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## The civic-mindedness of Boise State

**D**uring my first 16 months as Boise State's president, one of the most gratifying discoveries I have made is that this university is filled with civic-minded individuals — students, researchers, teachers, administrators and staffers who go above and beyond their assigned duties and engage in meaningful activities, projects and programs that help make the Treasure Valley the special place it is. This list literally runs from A to Z, as you can see beginning on page 20 of this publication.

This issue of *FOCUS* directs the spotlight on civic engagement at Boise State with a particular emphasis on how we impart those beliefs and concepts to our students. I must admit, on this one I have a bias. As one who became highly interested in public service as a college undergraduate in the mid-1960s, I have long been guided by the notion that civic engagement is an important component of the higher education experience and that we all should do our best to make a difference.

In that spirit, it is also my hope that we convey to our students the value and importance of public higher education so they can carry it with them wherever they may live. Boise State stands committed to producing the next generation of active, informed citizens willing and able to engage in public life in an articulate and effective manner. We have the responsibility to work with our students in sharpening their citizenship skills whether for the purpose of getting involved in government or politics or simply exercising their franchise to vote. Our campus should be a laboratory of civic opportunity with public officials, opinion makers, policy experts and advocates speaking to rooms of students filled to capacity.

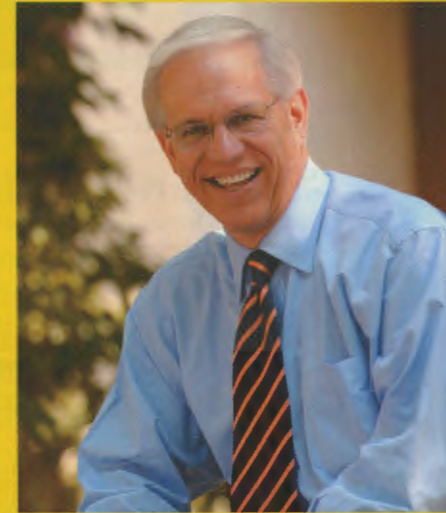
In this space I have previously written about my vision for Boise State as a metropolitan research university of distinction. A metropolitan university is one that contributes to the life of the community in which it is embedded. A metropolitan university also has a responsibility to foster a sense of citizenship and community both on and off campus. Boise

State already has a rich heritage of participation in the life of the Treasure Valley through the fruits of our research and service that are so vital to local government and industry. Our relationship to the community, however, extends far beyond the products of our research.

Boise State has been, and must continue to be, a university engaged with its community. We must continue to embrace the role that universities play in teaching and practicing civic engagement; that is, engagement in our community, in all areas of our campus life. That is why Boise State, along with hundreds of other public colleges and universities across the country, has joined the American Democracy Project, which you can read more about on page 27.

The American Democracy Project is an excellent way for Boise State to highlight the many existing programs and efforts that tie this university to the community. Those programs include our internship programs and the Service-Learning program, which is featured on page 19. Last year, more than 1,000 students completed internships for academic credit, and nearly 700 education and nursing students completed practicum, community projects or clinical placements in their fields. Nearly 80 different faculty have offered a Service-Learning class, and each year, more than 1,000 students contribute 23,000 hours in service to our community while applying that service to their academic course work.

Based on some of these observations, it is clear that civic engagement fits with the values and goals in Boise State's strategic plan — that "all should be prepared to assume responsibility for participation in civic, social and environmental awareness activities of the communities in which they work and live."



— Bob Kustra, President





**TWO OF A KIND:** A dual ceremony on Sept. 24 officially unveiled Boise State's new residence halls and honored two former university leaders. At left, former BSU President John Keiser (far left) and his wife, Nancy, join President Bob Kustra and cut the ribbon for Keiser Hall. At right, former BSU Vice President for Student Affairs David Taylor and his wife, Beverly, do the honors with Kustra for Taylor Hall.



PHOTOS BY JOEY AS SULLIVAN

## Fall enrollment rises for the eighth straight year

An increase of just nine students from the previous fall semester was enough to mark the eighth consecutive autumn in which Boise State set an all-time state enrollment record.

In keeping with its plan to expand enrollment at a manageable pace, BSU reported a total of 18,456 students for the fall 2004 semester.

In the past five years Boise State has grown by more than 2,500 students (an increase of 14 percent in headcount and 18 percent in full-time equivalent), stretching the institution during a time of tight state budgets. Earlier this year the university stated it wanted to slow its annual growth rate to about 1 percent.

"Boise State University continues to set the standard for enrollment at universities and colleges in Idaho and fulfill its public purpose of providing higher education to a record number of students," says BSU President Bob Kustra. "Throughout the years, Boise State has met its obligations in accepting as many new students as we

can accommodate. However, we need to proceed with manageable growth that matches our institutional resources.

"We desire to provide academic opportunities, quality teaching and support for a growing economy, but we need a well-funded system of higher education.



PHOTO BY JOEY AS SULLIVAN

"Currently we have a wish list of proposed degrees, programs and introductory courses, but we cannot add them to the curriculum because our funding has dwindled in recent years."

The modest increase in enrollment came as no surprise to Mark Wheeler, Boise State's dean of enrollment.

"Some of the reasons for slower

growth are deliberate," he says.

"Classes at the undergraduate level are at or near capacity. We could not have supported another year of 3 or 4 percent growth."

For the second consecutive year the university raised admission standards to what are now the highest among Idaho's public institutions, Wheeler

says. "While this resulted in about 600 students being denied degree-seeking admission, it is resulting in students being more successful academically," he adds.

Wheeler also notes that Boise State posted a record percentage of freshmen who returned for their sophomore year. "Improving retention and graduation rates and intensifying efforts to help students succeed are important goals," he says.

Wheeler notes that despite the modest overall increase, enrollment in upper-division classes jumped 3.2 percent, which is an indication that students are not just taking classes at BSU, they are advancing toward attaining degrees.



# Record grant expands biomedical research network

Standing before a packed hall of students, researchers and area media last August in Pocatello, Boise State President Bob Kustra and his counterparts from the University of Idaho and Idaho State University together announced the largest single educational and research grant in state history.

The \$16.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health establishes the IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence, or INBRE. It draws together nine Idaho higher education institutions and two research centers to pursue biomedical research.

The five-year INBRE grant expands on an \$8 million grant in 2001 that first drew together BSU, UI and ISU to establish the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network. The expanded network will continue to focus on building an inter-

disciplinary research network focusing on cell signaling, increasing research partnerships, expanding outreach to



Idaho State President Richard Bowen (left), UI President Timothy White and BSU President Bob Kustra gathered Aug. 10 at ISU to announce a historic \$16.1 million grant.

other Idaho institutions and creating an educated work force. Students work with faculty

researchers at Boise State on a range of INBRE-supported projects, including studies involving Alzheimer's disease, breast cancer, artificial cartilage and chemotherapeutic drugs.

Science education established through the network also includes an annual summer science and math camp for minority and migrant youth run by the Boise State Center for Multicultural and Educational Opportunities.

Kustra notes that the INBRE program benefits students enrolled in colleges and universities throughout Idaho. "Working together, we will help bring biomedical research opportunities to students who otherwise could not have participated. This will help prepare them for important careers that also pay well," he says.

## \$2.3 million grant will benefit GED program for farmworkers; BSU's proposal scores highest in nation

Boise State University is the recipient of a new five-year \$2.3 million grant to assist seasonal and migrant farmworkers or their children achieve the GED, a high school diploma equivalency. The ongoing program, part of the federally funded High School Equivalency Program, or HEP, works with individuals from across Idaho.

Boise State's grant application was the highest-scored proposal in the nation, says Scott Willison, director of Boise State's Center for Multicultural and Educational Opportunities and a professor of education.

Students accepted into Boise State's HEP program range from ages 16 to 60. They receive free instruction and assessments, along with all educational materials and, when appropriate, either residence hall or travel expenses. In the past decade, more than 1,000 students have been served by Boise State's HEP program.

Students who participate in the residential program on the Boise State campus live in residence halls and attend GED classes either in Spanish or English. There are also

commuter programs in Burley, Twin Falls, American Falls and Canyon County.

It can take people anywhere from two months to two years to earn their GED, says Willison. Students must pass tests in American government, social studies, science, reading, writing and mathematics.

According to Willison, funding for the HEP grant was especially competitive this year because of other federal funding priorities; representatives from the U.S. Department of Education told applicants that as a result many of the HEP programs across the country would not be funded. Willison says he was concerned because his program was competing with programs in Florida, Texas and California, all of which have large numbers of migrant workers.

"The program is the major source of support for seasonal farmworkers who receive a GED, and had the program not been funded there would have been a big void," Willison says.

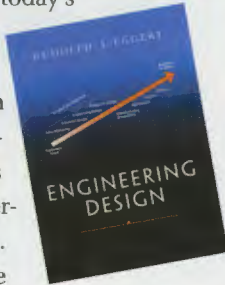


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## Engineering Design

By Rudolph J. Eggert

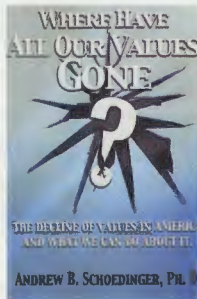
Ethics, teamwork, economics and ergonomics are concepts that today's engineers must blend with the technical aspects of engineering design. Boise State mechanical engineering professor Eggert recognizes the evolving nature of the engineering design process in a comprehensive new textbook, *Engineering Design*, published by Prentice Hall.



## Where Have All Our Values Gone?

By Andrew B. Schoedinger

In *Where Have All Our Values Gone? The Decline of Values in America and What We Can do About it*, BSU philosophy professor Schoedinger looks at how values decline and what is needed to restore them. The author

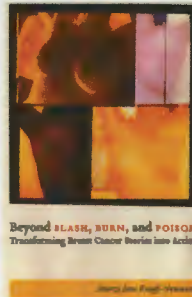


takes special interest in the declining sense of responsibility for individual behavior and the confusion over what, exactly, constitutes "family values."

## Beyond Slash, Burn, and Poison: Transforming Breast Cancer Stories into Action

By Marcy Jane Knopf-Newman

English professor Knopf-Newman uses women's personal writings to explore the experiences of breast cancer patients. Drawing on the writings of Rachel Carson, Betty Ford, Rose Kushner and Audre Lorde, the book traces the progression of discussions about breast cancer from a time when the subject was kept private and silent to when it became part of public discourse.



## Existential Authenticity in Three Novels by Spanish Author Miguel Delibes

By Teresa Boucher

This book of literary criticism by BSU modern languages and literatures chair

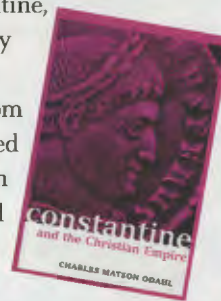
Boucher examines three works by contemporary novelist Delibes. The book takes a philosophical approach to literature, exploring the texts from the perspective of German philosopher Martin Heidegger's notion of authenticity and inauthenticity.



## Constantine and the Christian Empire

By Charles Odahl

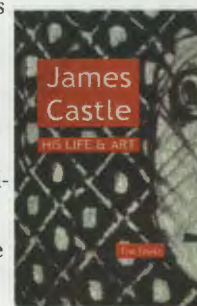
History professor Odahl examines how, under the rule of Constantine, Christianity was transformed from a persecuted cult into an established religion, and the once-pagan Rome became the Christian empire of Byzantine times. Published by Routledge, this extensive biography fills more than 400 pages and contains 92 illustrations and eight maps.



## James Castle: His Life and Art

By Tom Trusky

Written by Castle expert and English professor Trusky, this biography explores the life, genius and motivation behind one of Idaho's greatest enigmas. *James Castle*

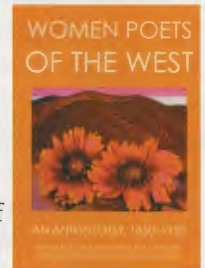


contains rare documents and photographs, exclusive interviews with Castle's family and childhood friends and the testimony of contemporary art and medical experts. The book is published by the Idaho Center for the Book.

## Women Poets of the West

Edited by Tom Trusky

Boise State's Ahsahta Press recently released this newly designed and formatted edition of the groundbreaking anthology *Women Poets of the West*, edited by Trusky, director of the Idaho Center for the Book. Emphasizing the work of poets writing between 1850 and 1950, the collection highlights the work of 14 women, from the Mormon writer Eliza Snow to Janet Lewis, who died in 1998.



## Saving the Appearances

By Liz Waldner

Written by Waldner of Oakland, Calif., this book of poetry was published in August by Ahsahta Press. Waldner has won multiple awards for her work, including the James Laughlin Prize from the Academy of American Poets. *Saving the Appearances* is her sixth full-length collection.



## On campus ...

### George McGovern

Former U.S. senator and presidential candidate

Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs, Oct. 6, 2004



"The more I watch our politics, the more I think fanaticism is one of those principles we need to guard against."





## Newsmakers

Boise State professors in the national media spotlight include the following:

- **JEFFREY WILHELM**, English, was quoted in a *Salt Lake Tribune* story on boys' lack of interest in reading.
- Research by **GARY MONCRIEF**, political science, was noted in a Kansas City infoZine story about the number of women running for public office.
- A study on the evolutionary adaptation of finches by **JIM BELTHOFF**, biology, was featured in a story in the Berkeley (Calif.) *Daily Planet*.
- A story on **ELISA BARNEY-SMITH**, engineering, and Boise State's after-hours computer grid ran in *USA Today* in July.
- **CAMERON WOLD**, College of Business and Economics, was quoted in a Kentucky.com article about the revival of community kitchens for the use of individuals and entrepreneurs.
- **CHARLOTTE TWIGHT**, economics, was quoted in an americandaily.com article titled "Dependent on Washington."
- For an article titled "Who's the Fittest?" in *Outside Magazine*, kinesiology professor **WERNER HOEGER** analyzed the workouts of Olympians. He was also quoted in a *USA Today* article on pre-workout stretching. The story ran again on Forbes.com.
- **HELEN LOJEK**, English, was quoted in an article titled "Getting Big-Name Speakers On a Budget" in the magazine *Student Leader*.
- **JOHN FREEMUTH**, political science, was quoted in a *New York Times* article titled "Logging and Politics Collide in Idaho." He was also quoted in a *Salt Lake Tribune* story on the environmental component of this year's presidential election.
- Selland College welding instructor **JUAN MARTINEZ** was featured in late September on an episode of *Monster Garage* on the Discovery Channel.
- **JOEL LEISCH**, adjunct professor in civil engineering, was cited in several articles in the Naples (Fla.) *Daily News* on an overpass project.
- **RON PFEIFFER**, kinesiology, was quoted in an ABC News report about how specially designed super foods are helping to build better athletes.
- **TOM TRUSKY**, English, was featured in a Northwest News Channel report on the discovery of several James Castle books. He was also quoted in a *Salt Lake Tribune* story on his biography of Castle.
- **JOE HARTMAN**, engineering, was quoted in a *Newsday* story about the university's inclusion in a Federal Aviation Administration grant to study cabin air quality.
- Testimony from **CHARLES HONTS**, psychology, on the role of a polygraph test in a man's murder confession, was featured in a *Charlotte Observer* news story.
- Skeletal computer images of BSU quarterbacks' throwing motions, generated by mechanical engineering professor **MICHELLE SABICK**, was featured in an *Idaho Statesman* story that later received national attention, including the *Seattle Times* and ESPN.

## Online tour offers glimpse of campus

Prospective students now have an easy way to check out the campus, thanks to a service offered by EdFinancial Services. ECampusTours.com is a college planning Web site that offers virtual tours through a series of 360-degree campus photos.

Students can check out a residence hall, the Albertsons Library, the Student Union, Bronco Stadium and six other locations, all at the click of a button and without leaving home. Handy links connect to a campus map or information on admissions, financial aid, housing, academic departments and more.

You can view the new tour by clicking on the Prospective Students link off the Boise State University homepage, [www.boise-state.edu](http://www.boise-state.edu).

## 'Business Matters' on NPR station

*Idaho Business Matters*, which debuted on Boise State Radio in October, is a 90-second spot hosted by Boise State professor of international business Nancy Napier. The show features insight and commentary from business professor Gundars Kaupins and other College of Business and Economics faculty, as well as members of Treasure Valley organizations.

The feature airs twice daily at 3:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on NPR News 91. It focuses on business issues of interest to the public and includes examples and applications from local organizations. Some topics covered on the show include banking scams, electronic monitoring of employees and creativity as a resource.

Jim East, Boise State Radio program director, says *Idaho Business Matters* is part of an effort to add high-quality local programming. "We're fortunate that the College of Business and Economics has stepped forward as a partner for this project and has committed the time and resources to make it possible," East says.



# Investment in Boise State = high yield for economy

**M**oneymaker is not a role generally associated with Boise State University, particularly as the recipient of state funding.

People typically think of more common roles such as “educator,” as the state’s largest institution with more than 18,000 students; “employer,” with nearly 5,000 full- and part-time workers; and “entertainer,” with more than 800,000 patrons annually attending on-campus cultural and athletic events.

Think again. Boise State is a significant economic force. For every five Boise State jobs, three others are created in the state. For every dollar Boise State spends on salaries and benefits, an additional 88 cents is generated in Idaho. For every dollar Boise State spends, the benefit is more than double statewide.

Those findings were reported by BSU’s Office of Institutional Assessment in “The Economic Effects of Boise State University: Results of a 2003 Input-Output Model,” coordinated by Marcia Belcheir, the office’s director.

“While private businesses are valued for the jobs and revenue they bring to the community, the public sector is often overlooked as a significant economic asset to the community,” Belcheir says. “Higher education is a notable example.”

Boise State President Bob Kustra talked about the university’s economic role in his State of the University address in August. “As a public institution, we stand committed to playing a major role in the economic development of this state and region, joining with the governor, the Legislature, state agencies and local governments in building a strong Idaho economy and assisting it in its transition to a knowledge-based economy,” he said.

Boise State certainly operates like a business. While its purpose is to provide opportunities to pursue a degree, the institution provides jobs, purchases goods and services and attracts visitors and new students who subsequently spend money on local goods and services. Belcheir calls this the ripple or

by Boise State, an additional \$58.3 million in earnings are expected in the Ada/Canyon region, \$5.6 million beyond that for the five-county region, and \$13.7 million more in additional earnings throughout the state. For every dollar that Boise State spent on earnings, an additional 66 cents is generated in the Ada/Canyon area, 73 cents in the five-county area and 88 cents statewide.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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## Boise State’s economic impact seen near \$330 million

By Steven Anderson  
IDaho BUSINESS REVIEW

Boise State University has released a study, primarily for internal use, of BSU’s annual economic impact that points to a total of almost \$330 million for

benefits paid to Boise State’s 4,850 employees, of whom 3,225 are full-time.

Another \$77.6 million paid to people holding an estimated 3,125 jobs generated indirectly by BSU operations — about 2,500 of them in Ada and Canyon counties, with a

lion in additional sales throughout the state,” the study says.

“This indirect effect translates into a sales multiplier of 1.84 for Ada and Canyon counties, 1.92 for the five-county area, and 2.11 for the state as a whole,” says

she writes, “is a vital member of the local, regional, and state economy,” and some of its annual state support “returns to the state in the form of taxes... offsetting some of the costs of funding a public institution.”

However, Belcheir notes that in terms of job generation, the impact is com-

multiplier effect. For example, faculty and staff salaries are spent at local businesses, which then make purchases and hire personnel based on increased volume.

The multiplier effect was calculated in an input-output economic model by Gneiting & Associates of Rigby, Idaho, using the amount of money expended, the types of expenditures made, and the location of the businesses that received the money. Here are the findings in the areas of jobs, earnings and sales.

### JOBS

Boise State directly employs 4,852 people in both full-time (1,629) and part-time (3,223) capacities. Indirectly, it is estimated that an additional 2,494 jobs are generated within Ada and Canyon counties, 254 throughout the remainder of the five-county metropolitan region and 377 throughout the rest of the state for a total of 3,125 additional jobs as the result of the presence of Boise State. Thus for every two Boise State jobs, another job is created in the Ada/Canyon counties area. For every five Boise State jobs, three others are created in the state.

### EARNINGS

Boise State directly distributes \$88.3 million in salaries and benefits to its employees annually. Through the additional jobs that were indirectly created

### SALES

In addition to spending money on salaries and benefits, Boise State also purchases goods and services, which again help the community to grow and prosper as other businesses buy the goods and services needed to meet the purchasing demands. Last year, Boise State directly spent \$163.5 million statewide and \$161.2 million within the region on goods and services. With the ripple effect of these expenditures, university spending indirectly supports an additional \$135 million in sales in Ada and Canyon counties, \$13.4 million in sales throughout the remainder of the five-county region, and \$33 million in additional sales throughout the state.

“This study indicates that Boise State University does more than simply receive state funding. It is a vital member of the local, regional and state economy,” Belcheir says.

“The greatest ‘bang for the buck’ that Boise State provides is in the sales generated across the state. Every dollar expended generates another \$1.11. Some of this money returns to the state in the form of taxes, again offsetting some of the costs of funding a public institution.”

That’s an excellent return on an investment.

— Frank Zang



# Ramsey Lewis highlights 2005 Gene Harris Jazz lineup

Legendary pianist Ramsey Lewis (below, middle) and his trio will headline the 2005 Gene Harris Jazz Festival, which will be held April 7-9.

Tickets are on sale now at all Select-a-Seat outlets with discounts for early purchase.

Lewis' career took off in 1965 with the release of his single "The In Crowd" and the subsequent hits "Hang

On Sloopy" and "Wade In The Water." Since then he has been awarded three



Grammys and has hosted several radio programs, including his current show

on Chicago's WNUA and the syndicated *Legends of Jazz*.

Now in its eighth year, the Gene Harris Jazz Festival was named in honor of the late jazz piano great Gene Harris, who resided in Boise the last 23 years of his life.

The festival brings world-famous jazz musicians to Boise for three nights of concerts and two days of student clinics. Proceeds benefit music scholarships at Boise State.

## Kloc named director

Boise State Radio's Hy Kloc (right) was named Gene Harris Jazz Festival executive director this past summer.



Brad Peters will continue to serve as executive producer and Janie Harris as artistic director.

Kloc joined the National Public Radio affiliate as director of corporate sponsorship and marketing. He previously served as the executive director of the Chicago chapter of the Recording Academy where he was responsible for events including the Grammys and Chicago's Street Musician Festival.

# Steinem, Hogwood to speak at Boise State in spring '05

Writer/activist Gloria Steinem and internationally acclaimed conductor/musicologist Christopher Hogwood will speak on the Boise State campus in early 2005. Both will deliver free lectures in the Student Union

Jordan Ballroom.

Sponsored by the Boise State Women's Center, Steinem (left), a longtime leader in the women's rights movement, will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 8.

Hogwood will speak on "The Past is a Foreign Country:

They Do Things Differently There" at 7 p.m. March 15 as part of Boise State's Distinguished Lecture Series ("Distinguished Lecture Series speakers announced," *FOCUS*, Summer 2004).

In addition, the annual Martin

Luther King Jr./ Human Rights Celebration, themed "Higher UnLearning" will feature a keynote speaker at 7 p.m. Jan. 21. A full schedule of MLK Week events will be posted at [events.boisestate.edu](http://events.boisestate.edu) in December.

The presentations are a continuation of the renowned speakers that have come to BSU during the current academic year. Fall 2004 on-campus guest speakers included Nobel-prize winning economist James Buchanan, whose lecture was sponsored by the College of Business and Economics and the Brandt Foundation; former president of Ireland and for-

mer United Nations high commissioner for human rights Mary Robinson (see below), sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Series; former U.S. senator and presidential candidate George McGovern, sponsored by the Frank Church Chair Conference on Public Affairs; and author-poet-screenwriter-director Sherman Alexie, sponsored by Student Union and Activities Global Expressions Series.



## On campus ...

### Mary Robinson

Former president of Ireland

"Social Responsibility and Ethical Globalization," Distinguished Lecture Series, Oct. 19, 2004



"I'm glad the debates about globalization have gone beyond the simplistic arguments to developing new strategies for what makes sense nationally, regionally and globally."





PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL TURNER

### BSU EXECUTIVE CHEF CHOSEN FOR EXCHANGE

Michael Turner (left), Aramark executive chef at Boise State, has been selected as one of 25 chefs worldwide to participate in the 10th annual International Guest Chef Exchange — one of the highest honors that Aramark bestows upon its executive chefs.

In addition to recognizing the chefs' outstanding commitment to culinary excellence, the program involves a two-week long

multicultural exchange where each of the 25 executive chefs travels abroad to work their culinary talents at other Aramark customer facilities.

Turner traveled to Germany in October and shared his culinary expertise with two Aramark dining accounts.

A former restaurateur, Turner has served as a personal chef to celebrity clients such as Ross Perot Jr. and musician Paul Woods.

### KALTENECKER RECEIVES STATE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR AWARD

Greg Kaltenecker, director of the Idaho Bird Observatory, an education and research unit of Boise State University, has been named an Environmental Educator of the Year by the Idaho Environmental Education Association.

Kaltenecker, (BS, biology, '88; MS, raptor biology, '97) was one of three Idaho educators who received the 2004 award. He was cited for his work at the IBO, a non-profit observatory he co-founded that conducts long-term monitoring of hawks, owls and migratory songbirds along the Boise Ridge, a major flyway used during migrations.

### STUDENT WINS JOURNALISM HONOR

Justin Terry, a senior communication major at Boise State, has been named the winner of a national Mark of Excellence Award by the Society of Professional Journalists.

Terry, a student reporter for Boise State Radio, was recognized for in-depth reporting for his news story "New Freedom Riders." The SPJ announced the award winners for outstanding student journalism at its national convention in New York City in September.

### KAPPA SIGMA CHAPTER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Boise State's Kappa Sigma chapter was awarded the Founder's Award of Chapter Excellence at the annual Kappa Sigma Leadership Conference earlier this year.

The BSU group was recognized for outstanding chapter achievement in student leadership, community service, academics and campus involvement.

## Zang, Pearson fill BSU posts

A familiar face and a newcomer were named to executive positions at Boise State this summer.

Stacy Pearson (MPA, '95), an administrator at the university since 1995, was promoted to vice president for finance and administration after serving in that position on an interim basis since February, and Frank Zang, former director of communications for the Utah Athletic Foundation, was hired as BSU's director of communications and marketing.

Pearson (below), formerly Boise State's associate vice president for finance and administration under Harry "Buster" Neel,



replaces Neel, who took over as vice chancellor for finance and administration for the Nevada higher education system earlier this year. Following a national search, it was decided Pearson was the best person for the job.

Pearson, a certified public accountant, was named 2003 Financial Executive of the Year by the Pacific Northwest Council of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Before coming to Boise State she worked as the

director of internal auditing in the chancellor's office for the Oregon University System and the Idaho State Board of Education.

Zang (below), replaces Larry Burke, who retired two years ago after 28 years as the director of university relations. The position was filled on an interim basis by Bob Evancho, who was named associate director of communications and will continue as editor of *FOCUS*.

Zang's experience in public relations and communications was honed during his tenure as associate director of public information for the United States Olympic Committee from 1991-98. He also served as director of communications and media for the Salt Lake



Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Before his Olympic affiliation, Zang graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Journalism and worked in the sports information office at Georgia Tech.

"His enthusiasm, style and in-depth understanding of

media relations will make him an ideal spokesperson for Boise State," says BSU President Bob Kustra.

### On campus ...

### Ralph Nader

Independent Party candidate for president

Special Events Center speech sponsored by BSU Campus Green Party, Sept. 5, 2004



"We invaded Iraq for one word: oil."





Above: A sea of guardsmen in their desert camouflage uniforms fill the stands and mingle with BSU fans at UTEP's Sun Bowl. Right: Sgt. Chad Montgomery and Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Shepherd (far right) of the 116th Cavalry Brigade enjoy the local fare during the Broncos' 47-31 win over the Miners.

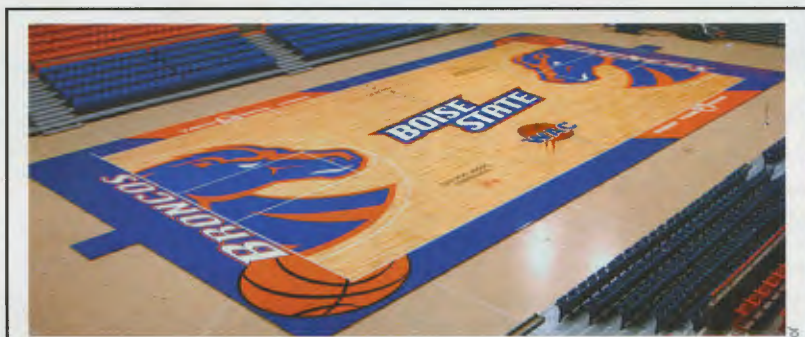
## Soldiers join in football fun

It may have been a road game for the Boise State football team when it traveled to El Paso, Texas, Sept. 18, but the Broncos had plenty of vocal support that evening when they played UTEP in their Western Athletic Conference opener.

Some 3,600 U.S. troops attended the game, including a large contingent from the 1,600 members of the Idaho Army National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade who

were stationed at nearby Fort Bliss.

Boise corporations IdahoCorp, Washington Group International, Albertsons and Micron purchased tickets for the Idaho citizen-soldiers, many of whom are Boise State alumni and students. At press time, the 116th was continuing its training at Fort Polk, La., and the guardsmen were expected to deploy in December to the city of Kirkuk in northern Iraq.



**NEW FLOOR:** A second new basketball floor in as many seasons is now part of Taco Bell Arena. The floor used during the 2003-04 season was damaged in transit to Boise last year and had to be replaced because of a number of cracks and warps. The floor was replaced at no additional cost.

## BSU FORMS VARSITY B CLUB

The Boise State athletic department has recently established the Varsity B Club to welcome back and reconnect with all former athletes, coaches, sports administrators, support staff, band members and dance and cheer squad members.

The club hopes to recognize the contributions of former student-athletes and others affiliated with Bronco sports and build a network for its members to interact socially and professionally with other Varsity B Club members.

For more information, contact Varsity B Club coordinator Michel Bourgeau (BBA, management, '85) at (208) 426-5440 or [mbourgeau@fiberpipe.net](mailto:mbourgeau@fiberpipe.net). The Varsity B Club mailing address is 1910 University Dr, Boise, ID 83725-1020.

## ELSBERRY WINS NCAA HONOR

Abbey Elsberry, a recent Boise State graduate and former member of the Bronco track and field team, has been named one of the top 10 national finalists for the NCAA's 2004 Woman of the Year contest as well as the state of Idaho's NCAA Woman of the Year for '04.

Elsberry, originally from Billings, Mont., was a multiple All-Western Athletic Conference performer in both the weight throw and the hammer throw. She won the WAC championship in both events and earned All-America honors in the weight throw earlier this year. A physical education major, she graduated in May with a 4.0 grade-point average and is teaching in Logan, Utah.

## BOARD APPROVES ALCOHOL POLICY

Beer and wine are now an allowable part of the Bronco Stadium football experience for some Boise State fans.

This summer the State Board of Education voted to approve a request by Boise State and the University of Idaho to allow the sale and consumption of beer and wine in controlled areas at home football games.

The policy allows beer and wine in a secured "tent city" at the north end of Bronco Stadium. Spaces in the tent area are sold to businesses and corporations, are not open to the general public, and those entering the area must be invited guests. Beer and wine sales end at the start of games, and drinking alcohol in the stadium is still prohibited.

The board's decision allows Boise State to "create a secure area with a nice opportunity for business people to put together a [quality] tailgating event for Bronco football," says Gene Bleymaier, BSU athletic director.



# The magic of the '94 football season

BY LARRY BURKE

From somewhere high in the heavens, legendary Bronco football coach Pokey Allen smiled as he looked down on Boise during Homecoming weekend in early October.

Forty-three of his former players from the 1994 season — dubbed by the Boise media as the “magic carpet ride” — were back on campus for a 10-year reunion to renew acquaintances, reminisce about their coach and reflect on one of the most spectacular years in Bronco football history.

True to Allen's happy-go-lucky spirit, players at the Friday night reception hoisted their glasses in a long, lively toast to the fallen coach, who died of cancer two years after the magical season.

“Look at what these guys are doing ... each and every one of them is successful,” says Chadwick Byrd, a defensive back on the '94 squad who now works for an off-shore drilling contractor in Norway and made the long trip just to see his ex-teammates again. “It comes from the desire to win, to do the best, that Pokey instilled in all of us. That transfers over.”

“Pokey was as close to a father figure as a football coach can be ... he was [a father] for a lot of us in different ways,” adds Tony Hilde, the team's star quarterback who is now a teacher and coach in Pendleton, Ore.

On preseason paper, Allen's '94 Broncos didn't cause rival coaches to lose much sleep. Picked to finish sixth in the Big Sky, the team featured only 10 seniors and a fleet of new junior college transfers recruited to stop the bleeding after Allen's 3-8 debut season as Bronco head coach.

What couldn't be measured was the team's heart.

“We just believed in a vision and we all worked hard to achieve it. We held a players-only meeting in January. At that moment everyone bought in. We became responsible for each other and for nine months we worked so hard we definitely knew we were going to be a good football team,” explains Jarett Hausske, a wide receiver who is now with an advertising firm in San Francisco.

Adds Hilde: “It was a belief system that bled through our veins by the end of the year. We had one identity.”

“We came through a lot of adversity and it made us a close team ... the

chemistry we had was magic,” adds Brian Smith, a linebacker who is back in Boise after a career in arena football.

After years of mediocre teams, the Broncos surprised their fans with six straight wins to start the



Above, the late Pokey Allen rides down Broadway in December 1994 as part of a publicity stunt. In early October, 43 of Allen's former players reunited in Boise and were honored at Bronco Stadium prior to the 2004 Homecoming game against Southern Methodist. Clockwise from top, Brian Smith and Mark Paljetak run onto the blue turf during the introductions of the 1994 team members; Tony Hilde and his 22-month-old son Chase; Smith with Mike Richmond (left) and Lee Schrack (with hat) during the SMU-BSU game; Danny Weeks (left) and Chris Davis embrace.





# rekindled at Homecoming reunion

season, won the Big Sky Conference crown for the first time since 1980, and ended Idaho's irksome 12-game winning streak. Community interest surged after the Broncos won three Division 1-AA playoff games in Bronco Stadium, including a comeback against powerful Marshall, to advance to the national championship game on Marshall's campus in Huntington, W.Va.

The Broncos' magic carpet ride ended with a 28-14 loss to Youngstown State in the 1-AA title game. But that did nothing to diminish the accomplishments of a season in which they finished 13-2 and beat the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 ranked teams in the nation — Montana, Marshall and

Idaho. Those 13 wins in a single season remain a school record matched only by the 2003 Broncos, and their record compared to the previous year was the second-best turnaround in 1-AA football history.

But as amazing as its feats were, the legacy of the '94 team is more important: It rekindled the community's enthusiasm for Bronco football after a string of ho-hum seasons. A large sign held high at the national championship game summarized the fans' sentiments: WE BELIEVE!

"It was an opportunity for a lot of Boise State fans to be proud of the football program again," says Hauscke. "Every week we just barely won; we were fighters. That made it fun for everyone involved. It got people excited and back in the stands."

By restoring Boise State's long tradition of championship-caliber football, the '94 team sowed the seeds for the progress of the last decade: an expanded stadium, membership in the Western Athletic Conference, postseason bowl victories, national Top 25 rankings and exposure on ESPN and in *Sporting News*, *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today* and other media.

"Boise State football today has evolved from what we were trying to do; we helped the city believe again and that brings in coaches and players," says Hilde. "I think we had a lot to do with that."

"We revamped the program by getting us back on track by being noticed nationally, by doing what the community expects — beating Idaho and going to the national championship [game]," adds Smith.

Magic? Perhaps. Hard work? Certainly. But there was one more important ingredient — fun.

Allen and his coordinators Al Borges and Tom Mason brought the joy back into Bronco football for fans and players alike. Ever the showman and promoter, who but Pokey Allen would ride a horse down Broadway Avenue in a snowstorm to repay fans for breaking the 20,000 attendance mark against Marshall?

And who can forget Borges, his pants slipping lower and lower, swinging from the goal post in a wild celebration with students after the long-awaited Idaho win?

"I love pointing out to people that the guy in the Bronco jacket is our offensive coordinator ... not just a coach, but our offensive coordinator," says Alex Toyos, an offensive lineman on the '94 team who is now the Norwalk, Calif.-based manager of a regional special investigations unit for an insurance company. "What possessed him to get up there only he knows; it was part of the magic of that season."

The Broncos took Boise State fans on a roller-coaster ride that will be etched into memory forever. But Allen's gift to his players goes much deeper than the happy memories relived at the Homecoming reunion.

"Pokey turned my life around. When I met him I wasn't going in the right direction; he put me in that direction. I thank him every day for that ... he believed in me," says Smith.

Yes, for some the magic carpet ride has never ended.

*Editor's note: The 1994 season is chronicled in detail in Allen's autobiography, POKEY: The Good Fight, available at the Boise State Bookstore.*





# Playing with pluck

Lute expert strives for accuracy in Medieval technique

BY KATHLEEN CRAVEN

**W**hen it comes to historical music, Boise State music professor Joe Baldassarre really knows how to “pick” his instrument. He is one of the few experts on the playing technique of the Medieval (12th-15th century) European lute. The lute is a plucked-string guitar-like musical instrument with an oval shape and a deeply rounded back made out of thin strips of wood glued together edgewise. Having four to 14 courses, with each course containing one to three strings, the lute was plucked with a plectrum, or pick, fashioned from items such as quills or horn shards.

While lute-plucking technique may sound like a topic of little interest in a world of electric guitars and “anything goes” performance methods, classical musicians are dedicated to not only preserving historic musical scores, but also learning to perform them in the ways they were intended.

“There are a lot of people who are Renaissance and Baroque lute players,” says Baldassarre (above), “but there is a resurgence of interest in the medieval lute.”

A classical guitar player for most of his life, Baldassarre took up the lute about 20 years ago when he was a doctoral student at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. Wanting to play the instrument correctly, he began poring over old manuscripts illus-



trated with paintings and illuminations of lute players.

“First I would look at those pictures and try to figure out if the painter was faithful to [the instrument],” he says. He studied the angle of the hand holding the lute, the angle at which the plectrum was being held and which direction the musician seemed to be stroking the strings. Then he compared what he’d learned with samples of Medieval repertoire that have survived the centuries.

Along the way he not only learned to play accurately, but also with relish.

“You can do more with the Medieval lute than people think you can,” he says. “When you have a live per-



formance, people are surprised at how versatile it is. There's a lot of freedom with the lute. Medieval music was composed like jazz — there's a lead sheet and you do a whole lot of improvisation on that."

Baldassarre enjoys that stylistic elbowroom, which allows him to experiment with how the right hand was used and what the final product may have sounded like. Since nobody really knows for sure, he's free to experiment with what is known about the style. Part of that style comes from the instrument itself, which in Baldassarre's case was made by his late father Antonio Baldassarre, an expert in instrument reproductions. The elder Baldassarre used plans supplied by his son, who researched them as one of his doctoral projects.

With no detailed plans available — what he found involved a simple description and measurements given as proportions (width to height) — much of his design was based on his studies of paintings, illustrations and the music itself. The BSU professor used his knowledge of Medieval instrument-building customs to add the artistic details.

"The rose (the center cutout detail) was often a copy of the stained glass window of the cathedral in the town where it was made," he says. "So I used the cathedral in Avila, Spain, as a model."

After further research on the types of wood available, as well as techniques used in creating other instruments, he had his lute crafted out of spruce, walnut and maple strips — three of each type because the number nine was important in medieval numerology as three times three (the number of members in the godhead).

The result is not only an accurate reproduction of a Medieval lute, but a work of art he can use to both support his research and hone his craft.

Baldassarre's expertise with the instrument was recently recognized by two renowned lute journals, both of which approached him on their own with the idea of writing about his research. *The Lute Society of America Quarterly* printed an article by Baldassarre on Medieval plectrum technique and *The (British) Lute Society's* journal *The Lute* published a three-part series of articles, pairing Baldassarre's research with that of David Van Edwards, a noted lute craftsman. Baldassarre has also been invited to speak to the society in London.

## MICRON DONATION AIDS RESEARCH

A donation of lab equipment by Micron Technology is helping Boise State physics and engineering researchers investigate substances that will literally change the shape and function of engineering materials. The specialized X-ray equipment, magnetic oven, magneto-optical measurement tool and other instruments cost Micron \$1.7 million when new several years ago.

Materials science and engineering professor Peter Müllner is using some of the donated equipment to test shape-memory alloys — materials that literally change shape and mechanical properties in the presence of a magnetic field. Applications several years down the road might include ultra-fast valves in automotive engines, positioning tools for microsurgical procedures, or sensors to detect environmental contaminants.

In physics professor Alex Punnoose's lab, the new equipment helps with spintronics research, an innovative field that uses the magnetic property of electrons to sense, store and process information.

## CENTER LAUNCHES 'IDAHO ISSUES ONLINE'

Boise State University's Center for Idaho History and Politics unveiled a new online public policy journal in late September. *Idaho Issues Online* is published twice yearly for general audiences and academics. The goal of the journal, which presents public policy and its impact as related to a specific theme, is to foster critical thinking about political and historical problems of vital importance to voters and policymakers. The center is administered by the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

The first issue, available at [www.idahoissues.com](http://www.idahoissues.com), looks at Idaho's five major Indian tribes — Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock and Shoshone Paiute — from both an historical and public policy perspective. The next issue, to be published in spring 2005, will examine Idaho prisons and the accompanying range of social problems that challenge state policymakers.

*Idaho Issues Online* features three or four feature articles written by scholars as well as short profiles of significant people working on or embroiled in the issues under discussion.

## BSU SELECTED FOR FAA RESEARCH CENTER

Boise State was selected as a partner in a new Federal Aviation Administration research center to study cabin air quality and conduct an assessment of chemical and biological threats in airliners.

The team, led by Auburn University, will include researchers at Boise State, Harvard, Purdue, Kansas State, Cal Berkeley and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Boise State electrical engineering professor Joe Hartman will lead Boise State's research.

The FAA Air Transportation Center of Excellence for Airliner Cabin Environment Research is considered a world-class partnership of academia, industry and government formed to identify solutions for existing and anticipated airliner cabin environment problems. It will receive at least \$1 million in funding the first year and \$500,000 in each of the second and third years. Matching funds will be provided by the private sector.



# The case for DNA

Hampikian shares expertise, enthusiasm for forensics biology

BY JANELLE BROWN

Greg Hampikian had barely settled into his new offices this fall in the Biology Department at Boise State University when he received some important news – an inmate who had spent 17 years in a Georgia prison after being convicted of a brutal rape would be freed. The reason: the DNA evidence Hampikian had analyzed as

biology at Clayton State College and University in Georgia.

The highly publicized Harrison case adds to growing momentum for DNA-based forensics, a field that Hampikian believes will play an increasingly important role in criminal justice in the years ahead. “DNA-based forensics is the gold standard when it comes to evidence,” he says. “It’s something that juries understand.”

Hampikian is bringing his scientific expertise, his enthusiasm and his many years of hands-on experience into his classrooms at Boise State. He is teaching a new course in forensic biology this fall for both graduate and undergraduate students that combines classroom instruction with some innovative outreach. For example, in October students joined in a telephone conference call with Court TV reporter Beth Karas, who was covering the Scott Peterson murder trial, and also heard a presentation about the Peterson case from a national expert on crime scene investigations.

Hampikian has also launched a student-driven research project that could have national significance: a survey of the procedures each of the 50 states follows for obtaining, analyzing and introducing DNA evidence as part of criminal procedures. The issue is becoming increasingly important because of many emerging conflicts over when and how DNA evidence should be used by law-enforcement agencies and the courts.

“No one has ever conducted a survey like this before,” says Hampikian, who plans on using Freedom of

Information Act protocol if needed to obtain procedures from each state.

Hampikian calls the classroom “the most underutilized resource in the country,” something he’s working on changing. He’s already received letters from three inmates at the Idaho State Penitentiary asking for his help to review DNA evidence in their cases, and his students are now helping with the groundwork to determine how to respond. Hampikian is collaborating with BSU computer science professor Tim Andersen on a research proposal that deals with the development and applications of artificial DNA. He’s interested in developing a forensics course for high school biology teachers in Idaho, a program he launched in Georgia while serving on the faculty of Clayton. And he’s working with a video production company on training videos for law-enforcement and court officials on obtaining and handling DNA evidence.

That’s a lot of irons in the fire any way you look at it, but Hampikian says he enjoys it all. When he’s not pursuing scientific endeavors, Hampikian is also a playwright and poet. He co-authored *Exit to Freedom* with former inmate Calvin Johnson; the book chronicles Johnson’s 16-year effort to prove his freedom and is the only firsthand account of a prisoner freed by DNA evidence.

After a couple of months at Boise State, Hampikian says he feels right at home.

“Boise State has the collaborative environment that I enjoy,” he says. “I’m glad to be here.”



part of the Georgia Innocence Project proved that the inmate, Clarence Harrison, had not committed the crime.

Hampikian (above), a nationally recognized forensic DNA expert, author, and now a member of Boise State’s faculty, flew back to Georgia to meet with lawyers and participate in press events surrounding Harrison’s release.

“It was miraculous. We had a 17-year-old rape kit slide to work with, but the results were clear: The DNA tests clearly showed that Harrison could not have been the rapist,” says Hampikian, who has a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Connecticut and was formerly a professor of



## St. Helens activity jostles memories for Boise State seismologist Zollweg

When Mount St. Helens jolted its way back into national headlines in late September, Boise State seismologist Jim Zollweg felt like he was hearing from an old friend who had remained silent for the past 18 years.

Zollweg (below), a research professor in the Department of Geosciences, was in charge of the seismic monitoring network at Mount St. Helens from 1981-85. He conducted studies and compiled data in the aftermath of the volcano's catastrophic eruption on May 18, 1980, that killed 57 people and sent a mushroom cloud of ash thousands of feet into the sky.

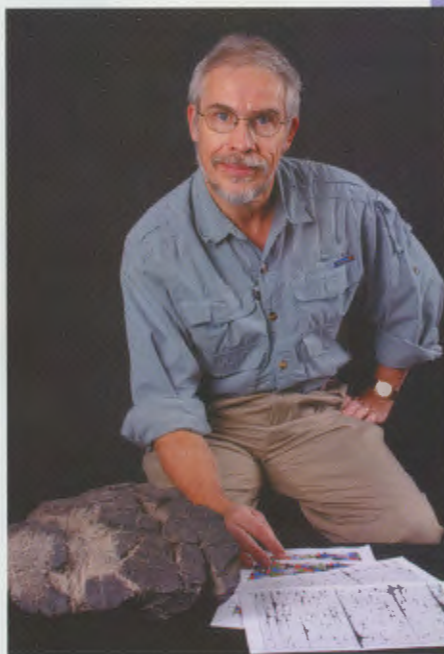
As *FOCUS* went to press, the volcano's most recent rumblings were still considered relatively minor, and scientists did not anticipate an eruption of the magnitude that occurred 24 years ago. Still, volcanoes are notoriously unpredictable, Zollweg says, and researchers were continuing to closely monitor conditions. The seismic data Zollweg collected two decades ago was also being scrutinized by researchers looking for clues about what Mount St. Helens might do next.

"We're just following a recipe that the volcano is creating. It comes out a bit differently each time," says Zollweg, who has conducted research on volcanoes and earthquakes in India, Colombia, Saudi Arabia, Nicaragua, the United States and a number of other countries.

The recent flurry of excitement over Mount St. Helens has brought local TV camera crews and news reporters to the Boise State campus to interview Zollweg, his colleagues in the Department of Geosciences, and graduate students majoring in geology. At press time, Zollweg estimates he's personally been interviewed more than 25 times about Mount St. Helens — and he was still getting media requests.

For geoscientists, having an active volcano a few hundred miles away is worth getting excited about. "This is the spark that gets students interested in science," says Zollweg. "It can be their defining moment."

— Janelle Brown



## Collections donated

A scrapbook of autobiographical letters written in 1947 by more than 20 Idaho authors and the political papers of former state Sen. Karl Brooks have been donated to the Special Collections Department of Boise State's Albertsons Library.

Placed in the scrapbook along with photos, poems and essays about Idaho, the authors' letters were written 57 years ago in response to an inquiry from the Payette Lakes Progressive Club of McCall, asking "Who are all of you and what made you into authors and poets? And what has Idaho to do with it?"

Some authors responded with short notes offering little more than a listing of their works, but others answered with more detailed accounts of their lives and inspiration. Among the authors responding to the club's inquiry were Vardis Fisher, Sister M. Alfreda Elsensohn, Agnes Just Reid and Ruth Gipson Plowhead.

Frances Elizabeth "Jackie" Brooks of Caldwell, who died in January at the age of 95, preserved the Payette Lakes Progressive Club scrapbook over the years. Her daughters, Cynthia Webster of Payette and Mary K. Ballard of Boise, made the donation to the Special Collections Department's Idaho Writers Archive.

Karl Brooks, now a professor of history and environmental studies at the University of Kansas, grew up in Boise and became involved in politics as a campaign and staff aide to Sen. Frank Church. He was first elected to the state Senate in 1986, representing southeast Boise and the central Bench for three terms. From 1993 to 1996 he was legislative liaison and acting director of the Idaho Conservation League. He then moved to Kansas, where he earned a Ph.D. in history.

His papers relate mainly to his legislative career in Idaho, with a focus on environmental issues, as well as his work with the Idaho Conservation League. He is presently working on a book on Hells Canyon High Dam.

The Brooks papers are part of a growing political archive in Albertsons Library that includes papers of U.S. senators Church, Len B. Jordan, D. Worth Clark and William Borah; Gov. Cecil Andrus; U.S. Reps. Larry LaRocco and Gracie Pfost; and state Reps. Pat Bieter and Kitty Gurnsey.





Boise State student Trina Coleman (left) and Matt Trowbridge, a participant at Life's Kitchen, prepare a meal for Boise's homeless population. Coleman stayed on as a volunteer at the community agency after her Service-Learning hours were complete.



By its very name, "civic engagement" implies action. It signifies the intention to move beyond the classroom sanctuary and into the larger world in ways that effect real change. At Boise State University, civic engagement is an integral part of the university's role and mission, driving everything from student projects to community partnerships to research initiatives. On the following pages of FOCUS, we highlight some of the ways Boise State is promoting citizenship skills — and how those efforts are making a difference both on campus and farther afield.

# Serving to Learn



**Boise State Service-Learning program cooks up interest in civic involvement**

**BY SHERRY SQUIRES**



Boise State University student Trina Coleman has the perfect recipe for civic engagement — a little bit of time and a lot of heart.

She works in Life's Kitchen three afternoons a week coordinating volunteers and jump-starting a mentoring program for teens. Life's Kitchen, a non-profit community-based endeavor, helps young adults build life skills through training in culinary arts, followed by job placement in the food services industry or transition to continuing education. While on the job at Life's Kitchen, they prepare meals for Boise's homeless and hungry population.





A number of “experimental kitchens” exist at Boise State University for students to engage with their community, Coleman says. Students are at the heart of the civic engagement buzz on campus. The hope is that they will

become actively involved in their communities and take with them lasting experiences that help shape them and set them up for continued community service and citizenship.

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Coleman, (above) a BSU social work major, began working with Life’s Kitchen through the Service-Learning program at Boise State last fall. She stayed on as a volunteer through the summer after



completing her Service-Learning requirements and is now a work-study student there with an AmeriCorps scholarship.

“It’s the people you meet that keep you there,” she says. “They come from all walks of life and getting to know them makes you aware of the world around you.”

She got involved just as the program was getting off the ground, and knew instantly that something more was at stake than college credits and service hour requirements.

“I would challenge anyone to at least go in one time somewhere and volunteer, even for just a couple of hours,” Coleman says. “They’ll be amazed at what they find.”

New conversations about what civic engagement means are taking place at Boise State. Students gathered Nov. 4 for a student-led presentation on how they can better their communities, what’s happening at campuses across America and what’s happening here.

Service-Learning will continue to play a major role in connecting students with their community. The program matches students from

diverse fields of study with community agencies and allows them to earn college credits through service.

This semester 37 classes feature a Service-Learning component. Strong programs in social sciences and nursing are joined by new options in Middle East literature, publications management and Japanese culture. Program coordinator Kara Hartmann expects to add geosciences, marketing, German and women’s studies in January.

More than 660 Boise State students are expected to amass about 20,300 service hours this fall. There are 36 partner agencies — including Life’s Kitchen — and 50 service activities offered in every college, from communication to theater.

Hartmann says there are no limits to what students might cook up.



## The ABCs of citizenship

Here’s a small sampling of Boise State’s civic engagement, from A to Z.

**A** is for ANSER, the Boise charter school directed by Boise State alumna Suzanne Gregg, which recently won the 2004 national Boyer Best Practices Award for its theme of “Service Learning: Connecting Curriculum and Community.” In addition, several ANSER teachers are graduates of the National Board Certified Teachers Program administered by BSU’s College of Education.


**B** is for ball wall, the latest additions to the playgrounds at Boise’s Highlands and Jackson elementary schools and the 16th and 17th such projects involving BSU construction management students and local schoolchildren. The projects, started in 1996, give the CM students an opportunity to hone their skills while the youngsters are exposed to the math, science and management concepts that take place at a construction site.

**C** is for centers and institutes, of which there are more than 40 based on the Boise State campus. From research



# Women's Center event revisits suffrage struggles

BY PATRICIA PYKE

 The political prisoners were stripped naked, beaten and subjected to physical degradations. When they staged a hunger strike, their keepers brutally jammed tubes down their throats to force-feed them.

That was the treatment doled out in an American correctional facility in the early years of the last century to Alice Paul, Lucy Burns and other women who dared suggest that women should participate in the most fundamental act of civic engagement — voting in U.S. elections.

This forgotten chapter of American history was the subject of the HBO movie *Iron Jawed Angels*, which the Boise State Women's Center presented as part of a drive to encourage women to use their hard-earned right to vote. The project was co-sponsored by the Idaho Women's Network. The Boise State Women's Center has a long history of partnering with community organizations on outreach projects.

"In the last election, over 22 million single women did not vote," says Adriana Black, a senior majoring in Spanish and multi-ethnic studies and a programs assistant at the Women's Center.

About 40 people attended the movie in September in the Women's Center lounge, where



A voter registration drive at the BSU Women's Center attracted a number of new voters.

between 15 and 20 people registered to vote. In 26 communities around Idaho at IWN sponsored showings of *Iron Jawed Angels*, more than 1,500 people attended and more than 500 voters registered.

Black says the Women's Center showed the movie because "it is very important that people, not just

women, learn about the history of the women's movement and realize that it was a struggle and [the right to vote] did not come easy.

...Women in the past worked so hard, and [now] people don't vote."

Lena Bush, a kinesiology/health promotion major who attended the Women's Center screening, says

she votes in presidential and congressional elections, but the movie will spur her to vote more regularly in local elections, too. "It's our obligation as well as our right, and people died to give us that right. We should take advantage of it," she says.

Black says that most textbooks don't teach about the sometimes violent opposition suffragettes endured

leading up to the ratification of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote in federal elections in 1920. "It's not any less important than what George Washington did; it's not any less important than what Abe Lincoln did," she comments. "Why did they forget to put [suffrage history] in the books?"

head offices such as the Center for Health Policy, to service/education units such as the Idaho Council on Economic Education, to affiliates such as the Andrus Center for Public Policy, all are working for the common good of Idaho and beyond.

**D** is for the Discovery Center of Idaho and its partnerships with BSU's College of Engineering. The partnerships include three JASON Project events, which connect area elementary and junior high students with researchers in the far reaches of Earth; the Southwest Regional Invent Idaho competition for students in grades one through eight; and, coming in 2005, the sponsorship on an interactive travel-

ing exhibit titled "Strange Matter," which looks at materials science concepts.

**E** is for employee handbooks. As a free community service, management professor Gundars Kaupins and Boise State students have coauthored 232 employee handbooks for corporations, nonprofit agencies and public sector entities. The handbooks range from 15 to 150 pages in length.

**F** is for forums. Whether it's BSU's sponsorship of the monthly lecture series "Fettuccine Forum" in downtown Boise, the university's participation in PBS' "Deliberation Day" prior to November's presidential election, President



# City of Boise and Boise State build innovative bridges

BY FRANK ZANG



The Boise River forms a natural barrier between the city's downtown and the university. City Hall is located on one side, Idaho's largest university on the other. The two entities are so close they can eyeball each other across Julia Davis Park.

Now, a joint initiative is bridging the gap between Boise State University and the city of Boise with the formation of a 20-plus person group designed to encourage and facilitate constructive collaboration among the university, city government and the larger community.

Boise Mayor Dave Bieter and Boise State President Bob Kustra, who serve as co-chairs of the working group, are relative newcomers to their positions, but the two leaders have linked arms to develop opportunities in economic impact, urban planning, alternative transportation, research and technical assistance, internships, business outreach, and arts and culture.

"The university can and should be the driving force behind a grow-

ing local and regional economy," says Bieter. "I am dedicated to making sure we are maximizing the potential of this great institution. The city and the university must partner with the private sector to ensure that BSU is providing a well-trained work force and is meeting the needs of existing companies and future start-ups.

"At the same time, city government stands to benefit tremendously from the expertise and resources of the university. The challenges that await this growing, changing community are legion, and the great minds at BSU can provide valuable assistance in a multitude of areas."

The working group held its first meeting in September and convenes on a quarterly basis. Initial projects have been a "Welcome To Boise" sign with city and university recognition at the airport; designation of a city historian, who will work in

Boise State's recently established Center for Idaho History and



Boise State President Bob Kustra (left) and Boise Mayor Dave Bieter announce the formation of the Working Group at a recent ceremony held at the Friendship Bridge connecting the campus and city.

Politics; and, starting in 2005, joint support of the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, which provides academic scholarships and brings a three-day world-class musical event to Boise

Bob Kustra leading an "Election Countdown" panel with fellow political scientists Jim Weatherby and Gary Moncrief, or ASBSU and *The Idaho Statesman* co-hosting panel discussions on national security and the economy, public forums provide citizens the opportunity to come together to share their ideas on the issues of the day.

**G** is for guest speakers. Thanks to university organizations such as the Distinguished Lecture Series, Student Programs Board, Women's Center and Frank Church Chair on Public Affairs, illustrious figures such as Mary Robinson, Kurt Vonnegut, Lech Walesa, Walter Mondale, Gloria Steinem, Danny Glover, Peter Jennings, Ralph Nader, George

McGovern, David Broder, John Wooden and others have been featured speakers at Boise State.

**H** is for Hispanic Wellness Initiative. Spearheaded by Boise State's Department of Nursing, the program is designed to educate university students and health-care professionals about culturally appropriate wellness care for Idaho's Latino population and increase the percentage of Hispanic students entering health professions.

**I** is for internships. With one of the top internship programs in the Northwest, BSU places hundreds of student workers with Boise-area businesses, government agencies,



# of cooperation and community service

each April.

Plans are moving forward on the creation of an Institute for Urban and Regional Planning led by Michael Blankenship, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, with the city of Boise as a major partner. The city has agreed to co-sponsor the



Fettuccine Forum, a free public affairs lecture series, and has offered the City Council Chambers for a spring 2005 class in municipal politics.

Uwe Reischel, director of the College of Health Sciences Center for Public Policy, is leading a task force studying the city's services

for the homeless. Catherine Chertudi (BS, environmental health, '79) the city's environmental program manager, has been appointed to the university's Master of Health Science Program Advisory Council. Another joint project is the Creative Communities Conference, scheduled for December and spearheaded by Nancy Napier, director of international business programs.

Many of these early endeavors have been accomplished without benefit of a formal effort by the city and university, which is evidence of the relationship's natural fit. Future areas of cooperation continue to be explored for future working group meetings.

"The sum is always greater than

the parts," says Kustra. "A number of opportunities exist that can mutually benefit the two institutions. Boise State and the city of Boise find themselves in an ideal position to capitalize on their respective strengths for the betterment of the Treasure Valley."

This joint effort makes the river between the city of Boise and the university that bears its name seem like a stream.




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— Bob Kustra

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health-care facilities, arts groups, media and other employers each year. While the students gain valuable real-world experience, their employers also benefit by training and assessing the skills of potential full-time employees.

**J** is for joint efforts between Boise State and the local community. A recent example is the agreement among President Bob Kustra, Boise Mayor Dave Bietel and Boise Schools Superintendent Stan Olson to hold annual education summits to discuss collaborative efforts on resources, facilities and educational issues.


**K** is for Krav Maga, an Israeli self-defense technique taught by Sensei Pon Inthathirath of Boise's Dragon Bushido Karate Dojo as part of a Students Against Destructive Decisions program at Centennial High School in Meridian. The SADD chapter is facilitated by Boise State nursing students.

**L** is for Literature for Lunch. Started during the 1979-80 academic year, the book-reading group is led by BSU English professors Carol Martin and Jan Widmeyer and involves members of the Boise community who want to broaden their reading horizons. Held in the Boise Public Library, the group's discussions simulate a college class-



# Expanded campus will benefit Canyon County

BY SHERRY SQUIRES

 As plans for a new community college evolve on Boise State University's West Campus in Nampa, so do opportunities for the university to engage and enrich the Canyon County community and beyond.

When Dennis Griffin became director of the Canyon County Center in 1989, few inside the Nampa and Caldwell community knew Boise State existed there, he says. Fast forward 15 years, and the university and community share a strong bond.

A series of incremental steps from annual coat drives for kids to membership and leadership in service clubs and organizations helped place Boise State among the community's leading partners.

"We've done a lot, but we could do so much more," Griffin says. "The people in this community understand that there are so many ways we can benefit the valley with a community college."

As they have looked across the

country, Boise State administrators have yet to find a metropolitan area the size of the Treasure Valley that does not have a community college. While a community college concept in Nampa is still taking form, the



Construction of the academic building on Boise State's West campus in Nampa is expected to be completed by spring 2005.

colleges traditionally provides the first two years of a university education, occupational training programs, adult basic education, short-term non-credit workforce training, and help bridge the gap between high school and college for students not yet prepared for college.

For Caldwell School District Superintendent Rick Miller, having a safety net for those students is essential to their success, and that of Idaho as a whole. Statewide if

you look at post-secondary retention, it's clear we need a bridge between the high school experience and education and training beyond high school, he says. Without these opportunities, we lose people.

Work force training is necessary for drawing new economic development to the area, Griffin says. Companies looking to relocate ask first what kind of ongoing training and education is available to their employees. Currently, Boise State has a two-year techni-

cal college (Selland College of Applied Technology), which provides several of the functions that will be offered on the BSU-West Campus.

According to Larry Barnhardt, dean of the Selland College, "expanding the community college mission on the 150-acre campus in Nampa would provide an opportunity for the college to spread its wings and triple its training programs and services.

room environment and provide the members with a lively forum to discuss literature.

**M** is for Martin Luther King Jr./Human Rights celebration, a week of events sponsored by Boise State each January in honor of the late civil rights leader. MLK/Human Rights events are just one of several BSU programs and organizations that encourage ethnic awareness in the Boise community. Other such programs include the Lu'au, International Food, Song and Dance Festival, Africa Night, PowWow and Cinco de Mayo.

**N** is for National Public Radio affiliate Boise State Radio,


which in Boise offers programming from KBSU, the classical and arts station on 90.3 FM; NPR News 91, the NPR news station; and Idaho's Jazz Station on 730 AM.

**O** is for organizations: Every year at Boise State employee groups, such as the Association of Classified Employees and Professional Staff Association, and student organizations such as the Volunteer Services Board coordinate teams and participate in altruistic programs such as Paint the Town, Rake Up Boise, Habitat for Humanity, Boise River Cleanup, Into the Streets and Sack Hunger (where food for the needy is collected at BSU football games).



# Partnerships to create new harmony for jazz festival

BY SHERRY SQUIRES

 The late jazz piano legend Gene Harris often called Boise “the center of the universe.” Here he found a place to call home, made lasting friendships and delved into the life of his community. So it is fitting that Boise State University and the city of Boise are working to develop a

number of partnerships, including one that will increase the city’s involvement in future Gene Harris Jazz Festivals. Boise State began the festival in 1998, and has presented it each April since then. The festival already has ties to the city. Club Night, one of the festival’s most popular evenings, is held in downtown Boise venues, and both the Friday and Saturday concerts are staged downtown in the Bank of America Centre.

Festival executive director

Hy Kloc says the partnerships are just waiting to happen. A Gene Harris Jazz Festival partnership would help lift the festival to greater heights and greater recognition in the Northwest.

Future plans for the festival will reflect both the university’s and the city’s goal to see it grow, reach new audiences, raise its visibility outside of the state, and continue to bring top-name entertainment to Boise, Kloc says.

“Boise needs to encourage its homegrown festivals and celebrations, and you don’t get more homegrown than Gene Harris,” Boise Mayor Dave Bieter says. “I’m thrilled that this jazz festival, which has become such a signature event for the community, will be bigger and better than ever in 2005.”

The festival will feature headliner Ramsey Lewis and a variety of other artists. (See page 9.) For more information, visit [www.geneharris.org](http://www.geneharris.org).



Jazz pianist Dave Brubeck (left) plays to a full house during the 2004 Gene Harris Jazz Festival. The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, with tenor saxophonist Kevin Harris (above), was a featured performer in 2003.

**P** is for Public Policy Survey, an annual report compiled and administered by the Social Science Research Center, housed in BSU’s College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. The survey has identified issues of public policy concern among Idaho citizens for 15 years.

**Q** is for quality, as in water quality, a program that involves BSU’s Department of Community and Environmental Health along with the Ada County Highway District, the Idaho Transportation Department and others that is designed to increase community awareness in Boise and Garden City of storm water quality issues.

**R** is for Renaissance Institute, a program offered by BSU’s Division of Extended Studies that offers citizens an array of learning opportunities through college-level lectures and short courses. The program works in cooperation with community organizations.

**S** is for suicide and sexual assault hotlines. The Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline has fielded calls from across Idaho for 12 years. BSU communication professor Peter Wollheim has helped train some 300 hotline volunteers and was instrumental in the development of a certified crisis worker program at BSU. Administered by the BSU Women’s Center, the sexual assault hotline is for students, faculty



# Boise State University citizenship outreach programs

BY JANELLE BROWN

With a new grant to develop guidelines to assess civic education programs in K-12 schools, a civics partnership with educators in Kenya, and a state leadership role in the upcoming Congressional Conference on Civics Education in Washington, D.C., Boise State University is influencing how citizenship skills are taught both here in Idaho and farther afield.

"The challenge we're facing is to make civics education instruction in our public schools accountable without a federal mandate or another test," says Dan Prinzing (BA, history/secondary education, '83; MA, curriculum and instruction, '87), director of the Office of School Partnerships and Field Experience in the College of Education.

Civics education and social studies were omitted from the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the landmark 2001 bill that requires that all students be tested for adequate yearly progress toward academic proficiency levels established by

each state, and that schools be held accountable for the results, Prinzing notes.

To address that oversight, a number of public and private organizations have implemented new civics education programs and outreach. Boise State is involved in a number of those programs:

- The university is the recipient of one of 12 nationwide grants awarded this fall by the national Campaign for the Civic Mission of School. The grant enables a bipartisan coalition of educational, community and policy leaders from across Idaho to develop guidelines to assess civic education programs in the state's K-12 schools.



Prinzing (above) procured the grant and chairs the statewide coalition.

The assessment guidelines developed by the coalition will be field-tested in spring 2005 at Borah High School, Orofino High School and Wendell Middle School. As part of the grant, a team of education leaders from Idaho's seven institutions for higher education will also design a model unit of instruction on civic education and civic engagement for elementary and secondary social studies meth-

and staff and offers crisis response and other resources for victims 24 hours a day.

**T** is for teacher education field-base experiences. Among the many programs is the America Reads Program, coordinated by the College of Education's Department of Literacy. This project brings BSU students into elementary schools throughout the Treasure Valley where they work up to 20 hours a week with children to help develop the youngsters' literacy and math skills.

**U** is for University Television Productions, the BSU-based cable programmer that provides a public service by taping

speeches and guest lectures, as well as other on-campus events of public interest, and broadcasting them at a later date on the local cable system.

**V** is for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a free tax-return preparation service run in conjunction with the IRS and provided by student members of BSU's Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting honorary society. The program is for disabled, low-income and elderly members of the Boise community during the six weeks leading up to the April 15 tax-filing deadline.

**W** is for workshops. Boise State services such as the Idaho



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ods courses.

• Boise State will partner with educators in Kenya as part of Civitas Africa, a project administered by the national Center for Civic Education and funded by Congress under the Education for Democracy Act. The project involves exchange programs between the partners, including visits to schools systems and institutions of higher learning, seminars for civic educators on the values and principles of democracy, and translation of basic documents and significant works on political theory. Among the program's goals is to create and implement civic education programs for students in the United States that will help them better understand the history and experiences of both emerging and other advanced democracies.

Prinzing and a colleague at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, which is also involved in the program, will travel to Kenya in

January to meet with educators as part of Civitas Africa.

• In December Prinzing will lead Idaho's delegation at the annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education in Washington, D.C. The delegation will include key state legislators, education leaders and other officials. The 2004 conference is the second of five planned annual conferences designed to focus public attention on the critical need for civic education and civic engagement in America.

Conference participants will develop state action plans designed to strengthen programs. As Idaho's largest university located in the capital city, Boise State is uniquely positioned to play a pivotal role in civics studies, Prinzing adds. "Our goal is to enhance civic engagement

at the K-12 level to prepare students to assume what Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis called the most important office in the land — citizenship."



## Boise State joins Democracy Project

A three-year program recently adopted by Boise State aims to increase the focus on civic engagement on campus.

The nationwide American Democracy Project will highlight the many existing programs and efforts that tie the university to the community, such as Service-Learning projects and internships, and serve as an impetus to create even more civic ties.

Developed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in collaboration with the *New York Times*, the American Democracy Project grew out of a concern over decreasing participation in civic life. This includes voting, advocacy, local grassroots associations and other forms of civic engagement vital to any democracy.

Learn more about Boise State's civic engagement efforts at <http://civicengagement.boisestate.edu>.

Small Business Development Center, TechHelp, the Center for Workforce Training, the Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program and the Center for Professional Development offer workshops and training sessions for Boise-area businesses and workers as the university does its part to help keep Idaho's economy going.

**X** is for dental X-rays, which are provided free of charge for low-income children and adults through the Selland College of Applied Technology's dental assistant program.

**Y** is for youth events, competitions and camps at Boise State. Science Competition Day, Gene Harris Jazz Festival

workshops, Idaho Business Week, the International Economic Summit, BSU Summer Academy, DanceFest, Cavalcade USA and the Idaho Engineering Summer Camp are just some of the BSU-sponsored youth academic, athletic and arts programs that bring thousands of young people to campus annually.

**Z** is for zinnia, one of the many flowers and plants grown by Boise State's horticulture program for the Idaho Botanical Garden. The College of Applied Technology's partnership with the Botanical Garden provides students with a "living lab" to hone their skills by providing much of the planting, design and maintenance at the 20-acre site.



# Jones' endowment helps pre-med students

For the past six years an anonymous benefactor has helped 25 Boise State students achieve their dreams of medical and research careers. Their benefactor, Dr. Ralph Jones, was adamant about keeping his identity a secret during his lifetime.

Jones (right) died this past August at the age of 96. He was a beloved surgeon, practicing in Boise from 1938 until his retirement in 1980. He earned his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in 1934. He was, at different times, president of the medical staff at both Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

"I am greatly appreciative of Dr. Jones," says Eric Elliott (B.A. English, pre-med, '02), a medical student at Johns Hopkins Medical School. Elliott recently learned that Jones' endowment funded most of his Mountain States Tumor and Medical Research Institute (MSTMRI) pre-medical fellow-

ship on biomedical research in 2001-2002.

"The MSTMRI fellowship was an excellent exposure to biomedical research — something that medical schools look for," says Elliott. "I think that my MSTMRI experiences helped me to be competitive in applying at top-tier medical schools."

Boise State pre-professional studies director Glenda Hill says the yearlong MSTMRI Fellowships and other Pre-Med Summer Fellowships, both funded by the Jones endowment, enable students to gain valuable experience as researchers.

In addition to boosting their chances for medical school admission, the students benefit from being mentored by professors and other medical researchers, she says.



Students worked on research ranging from understanding the immune component of asthma attacks to investigating tumor progression in prostate cancer.

Jones' daughters, Judy Combs and Marcia Sands, say their family in Boise did not know their father's secret until he passed away. "His anonymous gift was exactly who he was," they say. "He was extremely humble, he was debonair, always meticulously dressed.

"He always wore a coat and tie to the hospital. ... He was a very gentle man, a loving man, he was the epitome of a medical doctor."

Dr. Jones' legacy will live on through his endowment. Memorials to carry on his work to help aspiring pre-medical students may be made to the Ralph R. Jones, M.D., FACS Endowment, Boise State University Foundation, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID, 83725-1030.

— Patricia Pyke



Every year more than 80 student callers contact Boise State University alumni and friends and ask for their continued support through financial donations. Since Phon-A-Thon's inception, it has raised more than \$2.8 million. These funds have supported numerous colleges and departments throughout campus.

Thanks to alumni and friends who contributed through Phon-A-Thon 2004.

Your continued support of Boise State University makes a difference for every student.



## NSF grant will fund engineering scholarships

**B**oise State University has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to provide engineering scholarships for 30 students a year for the next four years. Through a unique mix of residential living, research opportunities and newly developed curricula, the scholarship program will help advance the College of Engineering's goal to attract and retain talented women and men from diverse backgrounds.

The Scholarship for Computer Science and Engineering Education in Idaho program will provide scholarships for full-time students pursuing bachelor's degrees in computer science, electrical engineering, civil engineering, materials science or mechanical engineering.

The CSEEI program will partner with high school counselors and math and science teachers in southwest Idaho to identify and recruit potential students.

Once admitted to college, the scholarship students can choose to live in a residential cohort in one of the new residence halls at Boise State, a living environment that will foster their success in engineering studies.

Part of Boise State's commitment to the NSF grant falls under the Campaign for Students, with a goal of \$40,000 in additional scholarships for students who choose to live in the engineering residential community.

The application deadline is Feb. 15, 2005. An NSF scholarship application may be downloaded at [coen.boisestate.edu](http://coen.boisestate.edu).

## Blue Cross donation benefits endowed nursing scholarship

**K**eeping with its mission of promoting health and wellness, the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health donated \$7,500 for an endowed nursing scholarship at Boise State.

The donation will be matched with \$2,500 from the Boise Industrial Foundation fund to create the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Nursing Scholarship. The Blue Cross Foundation made the donation as part of the ongoing Campaign for Students at Boise State.

"We recognize the important

role nurses play in the delivery of quality health care and are pleased to support BSU's outstanding program by creating this endowed scholarship for nursing students," says Gary Dyer, vice chairman for the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health. "Since its inception in 2001, our Foundation has been involved with programs that positively impact the health and wellness of all Idaho residents, and supporting the BSU Nursing Department is a perfect match in terms of meeting that mission."

## SOCIETY OF 1932 RECOGNIZES DONORS

The "Society of 1932" has been established by the Boise State University Foundation to recognize donors who make deferred gift commitments (bequests, life-income arrangements, life insurance, etc.) to benefit the university.

"The Society of 1932 draws its name from the founding year of Boise Junior College and its members," says Jennifer Neil, the Foundation's director of planned giving.

"Those who have expressed their support of Boise State through planned gift commitments are building yet another foundation of long-term financial support for the university, ensuring a strong future."

To participate in The Society of 1932 or to learn more about planned gift opportunities, write or call the Boise State University Foundation, Office of Gift Planning, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725-1030 or call (208) 426-3276.

## DAHM MAKES ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION

Norm Dahm, a College of Engineering emeritus faculty member, has made a contribution to the future of engineering education at Boise State.

Dahm, who retired after 38 years as an educator and adviser to the local engineering community, has already established two scholarships at Boise State and has designated the proceeds from his charitable trust to further fund those scholarships.

As a result of his generous planning, future generations of students in engineering and athletics will benefit from his heritage through the endowed scholarships.

## BUSINESS PROGRAM GETS DONATION

Last spring, the Copenhagen Business School in Denmark invited Nancy Napier, director of the Global Business Consortium in the College of Business and Economics at Boise State, to deliver a series of lectures on the international MBA program.

In recognition of the relationship between the two schools, and to support Boise State's international business students, Napier and the Copenhagen Business School made a monetary donation to the International Business program.

## FIRM DONATES SOFTWARE TO ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Silvaco, a California-based computer-aided design software vendor, recently made a donation of software to the Boise State College of Engineering.

The software will be used by students in electrical and computer engineering professor Jeffrey Jessing's Introduction to Integrated Circuits and MEMS (micro-electro-mechanical systems) class to address integrated circuits design using Unix design tools.





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**ON PARADE:** Boise State alumni, students and fans celebrated Homecoming 2004 with the university's annual parade and other activities in early October. At right, Alumni Association executive director Lee Denker (standing) chats with student body president David Morriss (behind the wheel of the Student Alumni Association's Spirit Cart) during the parade.



## Auction '05 will honor Yanke family, fund scholarships

To recognize Ron Yanke's many contributions to Boise State, the university will honor the late Boise businessman and his family at its 12th biennial auction next spring.

Boise State's Auction 2005, scheduled May 7 at the Boise Centre on The Grove, will honor Yanke and recognize his family. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. Tickets to the event are \$125 per person.

The auction has been a BSU tradition every other year since its inception in the early 1980s. The Bronco Athletic Association and the Boise State Alumni Association co-sponsor the auction, which has raised \$2.5 million from the previous 11 events.

The university is kicking off its campaign to collect donations for Auction

2005. Alumni, boosters, businesses and individuals may donate items, cash and/or services to the auction. The BAA will use proceeds from the auction to benefit the athletic scholarship endowment fund. The Alumni Association will utilize its portion of the proceeds to benefit the Alumni Legacy Scholarship fund.

The Yanke family has been active in the Boise State community and as lifetime members of the BAA. The Yankes have given generously through financial support and their time over the years; most recently the Yankes were involved in a major transaction with Boise State that was both a sale and a donation by the family.

The transaction, which amounted to a \$1.61 million gift to BSU, allowed the university to acquire a prime parcel of

property adjacent to the southwest corner of its campus.

In addition, the Yankes have been a major financial contributor to several projects at Boise State including the Simplot/Micron Building, the Centennial Amphitheatre and the expansion of Bronco Stadium. They also helped secure the land on which the Boise State-West campus now stands.

Ron Yanke was a local businessman, philanthropist and longtime supporter of Boise State who passed away earlier this year.

For more information, to make a donation, volunteer or reserve tickets to the auction, contact Valerie Tichenor, special events coordinator, at (208) 426-2570 or vtichen@boises-tate.edu.



## 'Alumni at the Arts' offers discounted tickets for shows

The BSU Alumni Association's first "Alumni at the Arts" event, a national touring company performance of *The Producers* at the Morrison Center in mid-September, drew more than 40 alumni and friends, including Julie Denker (middle), wife of association executive director Lee Denker. Patrons participated in a wine-and-cheese reception that preceded the musical, which is



part of the Wells Fargo Broadway in Boise series.

The second Alumni at the Arts performance was *Rent* on Oct. 6. Upcoming shows are *Smokey Joe's Café* Nov. 18, *Lord of the Dance* Jan. 20, and *The Full Monty* March 18.

Discounted alumni tickets will be available for purchase approximately eight to 10 weeks before each show date. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (208) 426-1698.



**FRIENDS OF BOISE STATE:** State Sen. Brad Little (R-Emmett, center) and state Rep. Lee Gagner (R-Idaho Falls, second right) were honored with Alumni Association Honorary Lifetime Membership Awards earlier this year. The award recognizes individuals who are not Boise State alumni but who have made significant contributions to the university, the Alumni Association, or Idaho higher education in general. Others are (from left) Mark Dunham, interim vice president for university advancement, Bob Kustra, BSU president, and Alex LaBeau, Alumni Association president.

## Alumni Association Calendar of Events

### November

- 17 — Board of directors meeting, Boise
- 18 — Alumni at the Arts, *Smokey Joe's Café*, Morrison Center
- 20 — La Tech vs. BSU BroncoBash and football game, Boise
- 27 — BSU vs. Nevada BroncoBash and football game, Reno

### December

- 7 — Magic Valley chapter meeting, Twin Falls
- 17 — Winter graduation celebration, Boise

### January

- 15 — Alumni awards nomination deadline
- 19 — Boise State Day at the Legislature, Statehouse.
- 20 — Alumni at the Arts, *Lord of the Dance*, Morrison Center

### February

- 1 — Alumni reception, Washington, D.C., The Monacle restaurant
- 16 — Board of directors meeting, Boise

For more information on events, visit our online calendar at [alumni.boisestate.edu](http://alumni.boisestate.edu).

## Legacy Scholarship to aid children of alums

The Alumni Association will introduce the Boise State Alumni Legacy Scholarship this fall, presented annually to a child or grandchild of a Boise State graduate.

The four-year renewable scholarship is available only to incoming freshmen and replaces the association's Distinguished Freshman Scholarship program. The scholarship covers the cost of in-state fees for fall and spring semesters. Scholarship criteria includes a minimum score of 24 on the ACT, 1090 on the SAT, a minimum GPA of 3.6, and enrollment at Boise State as a full-time student.

The parent or grandparent of the applicant must be a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association.

Application forms will be available on the Boise State Financial Aid Office Web site, ([financialaid.boisestate.edu](http://financialaid.boisestate.edu)) or by calling the Alumni Association for information. The application deadline is Feb. 15, 2005.



## RENO TAILGATE NOV. 27

The Alumni Association will host two events in Reno during Thanksgiving weekend when the Broncos take on the University of Nevada Wolf Pack.

Alumni and fans will gather at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino from 3-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, for the official Boise State Welcome Party. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Local KTIK radio personality and Boise State alumnus Jeff Caves will broadcast his sports talk show live from the party from 3-5 p.m.

The official Bronco Bash Tailgate Party starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the El Dorado Hotel and Casino. It will feature a brunch buffet, entertainment, door prizes and plenty of Bronco spirit. Tickets are \$15 for Alumni Association members and \$20 for non-members. RSVP by calling (208) 426-1698 or register online at [alumni.boisestate.edu](http://alumni.boisestate.edu).

## WE NEED YOUR YEARBOOKS

The Alumni Office is actively seeking Les Bois yearbooks from the 1930s through 1978. The office would like to maintain three complete collections of yearbooks for display in the Alumni Center.

The office's single collection is currently missing two years, 1934 and 1941. Several other years only have one copy available. If you are willing to donate your yearbook or any other college memorabilia to the Alumni Center collection, contact Donna Conner at (208) 426-1959.

## ALUMNI CHAPTERS FORMING

BSU Alumni Association chapters are currently being developed in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Coeur d'Alene, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Denver and Reno.

If you are interested in becoming involved with a local chapter, contact Alumni Association director Lee Denker at (208) 426-5790 for details.

## NEW LIFETIME MEMBER BENEFIT ADDED

Starting this winter, all lifetime members will receive annually a full-color wall calendar featuring beautiful photographs of campus landmarks.

The calendars are provided to lifetime members in appreciation for their support of the Alumni Association.

# Horn named associate director

Rhiannon Horn has joined the staff of the Alumni Association as associate director of alumni relations, bolstering the organization's efforts to increase alumni support for Boise State.

Horn (BBA, marketing, '03) came to the Alumni Office from the BSU Student Recreation Center, where she served



as marketing director. In her role as associate director, Horn (above) coordinates the association's annual and lifetime membership program and helps to advance the development of chapters. She also serves as adviser to the Student Alumni Association.

Rhiannon has joined our team as we move forward with our goal of building one of the nation's top alumni associations," says executive director Lee Denker. "Not only does Rhiannon bring great enthusiasm to her new job, but she also brings tremendous skill that will serve the Alumni Association and Boise State University very well."

Two of Horn's short-term projects include the implementation of an online alumni directory and expanded Web site and assisting the Student Alumni Association in its plans to host a regional Association of Student Advancement Professionals district conference, which will bring hundreds of student leaders from around the West to Boise State next February.

Horn and her husband, Gabe, were married last March.

"I am pleased that

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**  
Do you know Boise State alumni who are worthy of recognition for career accomplishments or service to Boise State? You are invited to submit a nomination. See details, right.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

The Alumni Association will select up to four Distinguished Alumni Award winners who bring honor and glory to Boise State based on a record of outstanding accomplishments in their chosen profession. Awards will be presented at the Distinguished Alumni & Top Ten Scholars Banquet on April 20, 2005.

### Alumni Service Award

The Alumni Association will select up to two Alumni Service Award winners whose extraordinary interest in the university, demonstrated through dedicated volunteer service, serve as an inspiration to the campus community. Awards will be presented at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting, May 4, 2005.

#### Requirements for both awards:

1. Nominee must have received a degree from Boise Junior College, Boise college, Boise State College, or Boise State University.
2. Recipients must attend the ceremony to receive their award.
3. Nominations must be submitted no later than January 15, 2005.

Your nomination should include a letter describing the nominee's qualifications for the award. Also include the following: nominee's name and class year; category (Alumni Service Award or Distinguished Alumni Award); occupation/job title; address; home and work phone.

Nominators should include their own name, address and phone number(s).

#### Deadline: Jan. 15, 2005

Send information to: Alumni Awards Committee, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1035 or nominate online at [alumni.boisestate.edu](http://alumni.boisestate.edu).



## Alum supports people journeying through life's door

In 1969, as Mary Langenfeld's 17-year-old sister Judy was dying of leukemia, there was no one to guide her family through the grueling ordeal, no one to assist them during middle-of-the-night crises, no one to help them sort out their feelings of loss.

"I guess the reality is I wouldn't want anyone to go through that," says Langenfeld (MBA, '89), who was a nurse at the time of her sister's death. "I always go back to what it [would have been] like for my parents if they had just had one number to call."

Now, people nearing the end of life do have a number to call – Life's Doors Hospice, which Langenfeld founded in Boise 10 years ago. Its mission is to provide physical, psychological and spiritual support and care for people in the last phases of an incurable disease so that they may live as fully and comfortably as possible, usually in their own homes.

"The philosophy that we have at Life's Doors is that our goal is to help people live until they die," she says from the hospice office, where koi fish swimming in ponds, sculptured rocks, cascading water and natural lighting give the indoor and outdoor spaces an inviting and tranquil feel.

Langenfeld didn't immediately start a hospice program after Judy's death. It would be another decade before the hospice concept, imported from England, made inroads in American culture. Meanwhile, Langenfeld built a career with extensive executive-level

and patient-care roles in many areas of hospital operations in the Northwest and Midwest. In 1994, she felt the time was right to combine her medical and business skills to begin the hospice.

She has also founded and serves as

in human and organizational development from the Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1999. Yet she still makes good use of her earliest degree – in nursing.

"I carry a caseload and I rotate [being on] call with all the rest of the nurses," she says. "That's the best part of the job.

"It's very difficult to describe what it feels like when you go into someone's home at three o'clock in the morning and their fear level is high. Just seeing, feeling the warmth with which they welcome you, the respect that they have for what you can do to help them, and the gratitude that they have that you're willing to get out of bed in the middle of the night ... I just can't describe the feeling."

Hospice care goes beyond meeting a patient's physical needs. "Hospice is a very holistic concept," Langenfeld says. Its focus on life and death as a journey allows people to – if they choose to do so – heal relationships and spiritual wounds and die in peace.

"We just had a gentleman who died not very long ago who was able to see a daughter he had not seen in more than 26 years," she says.

Sharing these journeys with people has changed Langenfeld in ways she never imagined when she started the hospice.

"I think the greatest lesson I've learned is what the patients have taught me – to be open to those lessons and do what I can to shape my life in such a way that it is one of gratitude and one of giving."

— Patricia Pyke



Langenfeld says the staff at Life's Doors contributed healing concepts to the building design, including a peaceful garden.

CEO of Life's Doors Home Care Solutions, which provides in-home personal care, and Life's DoorWays, a nonprofit organization that provides grief education.

This head of a company that employs more than 70 people is a self-avowed lifelong learner, having earned several medical certifications and five academic degrees including her MBA from Boise State and a Ph.D.



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 [boisestate.edu](mailto:boisestate.edu). In addition, if you know someone who would make a good feature story in our "Alumnotes" section, contact the office of News Services at the same address.

## 40s

### ROBERT STEPHEN

**MITCHELL**, AA, arts and sciences, '42, was a featured speaker at the 2004 Manhattan Project reunion and conference commemorating the 60th anniversary of the atomic bomb project during World War II. The conference was held at the National Warplane Museum in Horseheads, N.Y.

## 60s

**GREGORY L. CHARLTON**, AA, general arts & sciences, '66, BA, elementary education, '68, is a board member of Idaho Independent Bank and Regence Blue Shield of Idaho. Charlton is senior vice president of Idaho Independent Bank. He was previously president of Seaport Citizens Bank in Lewiston and senior vice president of First National Bank of North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene.

## 70s

**LINDA L. CLARK**, BA, elementary education, '70, is superintendent of schools for Joint School District No. 2 in Meridian. Clark taught in the Boise School District from 1971-75 and was a principal in the Meridian School District from 1978-94. She was director of curriculum and staff development and most recently director of student achievement in Meridian. Clark earned a master's degree in education from the University of Idaho and a doctorate in organization

and leadership from the University of San Francisco.

**DOUGLAS E. GOCHNOUR**, BS, biology, '76, is the Idaho City district ranger for the Boise National Forest. For the past 13 years, Gochnour has served in the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor's Office in Orofino, where he was team leader for the forest planning team, land management planning staff officer and the Forest's administrative officer. Gochnour also was a ski area planner for the Mount Hood National Forest, a wild and scenic river specialist and a district fire management officer. He earned a master's degree in forestry and forest fire science from Colorado State University.

**LURA JEAN KIDNER-MIESEN**, BA, history, '79, is pastor of the Stayton United Methodist Church in Stayton, Ore.

## 80s

**JOSEPH M. BRENNAN**, BA, English/communication, '81, has published his translation of the book *Per Aspera, Ad Astra*, chronicling the genesis and development of the Swedish pharmaceutical industry and the Swedish arm of Anglo-Swedish AstraZeneca, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies. Brennan is a corporate communications consultant in Stockholm, Sweden.

**MIKE RAY COOLEY**, BBA, marketing, '81, co-owner of George's Cycles and Fitness in Boise, is director of the Wells Fargo Twilight Criterium.

**BARBARA S. (SMEDLEY) McDERMOTT**, BA, history, '81, is manager of the Eagle branch of Washington Federal Savings. She previously worked for Washington Trust Bank and Idaho First National Bank. McDermott volunteers with Boise Neighborhood Housing's Paint the Town, March of Dimes and Seven Oaks Elementary School.

**WARD HOOPER** (BA, fine arts, '86) created the Art in Transit poster series that adorns Boise's bus shelters. The vintage-advertising style prints of Boise's cultural influences were funded by the city of Boise with a grant from the City Art Fund. Hooper says he created this poster — in a style reminiscent of popular 20th century artist Maxfield Parrish — to reflect BSU's beautiful campus and academic setting. Valley Ride sponsored reprints of the 14 Art in Transit posters, with proceeds benefiting other Art in Transit projects.



**MICHAEL S. LA TOUR**, BBA, marketing, '78, MBA, '81, is a professor and chair of the marketing department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

**LELA M. HANKINS**, BS, chemistry, '83, is a licensed Realtor in North San Diego County, Calif.

**TROY DAVID HAWKER**, COC, industrial maintenance, '81, AAS, machine tool technology, '83, has joined the offices of Coldwell Banker Aspen Realty.

**CASEY U. ROBINSON**, BA, political science, '83, has been selected Gooding County magistrate judge. Robinson was chief deputy public defender for Twin Falls County and an attorney with Robinson and Walker in Caldwell. He was a partner in the law firm Roberts and Robinson, an associate attorney with both the Kirk Anderson Law Office and the Harry De Haan Law office in Twin Falls and a law clerk for Judge Daniel Meehl in Twin Falls County.

**WILLIS R. ROBINETTE**, BBA, finance, '85, is vice president and southern Idaho area manager for the Magic Valley Commercial Banking Center of Banner Bank. A banker of more than 20 years, Robinette earned degrees from the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington and the Western Agricultural Credit School at Washington State University.

**NANETTE (CALLEY) WEST**, BBA, management, '85, is the school change coordinator for Marshall High School in Portland, Ore. West will work to support the conversion of the existing high school into multiple, high achieving and equitable small high schools. She has taught business and accounting classes at Marshall since 1998.

**STEVE L. COX**, BBA, marketing, '86, was appointed vice president of business development at Park Place Mortgage. Cox has worked for AT&T business and wireless services. He serves on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Advisory Board, is a member of the Boise Southwest Rotary Club and is involved with Junior Achievement of Idaho and the Girl Scouts Silver Sage Council.

**MICHAEL A. STAVES**, BA, communication, '83, MPA, '86, retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of lieutenant. He had served since 1970. His service included one year in Vietnam. He earned numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals and five Army Commendation Medals.

**ROBERT F. SUBIA**, BBA, marketing, '86, has joined Western Electronics as executive vice president of business development. Subia has 18 years of experience in sales and customer management.

**TIMOTHY J. KLENA**, BS, health science studies, '87, was named 2004 Chiropractor of the Year by the Idaho Association of Chiropractic Physicians (IACP). Klena was president of the IACP board and has practiced with the Idaho Chiropractic Group in Boise for 15 years. He is a graduate of Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Ore.

**THOMAS JOHN BAKER**, BA, music, '88, presented a solo concert in July at the Schubert Theater in Gooding. After graduating from Boise State, Baker performed for several years in the Boise area as part of the duo, Silent Partners. In 1990, he moved to Arizona to study classical guitar and earn a master's of music in guitar performance from Arizona State University. He received a doctorate of musical arts in composition from the University of Washington, where he teaches composition and music theory.

**TONYA Z. HARDESTY**, BS, environmental health, '88, was appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to head the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Prior to her gubernatorial appointment, Hardesty managed the DEQ's water quality program and was branch manager and project manager for URS Corporation. She interned in the Idaho Air Quality Bureau in 1987-88, and was an environmental protection specialist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle.



**PAUL EMERSON COMPTON**, BBA, marketing, '89, was promoted to vice president of corporate marketing for The Industrial Company (TIC) in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Compton has worked for TIC, an industrial construction company, for 15 years. He will be responsible for marketing and strategic planning.

## 90s

**RONALD ALLEN CRAIG**, BS, psychology, '90, was promoted to full professor in the department of psychology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (EUP). After completing his Ph.D. in developmental psychology at the University of Utah, Craig joined EUP in 1997 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 2000 and achieved tenure in 2002.

**JULIE LYNNE BLACK-SCHULTZ**, CC, dental assisting, '91, was promoted to Idaho region manager of M&T Mortgage Corp. Black-Schultz has over 22 years of experience in the mortgage industry and for the past three years has been operations manager for M&T's Idaho region.

**TABB DANIEL COMPTON**, BS, political science, '91, is vice president of sales and marketing for AmeriBen/IEC Group. Compton began his career with the development of a retail chain that expanded throughout the Pacific Northwest and was eventually purchased by a national retailer. He has more than 17 years of combined management experience in sourcing, product development, sales and marketing in the apparel and technology industries.

**JERRY MICHAEL WARD**, BA, philosophy, '91, has opened his own law practice, specializing in bankruptcy and family law.

**BRIAN K. BIZIK**, BS, biology, '92, is physician's assistant and clinic director at Family Health Services in Buhl. Bizik was director of employee health for Marion County in Salem, Ore., and taught nutrition,

child nutrition and health promotion at Oregon colleges and universities. He was director of online affairs for the Student Academy of Physician Assistants in Alexandria, Va., and the 1999 winner of the top public worksite wellness program in the United States, awarded by the Association for Worksite Health Promotion in Orlando, Fla.

**JERI J. NUTT**, BBA, management, '92, is associate financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors. She works for Larson, McKeown, Erwin & Associates in Boise.

**JOSHUA K. EVANGELHO**, BAS, '93, is the senior commercial underwriter for Liberty Northwest in Boise. He has nine years of underwriting and claims experience in Idaho, including commercial lines underwriter, claims service adjuster and commercial transportation underwriter.

**DEBRA JEAN (SCHUMACHER) KAYLOR**, BBA, management, '93, has joined the Career Center at Boise State as an internship coordinator.

**JEFFREY G. PERKINS**, BBA, accounting, '93, is the western Montana area administrative manager for BMC West Corp. in Missoula, Mont. He has been with BMC West Corp. for 11 years.

**MARINELL S. RHINE**, MSW, social work, '93, is the co-owner of Solutions for Life in American Falls. Solutions for Life offers social work services and counseling for those with mental illnesses. Rhine is Level II trained in eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EDMR).

**CHRISTOPHER E. VELOZ**, BBA, business economics, '93, is the co-founder of Health-Fit Designs and was recently recognized by Boise State's College of Business and Economics as an Outstanding Alumni. Veloz is a member of the board of directors of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce and is chairman-elect of the board of

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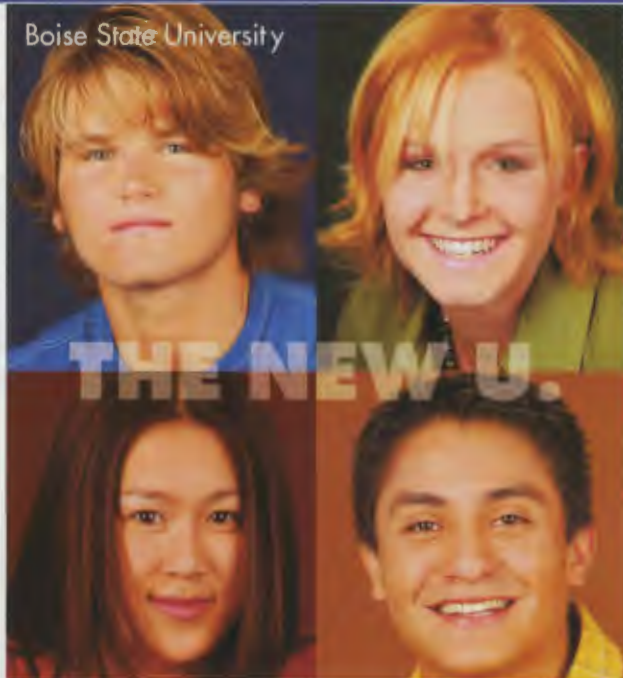
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**CLINTON W. BURGESS, BA, English, '94,** is a high-tech consultant at Axiom Creative Consulting. Burgess was a marketing director for a Web-development firm in California and has nearly 20 years of technical writing, public relations, marketing and project management experience. Burgess is a distinguished honors graduate and was a Top Ten scholar at Boise State.

**SHAUN DAVID MENCHACA, AS, health information technology, '94, BS, health information management, '94, MHS, health science, '04,** is director of development for the Portneuf Health Care Foundation, the fund-raising arm of Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello. Menchaca was a development manager for the Saint Alphonsus Foundation where he managed annual giving and the Saint Alphonsus Life Flight Membership Program.

**TONYA J. WATKINS, BBA,** management, human

resources, '94, has joined LandAmerica Transnation Title & Escrow in Caldwell where she is an escrow assistant and junior mobile closer. Watkins previously was the assistant to the Nampa mayor and worked for West One/US Bank.

**SUSAN BIRD, BS,** physical education, '95, is a U.S. Marine captain with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. She was recently deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific and Central Command area. Bird's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

**ROBERT LEE GRIMES, BBA,** international business, '95, received his commission as a U.S. Army second lieutenant. While attending Engineer Officer Basic School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he received the Mantia Outstanding Leadership award.

**RONALD DEAN STORER, AS,** criminal justice administra-

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tion, '94, BA, history, social science, secondary education, '95, received his third Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a Combat Distinguishing Device while assigned to 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a Marine Corps captain.

**ROBYNN BROWNE, BA,** English, '97, joined Windermere Real Estate as a sales associate at the Richard B. Smith office in Boise. Browne was director of operations for the Hewlett-Packard Women's Challenge cycling event in Boise.

**DAN L. IRWIN, BA,** political science, '97, was appointed McCall city clerk. Irwin was an information technology specialist and housing programs hearing officer for the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority.

**JENNIFER M. (ROSENVALL) PICCOTTI, BBA,** operations management, '98, quality manager for Shea

Properties Management Company of Aliso Viejo, Calif., was recognized by Boise State's College of Business and Economics as an Outstanding Alumni. Piccotti also received the President's Award for Shea Properties Management and the Face of Quality award from the American Society for Quality.

**MARK ANDREW PORTER, BA,** English, '98, has joined Lawyers Title of Treasure Valley as the information technology manager. Porter has six years of title and escrow experience.

**DARLENE K. McDONALD, AAS,** horticulture technology, '99, has accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps to serve as a community health volunteer in Lesotho, Africa. McDonald will work with host country nationals to promote community awareness of food and nutrition issues among highly vulnerable groups.

**ADRIAN CELAYA-MILLER, BA,** political science, '99,

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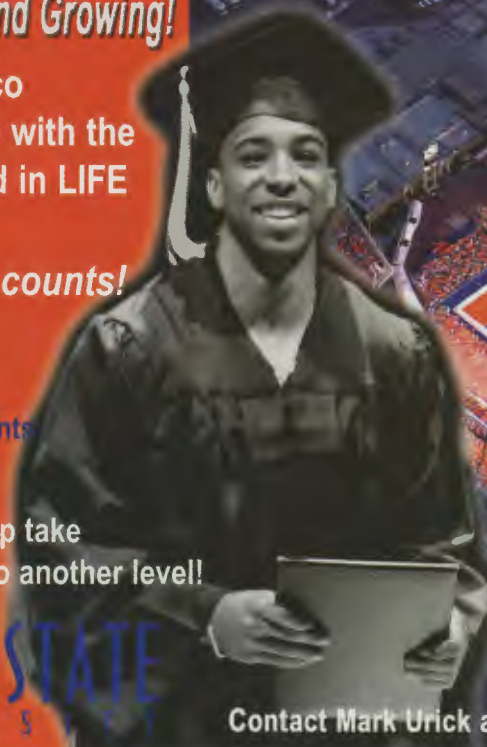
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has taken a position at Locke Agency. He has been a teacher at Gooding High School for the past four years.

**TERI K. JONES**, BS, sociology, '99, joined the law firm of Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton, P.A. Jones graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and was a deputy public defender for Twin Falls County.

**DENNIS GENE SMITH**, BBA, accountancy, '99, was promoted to senior associate for Ripley Doorn & Company in Boise, where he specializes in business and personal income taxation, audits of employee benefit plans and Form 5500 preparation. He received his CPA designation in 2003.

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**JARRED DANIEL ROME**, BBA, general business management, '00, won first place in the discus at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field trials in Sacramento and went on to compete in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Rome was a six-time NCAA All-American – the most earned by a Bronco athlete in school history – discus and shot put thrower for Boise State. He won three Big West Conference discus championships in 1997, 1998 and 2000, and holds school records in the discus and shot put.

**JUSTIN L. WILLIS**, BBA, finance and marketing, '00, was promoted to commercial loan officer at D.L. Evans Bank in Twin Falls. Willis has completed the Kauffman Entrepreneur Internship program and is a member of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife.

**BENJAMIN NATHANIEL SHATTO**, BS, health science studies, '01, earned a master's degree in physical therapy from Idaho State University and is a physical therapist in northern Idaho.

**GEORGE HOPKINS WOODS**, AA, marketing, '01, is a sales associate for

Windermere Real Estate's Richard B. Smith office in Boise. Woods worked for more than three years as a lead in research and development with Micron Technologies Inc.

**THOMAS MICHAEL ANDERSON**, BS, geology, '02, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

**CHRISTOPHER D. CAWTHRA**, BBA, management, '02, is an account executive for Regence Blue Shield of Idaho in Boise. Cawthra previously worked for Marsh Advantage America in Boise and is a member of the Idaho Association of Health Underwriters.

**JENNIFER LEE FICHTER**, TC, dental assisting, '02, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Technical Training School at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Fichter will serve as a ceremonial guard representing the Air Force in ceremonial functions in the Washington, D.C., area and around the world.

**ROBERT E. FRANK**, BA, elementary education, '02, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

**JOSEPH JULIO ABURUSA**, BA, social science, '03, is a commercial loan officer for Idaho Independent Bank in Meridian.

**BETH ANN JOHNSON**, MS, earth science, '03, is a geology and physical science professor at Scott Community College in Bettendorf, Iowa. She also worked as the geological outreach coordinator for the Family Museum of Arts & Sciences.

**LAILA ELIZABETH MAQBOOL**, BS, civil engineering, '03, is a project engineer for the land development group of W&H Pacific. Maqbool works on residential and commercial projects throughout the Treasure Valley, specializing in storm water and utility infrastructure.

**YONGJA MARIE TANAKA**, BBA, accounting, '03, is a licensed public accountant.



She passed the CPA uniform exam and fulfilled both the experience and 150-hour education credit requirements. She is a former employee of Van Engelen CPAs & Co.

**JEFFREY TYLER WARD, BSC**, civil engineering, '03, has joined Treasure Valley Engineers Inc. as a design civil engineer. Ward was an intern and design engineer with a Boise architectural firm.

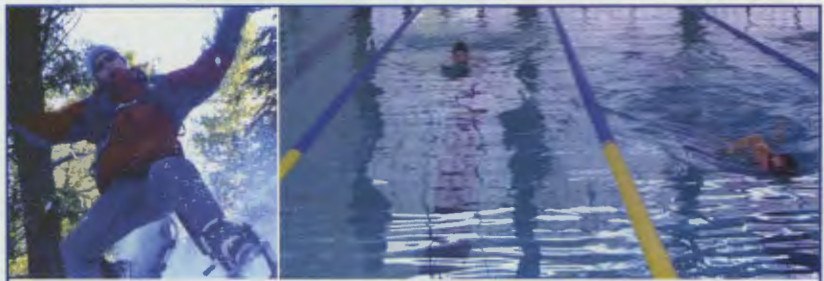
**STEPHEN JOSHUA KLICK, BS**, mechanical engineering, '04, received the Charles T. Main Award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) for outstanding leadership and public service through involvement with an ASME student chapter.

**PAUL WILLIAM MARLOV IV, BCM**, construction management, '04, is a construction coordinator for Hobbs and Co. He is working on the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Hospital of the University of

Pennsylvania.

**TIFFANY AMBER WHITMORE, BS**, psychology, '04, is coauthor of two presentations with Boise State Psychology Department chair, Pennie Seibert. Two of Whitmore's papers were presented at the Associated Professional Sleep Societies meeting in Philadelphia. Whitmore was also a coauthor and presented with Seibert at the fifth World Stroke Congress in Vancouver, B.C., in June. Whitmore has coauthored more than three dozen presentations that have received national and international attention. Since spring 2002, she has worked as a research coordinator for the Idaho Neurological Institute at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

**SUMMER YAMING WILMOT, BS**, nursing, '04, was awarded a U.S. National Collegiate Award for nursing, an award based on academic performance, interest and aptitude.



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## Alum drawn to art, teaching earns top kudos

**G**lenda Connolly (below) knew she wanted to be a teacher from the time she was in the fourth grade. "I can almost remember the day," she says. "I was walking down the hallway and I had a drawing up on the board and I was so proud I thought, 'I'm going to be an art teacher one day.'"

Not only has Connolly (BA, art education, '80; MA, art education, '03) achieved that goal, she was recently named the 2003-04 Idaho Art Educator of the Year by the Idaho Art Education Association.

Connolly has been teaching art at Nampa High School, the

same school she once attended as a teenager, for 16 years. When she started, she was the only art teacher on the faculty.



Through advocacy and persistence, she has helped the department grow to five full-time art

teachers. She's also seen herself grow as both an artist and an educator. After teaching for several years she returned to the classroom to earn her master's degree, again at Boise State.

"My master's thesis was an art project," she recalls. "As a

classroom teacher I have lots of opportunities to grow in instructional strategies. This took me into my content, which was integral for me."

Connolly has recently made a temporary move to the school district offices, where she is part of an implementation team looking at how to better incorporate the arts into the classroom.

"Through my years at Nampa, I've been an advocate not just for arts, but for the role arts can play in students' literacy," she says. "There's an opportunity art brings to an individual in terms of understanding themselves and the world around them."

— Kathleen Craven

## WEDDINGS

**AMY M. WHALEY** and Justin K Henderson (Honolulu, Hawaii) March 19.

**CRYSTAL SANDRA WATERS** and Joshua Daniel Gunderson (Mountain Home) May 15.

**JAMIE ELIZABETH HARDING** and Kelly William Hineman, June 5.

**JOEL CHRISTOPHER CLARK** and **DANIELLE ELIZABETH MOUSAW** (Boise) June 5.

**AMY MAE WERNER** and Bradley Vaughn Bowman (Boise) June 18.

## DEATHS

**DANIEL LEE BLISS**, BBA, marketing, '87, died July 30. Bliss was born in Ontario, Ore., in 1956 and graduated from Payette High School in 1974. He



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was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Bliss and his wife owned a commercial cleaning business in Missoula, Mont.

**LIZ BOERL** died Oct. 5 in Boise at age 52. She was a clergywoman with the United Methodist Church in Boise and served 22 years as director of the Wesleyan Foundation at Boise State. She also worked for the conflict resolutions program in the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. Her husband, the late Dave Boerl, was an administrator with Student Housing prior to his death in 1996.

**LINDA SUE CASSERA, AS**, business technology, '78, died May 29. She was 47. Cassera was born in Portland, Ore., in 1957 and graduated from Meridian High School. She was an administrative assistant for the Idaho Department of Transportation's highway programming, environmental and design groups.

**CAROLE JEAN CLEMENS, BA**,

English, '72, died July 6 in Boise. She was 67. Clemens began working at the Boise State library in 1970, spending most of her career as manager of the curriculum resource center. She retired as manager in 1999, but worked at the library part time until 2003.

**ROBERT H. CUSHING, AS**, arts & sciences, '42, died July 20. He was 81. Cushing was born in Weiser and moved to Boise in 1940. After graduating from Boise Junior College, he joined the U.S. Army and fought in World War II. He managed Northwestern States Bus Lines and was an active alumnus at Boise State, serving as president of the BAA from 1971 to 1972.

**CHARLES DINE**, a member of the 1958 Boise Junior College national championship football team and a former assistant coach with the Broncos, died Sept. 29 after a long illness in Yuma, Ariz. He was 65. Dine was the head football

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coach at Arizona Western College in Yuma from 1975-78 and 1996-97. As a player, he was an all-conference center for the '58 Bronco squad that won the national JC championship. From BJC he transferred to Utah State, where he played for an Aggies squad that finished No. 8 in the nation. In 1974 he worked at Boise State under Tony Knap as the defensive line and middle linebackers coach before going to AWC in 1975 to serve as football coach and athletic director.

**VIRGINIA (STEWART) FAIRLESS**, AA, general arts and sciences, '39, died on May 17. She was 85.

**PAUL B. FETROW**, MBA, '77, died June 15. He was 68. Fetrow was born in Page, Neb., served in the U.S. Army and earned a BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Nebraska. He moved to Boise in 1974 and worked for Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Fetrow was involved in the construction planning of the hospital campus. He retired in 1999.

**ROBERT V. FISHER**, BA, art, '70, MA, education, '92, died June 24 at age 60. Fisher was born in Gooding in 1943 and graduated from Gooding High in 1962. He taught art and photography at North Junior High in Boise for 31 years, retiring in 2002.

**DEAN ALAN FROELICH**, MBA, '84, died May 14. He was 54. Froelich was born in Twin Falls and graduated from Hansen High School. He earned an accounting degree from Idaho State University in 1972, and was a member of the ISU choir. Froelich worked for the Legislative Auditor's office in Boise before becoming business manager of the Idaho State Deaf and Blind School in Gooding. He was budget director for Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston before becoming vice president for administrative services in 1987. Froelich was treasurer of the LCSC Foundation and a board member of the LCSC Alumni Association.

**GWEN ANNE (McGARVEY) GROSS**, BBA, general business, '79, died July 17. She was born in Yuma, Ariz., in 1951 and moved to Boise in 1969. She attended Oregon State University and the University of Idaho before coming to Boise State. Gross was a graphic designer and technical editor in the civil engineering field.

**PHYLLIS A. (MORRIS) HAND**, MA, education, '74, died Aug. 7. She was 70. Hand was born in 1934 in Newcastle, Pa., and attended Wessington Springs College in South Dakota. She moved to Boise in 1960 and graduated from Boise Junior College. Hand taught at Garfield, Owyhee and Koelsch elementary schools until her retirement in 1995.

**SUZANNE I. (WOLTERS) HODGE VAP**, BBA, administrative services, '75, died Aug. 6. She was born in 1947. A native of Rawlins County, Kan., she worked for the federal government.

**CLIFFORD LEE JACKSON**, DIP, welding, '52, died Nov. 30, 2003. He was 72. Jackson moved to Boise in 1950 and graduated from Boise Junior College. He worked for Idaho Sheet Metal in Boise before moving to Burley where he managed Burley Sheet Metal Co. In 1976 he opened Idaho Metal Fabrication Co.

**LINDA MARIE JONES**, BA, general literature, '02, died Aug. 2. She was 28. Jones, who was born in Phoenix in 1976, was a manager at Capital One in Boise.

**MICHAEL KENNETH KAWAI**, PTC, computer support technician, '99, died July 9. Kawai was born in Caldwell in 1957 and graduated from Nampa High School in 1975. He was accomplished in judo, achieving a nidan (second degree) black belt. He won several trophies in tournaments across the country, including a Junior Olympics gold medal. He was a certified Sensei (teacher) of the Boise Valley Judo Club.

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**WILLIAM KIRTLAND**, retired professor of reading education, died Sept. 22 in Duluth, Minn., after a long illness. He was 72. A long-time leader among Idaho's reading educators, Kirtland joined the Boise State College of Education faculty in 1969, the same year he earned his doctorate from Arizona State University, and worked in the teacher education program until his retirement in 1994. The author of two books about his boyhood days in his native Minnesota, Kirtland earned numerous honors during his career, including the *Idaho Statesman* Distinguished Citizen Award and awards from the International Reading Association and the Idaho State Reading Council.

**DONALD "DON" WAYNE LAYMAN**, AAS, electronics technology, '85, died Aug. 9. Layman was born in Boise in 1958 and graduated from Council High School in 1975. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1981, and was a telecommunications specialist and network administrator for the Bureau of Land Management for the past 13 years.

**JOE DALE MILLER**, AAS, drafting technology, '80, died July 22. Miller was born in Boise in 1953 and graduated from Meridian High in 1972. He was a draftsman and home designer and worked in printing, floral service, and home construction. He worked for Yanke Machine Shop and Yanke Energy before starting his own business, Hammer Design.

**RUTH ANN SCOGGIN-MILLER**, BA, social work, '93, died Aug. 7 in Salt Lake City. Scoggin-Miller was born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1943. After graduating from Boise State, she earned a master's degree in social work from Walla Walla College. She was a practicing clinical social worker.

**LUJEAN (MANSHIP) MYERS**, BBA, business, '75, died June 15. She was born in Salt Lake City in 1953 and

attended Boise schools. She was a teacher in New Plymouth.

**HELEN CATO (BULLOCK) OLSON**, AA, music, '38, died April 20 at age 86. Olson was born in Boise in 1918 and graduated from Boise High School. After graduating from Boise Junior College she worked for Idaho Power until she retired in 1983. She was a pianist and studio accompanist and directed the Madrigal Club and Idaho Power mixed chorus. She was chorus master for several Music Week productions, served on the Music Week Board, and was an *Idaho Statesman* Distinguished Citizen.

**KEVIN PAUL PATRICK**, BA, communication, '91, died July 1. He was 36. Patrick was born in Redwood City, Calif., in 1967 and was raised in Boise. He lived in Kansas City where he worked for SDT Systems, Sprint and most recently, Garmin International.

**FRANKLIN WAYNE PIERCE**, BBA, management, '03, died May 8 at age 46. Pierce was born in Fayetteville, N.C., in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army for 23 years and was the adjutant for the American Legion Department of Idaho. Pierce taught motorcycle skills and was a skills tester for the State of Idaho.

**DOROTHY ELAINE PIPES**, diploma, arts & sciences, '35, died June 7. Pipes was born in Grand View in 1915 and graduated from Boise High School and Boise Junior College. She was a homemaker, a state employee, and in later years, a Realtor.

**ROD A. PRUETT**, BS, physical education, '73, died April 30 in Battle Mountain, Nev. He was 55. Pruett attended the College of Southern Idaho, where he played basketball, and Idaho State University. After serving in Vietnam, he returned to Boise and graduated from Boise State. Pruett taught in Shoshone, Bliss and Hansen before moving to Battle Mountain where he

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**E. GAYLE REYNOLDS**, BFA, visual arts, '89, MA, education, '99, died Aug. 9. Reynolds was born in 1940. She worked as an educator, in social services, and as a personal counselor and private consultant. She was working on her doctorate at the time of her death.

**CAPT. ALAN ROWE**, BA, political science, '94, was killed in a bomb explosion Sept. 3 in Iraq's Al Anbar province. Rowe was the weapons company commander for the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Twentynine Palms, Calif. He grew up in Hagerman, Jerome and Gooding, and graduated

from Gooding High School in 1986. During his 19-year career Rowe earned numerous awards, including a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

**DAVID R. SOWER**, BA, music, '80, died April 21 at age 55. He joined the Army National Guard and played in the National Guard band and the Army band. Sower taught music for a year in Council before becoming disabled.

**HARRIET M. TRUSSELL**, BA, social work, '73, died Aug. 2. Trussell was born in Chicago in 1924. She and her husband owned and operated Coast-to-Coast Hardware in Ashton for 15 years. She moved to Boise where she earned her degree, and where she had since resided.



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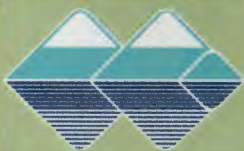
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