MBA, '00, is a new accounting manager for Micron Technology in Boise. Armstrong will oversee the accounts receivable, accounts payable and fixed assets departments. Armstrong has been with Micron for six years and most recently served as corporate credit manager.

ALMA GOMEZ, MFA, visual arts, '01/MA, art, secondary education, '91, has been selected to exhibit her work during the Texas National 2002 Exhibition at Stephen F. Austin State University. The event draws professional artists from across the country and only 103 artists were selected.

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District for 31 years as a librarian and spent the last 27 years at Sullivan Middle School. He was born in Hailey.

JAMES "JIM" PALMER BEDAL, BS, physical education, '74, died March 10 in Boise at age 54. Bedal attended schools in Idaho City, Boise, Kamiah, and California. Bedal served in the U.S. Army as a medic in the Vietnam War. He worked as a school teacher, coach, bank officer and was most recently employed at Fresca Foods of Boise as a human resource manager.

ANTHONY LEE "TONY" BEITIA, AAS, drafting technology, '83, died March 19 in Snohomish, Wash., at age 41. Beitia worked various jobs in the drafting and building industries before settling into a career in the auto parts business with Caldwell Auto Supply. Beitia moved to Snohomish in 1990 where he co-owned an auto parts franchise.

JOAN CAROL COCHRANE, BA, history, '71, died Jan 27 at home in Horseshoe Bend at age 64. Cochrane and her husband owned and managed a number of small businesses. They ran the Old Ustick Custom Cannery from 1971-1976, the Kuna Drive-Inn from 1975-1980 and the Riverside Restaurant in Horseshoe Bend from 1983-1987. Cochrane worked closely with Idaho Rivers United and Friends of the Payette to support river conservation. Recently she had been most active in the promotion and improvements of Horseshoe Bend.

ROGER A. DEDMAN, AA, general arts and sciences, '56, died Feb 1 in Boise at age 65. Dedman received the Old Ustic Corps Scholarship and continues his passion for the arts and science.

PARVIZ FARAMARZI, diploma, arts and sciences, '62, died March 4 in Boise. He was 66. Born in Iran, Faramarzi emigrated to the United States and attended BJCC before completing his education at University of Idaho.

ROBERT JOSEPH HARLEY, AAS, business systems and computer repair, '96, died March 26 in Boise at age 75. Harley joined the U.S. Army when he was 17 to see the world. He was a self-taught computer programmer/systems analyst and worked as a programmer until he became ill.

LAURA JEAN HOWARD, BS, physical education, '86, died Jan. 19 at age 38. She worked for Whitman Industries in Boise at the time of her death.

BRETT ALAN HOWE, CC, auto body, '83, died Feb. 11 at home in Caldwell at age 37. Howe owned Howe Auto Body in Caldwell, which had always been his dream. Howe was also a member of a three-man snowmobile championship team from 1991-1993.

DARRELL BRUCE IRWIN, BBA, computer information systems, '84, died Jan 30 in Naples, Fla, at age 62. Irwin served in the U.S. Air Force for 24 years, including three tours in Vietnam. He worked for Computer Associates Inc. as a project manager.

LARRY KNUTSON, AAS, drafting, '72, died May 18 in Emmett as a result of injuries suffered from an accident at home. A Nampa native, Knutson worked for the Nampa Parks Department, Union Pacific Railroad and for the last 15 years was employed at Centennial Golf Course.

JERRY PULL LAMM, BS, criminal justice administration, '92, died April 24 in Boise. He was 53. Lamm overcame physical challenges, and even though it took 17 years, he completed his Boise State degree. Lamm served on the board of directors for El-Ada and Boise Urban Stages Handicapped Access Panel and was instrumental in establishing a local housing project for the physically handicapped. He and his wife also worked with prison ministries.

MYRNA F. MARKER-LOVELACE, BBA, management, '84, died March 25 in Boise at age 70. Lovelace worked for the Idaho Lung Association and the Boise Chamber of Commerce until her retirement. Lovelace and her husband, Melvin, were married in 1956. They enjoyed four years of retirement, dancing, camping, fishing, singing and performing with the Old Time Fiddlers before his death last November.

OTIS E. "TED" MCCUTCHEON, AA, arts and sciences, '41, died March 30 in Boise. He was 82. McCutcheon served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and during the Korean War and earned numerous commendations and medals. In 1968, he retired from the military and returned to Boise where he worked for the Idaho Department of Employment for 12 years.

LYNN IRENE CRUMMETT PETERSON, AS, nursing, '73, died Jan. 29 at her home in Nampa at age 50. Peterson worked for Saint Alphonsus Hospital and Mercy Medical Center and at the same time she took on various roles in the nursing field. When MSTI-West opened, she moved to the new facility with Dr. Copple, where she worked for 13 years.

TERRY LEE PRIEST, BA, general business, '72, died May 19 in Colorado of mesothelioma. He served in the National Guard, worked for Union Pacific Railroad and then for J.R. Simplot Co. He went on to attend MIT and Columbia for his master's in business systems and management, '82.
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Alumni Association
Calendar of Events

August

26-30 Student Alumni Association new member recruitment.

28 Board of directors meeting, Alumni Center. Noon.

30 Alumni BroncoFest 2002 — Welcome Week concert for students, alumni and friends, Alumni Center parking lot.

31 BroncoBash pregame party, Alumni Center. Two hours before Idaho vs. Boise State kickoff.

September


21 Student Alumni Association new member retreat and orientation.

28 BroncoBash pregame party, Alumni Center. Two hours before Utah St. vs. Boise State kickoff.

30 Homecoming Week activities begin.

October

2 Alumni Afternoon Club, Alumni Center. 5 p.m. Informal, after-work Homecoming gathering and discussion.

5 BroncoBash pregame party and Homecoming Chili Feed, Alumni Center. Two hours before Hawaii vs. Boise State kickoff.

18 BroncoBash pregame party, Alumni Center. Two hours before Fresno State vs. Boise State kickoff.


November

9 BroncoBash pregame party, Alumni Center. Two hours before Rice vs. Boise State kickoff.

13 Board of directors meeting, Alumni Center. Noon.

16 BroncoBash pregame party, Alumni Center. Two hours before Louisiana Tech vs. Boise State kickoff.

22-24 Nevada-Reno football trip. Pregame party Nov. 22.

For details about travel packages, see page 54.
logistics and transportation. He retired from Coors Brewing Co. in 2000 as the corporate manager for the transportation department, logistics. Priest also taught at University of Colorado and lectured throughout the United States.

CHARLES RUSSELL, a Boise State football player in the '70s, died May 5 in Hawaii. Russell worked as the operations manager for Trans Hawaiian for Maui, Kauai and Oahu.

Emeritus theatre professor WILLIAM E. SHANKWEILER died March 31 after a long battle with cardiac and lung problems. He received his master's from Loyola University before joining Boise Junior College in 1956. Except for a break to complete his doctorate at University of Denver, Shankweiler remained at Boise State until retiring after 38 years of service. He was active in community groups including Boise Music Week, Boise Little Theatre and was involved with the Miss Idaho pageant. He was also recognized as a "Distinguished Citizen" by the Idaho Statesman.

OWEN SPROAT, attended 1930s, died June 5 in Boise. He was 88. Sproat attended Boise High School and then enrolled as part of the first class at Boise Junior College. He was a member of the fledgling school's first football and basketball teams and earned varsity letters. During that time, the BJC football team selected the school's orange and blue color scheme. Sproat worked in the financial industry and then for the J.R. Simplot Co. and in the early '50s purchased his own automobile dealership in Meridian. He later worked for Associates Finance Co. until retirement. He was involved with a number of civic groups and the Boise State Alumni Association.

DENNIS HART WETHERELL, BBA, marketing, '72, died March 15 in Mountain Home at age 55. Wetherell attended Idaho State for one year and then transferred to Boise State. He served in the Idaho National Guard from 1970-1976. He was involved with a number of civic groups, including the Elks, Lions and Rotary clubs, Mountain Home Legislative Committee, Elmore Medical Center board, Chamber of Commerce, Gov. Kempthorne's transition team, Fourth Judicial District Magistrate Commission, Air Combat liaison representing Mountain Home Air Force Base and the Boise State Alumni Association.

JAMES L. "JIM" YAMAMOTO, BBA, accounting, '88, died Jan. 18 at age 48. He began working at Micron Technology in Boise in 1986 and worked his way to financial manager at Micron Construction and finally to senior financial accountant at Micron Technology.

Student Alumni Group Formed

As a way to prepare current students for a lifetime of involvement with Boise State after graduation, 13 students have created the Student Alumni Association (SAA). SAA will become an active participant in programs such as Homecoming and the graduation celebration. The Boise State Alumni Association sponsors the group.

SAA was granted official recognition as a Boise State student organization by the student government in early May. Officers for 2002-03 are: DAWN DIFURIA, president; MIKE CLIFFORD, vice president; KATIE DANE, secretary; RYAN VANDERLINDEN, treasurer; and LOGAN FREEMAN, public relations officer.
Bronco football travel packages

The Boise State Alumni Association and the Bronco Athletic Association (BAA) are offering travel packages to three away games for Bronco football fans this season.

Packages are for Saturday games Sept. 14 at Wyoming, Oct. 26 at San Jose State and Nov. 23 at Nevada. Prices are per person based on double occupancy; game tickets are not included.

The Laramie, Wyo., trip (Sept. 13-15) includes a charter bus, two nights hotel stay, a reception, tailgate party and game-day transfers. Cost is $242.

The San Jose, Calif., trip (Oct. 25-27) is planned as a “San Francisco Getaway” that includes round-trip airfare from Boise to San Francisco on Horizon Air, two nights stay at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, a tailgate party, dinner on the day of arrival and round-trip airport and game-day transfers. Cost is $699.

Two options are available for the trip to Nevada (Nov. 22-24). The first is $389 and includes round-trip airfare from Boise to Reno on Southwest Airlines, two nights stay at the El Dorado Hotel & Casino, a tailgate party and round-trip airport and game-day transfers. The second option for $220 is to travel by charter bus, with two nights stay at the El Dorado, a tailgate party and game-day transfers.

For further information call (208) 426-3556 or (208) 426-1698.

2002 Football Schedule

The Broncos open their second year in the Western Athletic Conference with a six-game home schedule that features four of the WAC’s top teams as well as independent Utah State and Idaho of the Sun Belt Conference. For ticket information, call (208) 426-4737.

Aug. 31, 6 p.m. Idaho
Sept. 7, TBA Arkansas
Sept. 14, TBA Wyoming
Sept. 28, 6 p.m. Utah State
Oct. 5, 6 p.m. Hawaii
Oct. 12, TBA Tulsa
Oct. 18, 6 p.m. Fresno State
Oct. 26, TBA San Jose State
Nov. 2, TBA UTEP
Nov. 9, 1 p.m. Rice
Nov. 16, 12 p.m. La Tech
Nov. 23, TBA Nevada

Home games are printed in blue.
Alumni directory coming soon

Printers are beginning work 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. The Alumni Association will not sell any directories out of the Alumni Center. For ordering information, call Harris Publishing at 1-800-877-6554. 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 later this summer.