Artifacts from a rockshelter in southeast Idaho are helping piece together Idaho’s unique pre-history.

Families play an increasingly important role in the lives of our students.

Award-winning art professor and illustrator Bill Carman is known for his fanciful images.

Boise State students can take advantage of year-round and lifelong opportunities to learn by studying in the summer, in the evenings, on weekends, online and during all stages of their lives.

Boise State fans around the country love to show their true colors, including drivers in the Lonestar State. Custom Boise State plates not only help spread Bronco pride, they also help fund scholarships. Learn more at alumni.boisestate.edu. Click on “Broncomania.”

Boise State has unveiled a bold new logo that is being integrated across the university and beyond.

Student athletes help kids get their game on at annual summer camps.
Join Us

Campus Events

- April 16
  Top Ten Scholars Reception at the Student Union

- April 18
  Distinguished Lecture Series, Louis Menand at the Morrison Center

- April 18-28
  “The Miseducation,” Theatre Arts production at the Morrison Center

- April 19
  Don Williams at the Morrison Center

- April 20-21
  Seven Arrows Pow Wow at the Student Union

- April 23
  Chris Tomlin at Taco Bell Arena

- April 25
  Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin at the Morrison Center

- April 27-28
  Broadway in Boise presents “Beauty and the Beast” at the Morrison Center

- May 4
  Boise State Auction at Boise Centre

- May 18
  Spring Commencement at Taco Bell Arena

- May 30
  Kenny Chesney at Taco Bell Arena

- June 6
  Celtic Woman at the Morrison Center

- June 7-8
  “Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story” at the Morrison Center

First Word

College is an amazingly transformative time in the lives of our students.

For many, it is their first significant step into the independent life of an adult. For the first time, they are exploring who they are without their family’s immediate influence. This is when childhood friendships often give way to new connections based on the common interests and world perspectives that are wholly their own. Even for students with considerable life experience, college is a new exploration of who they will become and how their lives will be focused.

At Boise State, we understand how exhilarating and challenging this personal transformation can be and how the familiar stability of family bonds can help.

Inside these pages, you will read about our New Student and Family Programs initiative, designed to help those who know our students best understand what their loved ones face with the advent of college life. Armed with this understanding, they are empowered to help our students navigate the possibilities and pressures of being a Bronco.

Just like our students’ families, our staff and faculty are dedicated to ensuring that students’ Boise State experience is fulfilling and successful. By partnering with those who are closest to our students, we can help them find their lives’ true paths.
For senior Zac Dalton, the world beyond our borders once seemed like a scary place — similar to the Wild West, with unfamiliar customs and few laws or rules. After a semester abroad in San Ramon, Costa Rica, his worldview has changed.

“I actually felt safer there than I do here,” he said, citing San Ramon’s small size and laid-back culture.

Dalton chose to study abroad as a way to learn Spanish — which he had struggled with in class — and experience a little adventure. While in Costa Rica, the public health major took intensive Spanish and global health classes and served as an intern at the local hospital. He also learned to slow down and avoid the rush and hurry of modern life, which he counts as perhaps his most valuable take-away.

“I think every student should study abroad,” he says.

Students choose to study in another country for a variety of reasons, says Corrine Henke, associate director for International Learning Opportunities. Many want to learn a new language, travel and experience a culture outside their own. For others, getting outside their comfort zone can be daunting and the experience is a way to push past those fears.

“Students who study abroad are engaged in a new culture and get to do things they can’t do here,” she says. “It goes beyond just learning a language. They get credit toward their degree and have interesting experiences, engaging in ways they don’t necessarily have the chance to here.”

The experience also can be surprisingly affordable, with tuition and cost of living in some destinations comparable to studying in Boise. Many students who don’t feel they have a full semester to dedicate to a program can take advantage of abbreviated sessions in the summer or even during the short break between fall and spring semesters.

Henke notes that opportunities are available for those who would like to help fund a scholarship. To learn more, contact her at chenke@boisestate.edu.

“The Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts was listed as one of the TOP 100 THEATRE VENUES for worldwide ticket sales in Pollstar’s year-end report, and was the No. 3 Pacific Northwest 2012 "Top Stop" in Venues Today.

Mountains West Conference Forms Two Divisions

Boise State football will be part of the Mountain Division of the Mountain West Conference this fall.

Opponents include Air Force, Colorado State, New Mexico, Utah State and Wyoming, along with three cross-division match-ups against teams in the West Division of the Conference — Fresno State, Hawaii, Nevada, San Jose State, San Diego State and UNLV.

The divisional champions will meet in the inaugural Mountain West Football Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at the home stadium of the highest-ranked Bowl Championship Series (BCS) team.

Bronco men’s and women’s basketball teams and other collegiate sports teams will continue in the Mountain West Conference.

Visit broncosports.com for up-to-the-minute Boise State Athletics news.
Explore Research at Boise State

Faculty with prestigious CAREER awards from the National Science Foundation, doctoral student research and Boise State’s growing computer science program are among stories in the latest issue of Boise State Explore, the university’s premier research publication.

Read it at research.boisestate.edu/explore, or get the iPad app at the iTunes App Store.

University and Business Leaders Team Up to Nurture Entrepreneurs

Boise State’s innovative new Venture College will bring a select group of students out of the classroom and into the heart of Idaho’s business community, where industry leaders and entrepreneurs will guide them as they start their own businesses and nonprofits.

Led by business executives, Venture College offers students an opportunity to compete for limited start-up funding and invaluable experience. The non-credit program is open to full-time students from any major and is accepting applications for the Fall 2013 semester.

Local business leaders and entrepreneurs, called Venture College Angels, will guide the program. Key elements include individual coaching from experts, weekly colloquia and opportunities for internships.

Learn more at venturecollege.boisestate.edu.

The 16th biennial Boise State Auction is in the final planning stages. The May 4 event is the principal fundraiser for the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship fund and the Bronco Athletic Association scholarship endowment.

This year’s theme, “Forever Broncos,” celebrates that scholarship investment in students’ lives through an endowment that goes on forever. The event at the Boise Centre is black-tie optional and will include silent and live auctions and dinner. Blue Cross of Idaho is the sponsor for the live auction and Les Bois Park is the silent auction sponsor.

In addition to the live auction, two online auctions sponsored by MyBullfrog.com were held during the fall and spring semesters to benefit the same scholarship funds.

For more information about donating an item or purchasing a table or tickets, contact Kathy Harris at (208) 426-1916 or kathyharris1@boisestate.edu. More information also is available at boisestateauction.com.

Simic Named VP for Advancement

Laura Simic, an advancement executive with more than 26 years of experience in leadership, fundraising, alumni relations and campaign management, has been named vice president for university advancement at Boise State.

Simic oversees the university’s advancement activities in the areas of development and alumni relations. She also works with the Boise State University Foundation Board members, college deans and faculty to increase private funding for a variety of academic and campus needs.

Most recently, Simic served four years at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., as the interim vice president for university relations and senior associate vice president of development and campaign director. She led the final years of Creighton’s fundraising campaign that exceeded its fundraising goal by 34 percent with a total of $471 million.

Communications & Marketing Gets New Leader

Greg Hahn has been named the new associate vice president for the Office of Communications and Marketing at Boise State. The office produces FOCUS magazine and is responsible for marketing, branding, public relations and the main university websites.

Hahn comes to Boise State from Idaho Public Television, where he was host and producer of “Idaho Reports.” He also has moderated primary and general election debates for statewide contested races and written and produced for “Outdoor Idaho.” Prior to Idaho PTV, Hahn worked at The Idaho Statesman for 12 years, most recently as local news editor and as political and special projects reporter.

Hahn has taught media law and ethics as an adjunct faculty member in Boise State’s Department of Communication and is former chair of the board that oversees The Arbiter, Pulse Radio and other student media on campus.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM TALKS ITS WAY TO THE TOP

The Boise State University Talkin’ Broncos are the 2013-2014 Pi Kappa Delta National Champions in speech and debate. Boise State successfully defended its 2011-2012 national championship title and took first place overall at the 48th annual Pi Kappa Delta National Speech and Debate biennial tournament in St. Louis, Mo., in March.

The team beat out 88 other schools from 36 states to win the tournament championship. Boise State also won the national championship in 2011 and 2005 and was runner-up in 2007 and 2009 at the biennial tournament.
A new Ph.D. in public policy and administration will help prepare Idaho’s next generation of public professionals.

The degree program is focused on ensuring that the university continues to serve as a top resource for those at all levels of government and nonprofit organizations, as well as for citizens who seek improved public policy development and implementation.

Graduates will be prepared for senior-level positions in public, nonprofit and international organizations, research in natural resource policy, environmental policy, science policy, and positions in government, nonprofit and advocacy groups and consulting organizations, as well as in academic teaching and research positions.

Full-time and part-time students may apply now for the program that starts in fall 2013. Learn more at sspa.boisestate.edu/phd-ppa.

Hundreds of curious families and students engaged in activities, lectures and demonstrations centered on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at the College of Engineering’s annual STEM Exploration day in February. The event also included the annual high school Science Competition Day.

Former astronaut and Boise State distinguished educator Barbara Morgan inspired young students with a presentation. Students also had a chance to drive a Segway, experience a wind tunnel, build an edible aquifer, watch a 15,000-volt demonstration, see robots in action, and build a catapult and a NASA heat shield.

ScholarWorks, a collection of services designed to capture and globally showcase all scholarly output by the Boise State University community, reached more than a half million downloads in January.

ScholarWorks is a scholarship database that expands the visibility and reach of the university’s research. Since its launch in 2009, scholarworks.boisestate.edu has made thousands of documents available to researchers and the general public, including faculty publications, graduate and undergraduate scholarship, university documents and other works unique to the university.

One in four Boise State students take at least one online course each year.
The interdisciplinary doctoral program in biomolecular sciences launched in the fall has begun preparing candidates to satisfy the needs of a growing biotechnology and medical community in a 21st-century world. Students are taught cooperatively by faculty from the college’s departments of biological sciences, chemistry and biochemistry and physics. Candidates also can work with faculty in other fields including materials science and engineering, kinesiology, mathematics and computer science.

The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education just launched the IDoTeach program, an innovative secondary education teacher preparation program for science, technology, engineering and math.

COBE has received official notice from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International that it has maintained business accreditation through 2016. AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world’s business programs.

Beginning in fall 2013, the college will offer a new online MBA program. The program will have multiple start dates and can be completed in as few as 12 months.

College of Education education.boisestate.edu

The Center for Orthopaedic and Biomechanics Research and St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital are working together to improve the diagnosis and treatment of children with musculoskeletal and movement disorders. Doctors can use the technology in the CEBR Pediatric Motion Analysis Lab to assess a child’s movement abilities. The goal is to reduce the number of surgeries and improve treatment results for children.

Summer Literacy Academy has become so popular with children and their families that the college has expanded it to a year-round program. Learn more at education.boisestate.edu/literacy.

College of Engineering coen.boisestate.edu

Boise State’s First Undergraduate Service Learning Experience (FUSE) course is featured in a new National Academy of Engineering publication, “Infusing Real World Experiences into Engineering Education.” FUSE, a project-based lab course, pairs first-year engineering students with community members with disabilities. The teams work together to modify or adapt technology to fit their needs.

For the fifth straight year, a Boise State student research team has been accepted into NASA’s Microgravity University program. The team will work through the spring to design, build and test their experiment to prepare for Flight Week at the Johnson Space Center in June.

College of Health Sciences hs.boisestate.edu

School of Nursing assistant professor Dr. Karen Breitkreuz is partnering with Saint Alphonsus Health System and Trinity Health to help researchers develop an effective program to decrease rates of preventable adverse events. Such events include accidents or preventable errors caused by distractions in the healthcare environment or shortcuts healthcare providers take in efforts to expedite patient care.

A new Boise State medical brigade made its inaugural journey to the Dominican Republic on Jan. 11, taking much-needed basic health care to rural communities.

College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs sspas.boisestate.edu

The college’s faculty joined in celebrating the City of Boise’s sesquicentennial with “Thinking 150,” a series of lectures and conversations. Themes included finding meaning in commemoration and exploring community, environment and enterprise. Boise State University is a partner in the city’s sesquicentennial celebration. Find out more at Boise150.org.

The college’s new journal of popular scholarship, The Blue Review (theblueview.org) published a powerful online essay about mental health and gun violence that was reprinted around the world and influenced the national discussion in the wake of the school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

Graduate College gradcoll.boisestate.edu

The Graduate College is creating a director of graduate recruiting position. This office will be responsible for development, implementation and maintenance of a new university-wide graduate recruiting function, and will be charged with increasing the breadth, depth and diversity of the graduate applicant pool.

A new online application process will be rolled out for prospective graduate students for the spring semester.

Boise State’s new degree is part of a broader set of existing and newly approved graduate programs at Boise State that also include two existing master’s degrees in nursing and a new Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program that includes a master’s degree in adult-gerontology nursing and two new graduate certificates: adult-gerontology nurse practitioner and acute care, adult-gerontology nurse practitioner.

Boise State has forged a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Idaho State University that outlines how graduate education at the two schools can benefit Idaho. The agreement includes a new doctorate in nursing at ISU that will focus on direct care advanced practice nursing.

A new BS degree in Health Care Innovation and Management also will begin in the spring. The program will focus on direct care advanced practice nursing, particularly in primary care. Boise State and ISU have implemented a memorandum of understanding that outlines how graduate education at the two schools can benefit Idaho.

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Dr. Mark Plew sifts through thousands of animal bones, bits of pottery and purposely modified stones that hold clues to early life along the northern periphery of the Snake River Plain. The past 30 years have taken him to archaeological sites around the country, and to Brazil, Colombia and Guyana in South America and to Western Australia. But his greatest interest remains in Idaho.

“The Snake River Plain is a very unique area — not physiographically but culturally Great Basin,” Plew says. “Idaho is characterized by an incredibly interesting prehistory, including some of the oldest archaeological sites in western North America.”

Plew conducted his doctoral dissertation research in the Owyhee Uplands south of the Snake River and has since researched and written extensively about the archaeology of the Snake River Plain. His latest work involves analyzing artifacts from a rock shelter along the south fork of the Boise River near Prairie.

Used by prehistoric people as a seasonal stop between the mountains of north-central Idaho and the Snake River plain to the south, it is one of the first sites recorded in Idaho.

Archaeologists from the Boise National Forest and Boise State began excavating portions of the site in 1989. Plew, along with some of his students, is now analyzing its contents that include projectile points, knives, scrapers, bones from deer and antelope, and a large assemblage of mountain sheep bones. The stone tool assemblage is unique in that scrapers, bones from deer and antelope, and a large assemblage of animal skeletons. The stone tool assemblage is unique in that scrapers, bones from deer and antelope, and a large assemblage of animal skeletons. When the work is completed in the next year, it will help piece together the cycle of hunter-gatherer adaptations in southern Idaho. This is made possible in part by the use of new analytical techniques not available at the time of the original investigation. Among other things, the team will be able to determine the source of volcanic glass recovered at the site as a means of assessing the inhabitants’ mobility and trade.

“The sites on the edge of the Idaho Batholith are of interest since few sites in this area have been explored,” Plew says. “It can help reveal some of the trading patterns of local peoples and give us a better idea of the seasonal diet of those who lived in between the plain and mountainous regions. This site is ultimately pivotal to having a better understanding of the use of that area relative to the plains.”

Federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service are required to manage their archaeological collections according to standards that ensure the future preservation of these collections and the information obtained from them, according to Boise National Forest spokeswoman David Olson.

“Dr. Plew is doing both — he is preparing the artifacts for curation and studying them for what they tell us about the people who made and used them,” Olson says. “Idahoans have a strong interest in the history of their state. Dr. Plew’s level of insight goes beyond answering the obvious questions of who was here, what they were doing and why they were doing it.”

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Plew has been able to determine that early inhabitants of the rock shelter used large stones to break through joints and long bones for marrow extraction, a rather unusual technique for disarticulating animal skeletons.

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A variety of sports camps each summer regularly attract about 4,000 boys and girls ranging in age from 5 to 19. The camps include basketball, cross-country, football, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

“When student athletes serve as coaches to these young kids, they begin to understand what we go through,” says Cariann Ramirez, director of operations for Bronco women’s basketball. “It’s a real eye opener.”

Senior basketball forward Kinzi Poteet agrees. “You see a different aspect of the game as a coach,” she says. “You see the passion in the young players.”

Brad Larrondo, assistant athletic director for football, says the summer sports camps allow Boise State student athletes to see how powerful it is to be a positive influence in the lives of young people.

“Discovering the impact you can have on another person is a lesson our graduates can take into their professional and business lives,” he says. “That allows our students to grow and become better people. And the kids get a chance to be active and receive great instruction and tips in playing their sport.”

Larrondo says the coaches often receive letters from parents who write that before the sports camp their son or daughter was struggling in school or having other problems. “The parents explain that the camp gave their child just the pat on the back that he or she needed,” he says.

Many of the youths who attend the summer camps live outside of Boise and are already fans of Bronco sports. “They love Boise State athletics,” Poteet says. “During a summer camp they also get to see what it is like to be an athlete and go to college.”

Ramirez says the summer camps show kids and teens that college athletes are just regular people. “They begin to say to themselves, ‘I can do this — it may not be as an athlete, but I can make it in college.’”

For more information or to register for a summer sport camp, go to http://bit.ly/BroncoSummerCamps.
Today’s college students juggle demanding schedules and have little downtime. So does their university.

From high school students to advanced learners, Boise State offers a full spectrum of opportunities year round, with educational offerings throughout all seasons of the year and all seasons of life.


That means courses at all times of day — in the morning, at night and on weekends. It means programs designed for traditional age students as well as working adults who want to get their degrees online. It means partnering with school districts to give capable students access to college courses. It means working with businesses to ensure that the continuing education needs of employees are met.

A growing number of Boise State students are drawn to the university’s accommodating educational options.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
High school students in southwest Idaho have discovered Boise State’s concurrent enrollment program. The university offers college-level courses at 35 area high schools, where students earn both high school and college credits and pay less per credit than students enrolled in college.

The State of Idaho is aiming by 2020 for 60 percent of Idahoans between the ages of 25-34 to have a college degree or certificate. Currently that number is 33 percent.

“We need to be innovative,” Wheeler says. “We know students who complete a Boise State course at their high school are more likely to eventually enroll full-time in college, to get good grades and to complete their degrees on time.”

SUMMER SESSION
Enrolling in summer courses can eliminate the cost of a full semester’s tuition, fees and living expenses and move students into a professional career sooner.

BOISE STATE OFFERS MORE THAN 600 COURSES IN THE SUMMER, INCLUDING CORE, UPPER-DIVISION, GRADUATE AND DISTANCE CLASSES.

NIGHTS, WEEKENDS AND ONLINE
For those seeking an education while managing a career or other obligations, the university offers several programs after work, on weekends and online. Several full bachelor’s degrees can be completed entirely during what was used to be considered off hours.

One of the university’s most prominent outreach efforts is the newly named eCampus that provides access to a growing number of online courses and programs free from the constraints of distance and traditional schedules. The number of course titles for fully online delivery to Boise State students has grown to more than 280, with 14 fully online degrees and certificates available or approved, and more in the works.

A college degree will be much more attainable for students in rural areas of Idaho as the university moves more degrees fully online, removing barriers for those who are place-bound. Online degrees also are ideal for students who have bustling, unpredictable schedules and cannot make the traditional classroom work. With online programs, access to the classroom is 24/7.

Credit hours earned through distance education at Boise State grew from 5,000 to nearly 55,000 during the past 10 years, with about 26 percent of Boise State students taking at least one online course each semester.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
Boise State also offers intellectually stimulating curriculum to a non-degree seeking audience. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for the mature adult community offers a series of college-level noncredit lectures, short courses and special events for those 50 and older who have a zest for learning.

“The quality of our instructors and the diversity of the courses we offer keep members intellectually engaged and connected to each other and to Boise State,” says Rosemary Reinhardt, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. “The institute is a great asset to our community and proves there are no bounds to learning.”

STUDENT VOICES
SHELBY BILLS, from Meridian, Idaho, has an associate’s degree in marketing and management and is a senior pursuing a bachelor’s degree in communication. The co-owner of Graber & Company Salon and Day Spa in Boise has attended classes during the traditional fall and spring semesters, as well as summer courses.

“I am a mother of two kids, 2 and 5, and a business owner. If Boise State didn’t have all of the options for class schedules I wouldn’t have been able to finish my degree in less than two years. I came back to Boise State after a six-year break and made it my goal to finish before my son goes to kindergarten in September. I am on target to graduate in August.”
ANDREA ELIZALDE is a senior at Wilder High School who has nearly a year of college credits already completed by taking classes through Boise State’s concurrent enrollment program. The credits are accepted at nearly all colleges and universities but Elizalde has chosen Boise State.

“Last year as a junior I took a class for Idaho science and aerospace scholars and college history and this year I’m taking Spanish 101, Political Science 101 and English 101 and 102. I’m going to study biology in college and these classes have helped me be ready because I already know what college classes will be like. I’ve learned to be prepared and organized. Concurrent enrollment also has helped college be more affordable for me because classes cost less.”

BRIAN HOBBS, is a senior master sergeant in the Idaho Air National Guard with 21 years of military service. He graduated from Boise State in December 2012 with a bachelor of applied science with an emphasis in leadership, management and communication.

“Throughout my collegiate career I took nearly all of the categories of classes from summer to online. The greatest benefit to me was the flexibility with my work schedule. Not only did I have the opportunity to travel but I also was able to complete online classes from anywhere. The classes made it possible to attend college from my home office and allowed me to assist more with my home life. The summer classes gave me the option to graduate sooner and keep on track with my educational goals without a lapse.”

WALT AND MARY THODE are graduates of Boise Junior College who went on to advanced degrees and careers in southern California. They discovered the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State when they retired and moved back to Idaho in 1997.

“I first took a course titled ‘The Making of a Musical’ taught by theatre arts professor Richard Klautsch, and the rest, as they say, is history. The first class was a birthday present from Mary and after it we both began taking as many courses as we could fit into our schedule and budget and became volunteers. We enjoy the wide variety of courses, covering subject matter areas we never got around to taking before, like Asian history, geology, political affairs, ancient Greek history and architecture. The excellence of the instructors, mostly from the Boise State faculty, are what make the courses so good. The instructors seem to enjoy us, too; we understand and appreciate their references to events and milestones that current undergraduate students miss.”

KURT ACHIU is a Boise State honors student and math major from Pearl City, Hawaii, who is completing his final semester.

“I chose to partake in online classes because I saw that if I did, I could get ahead a semester and graduate earlier than previously expected. Over the summer of 2012, I took six classes that ranged from U.S. history to medical terminology. I think that we have a diverse program for those who are not able to be in Boise and would like to take classes. I would like to see even more classes for those of us who are not physically able to be in the classroom.”
In Italy, they call it la famiglia. These are the people who raise you and, when you are ready, send you off to make your way in the world. They are also the people who nurture you, support you, cheer you on and, when you fall, set you on your feet. In short, they’ve got your back.

At Boise State, we’re la famiglia. We’re family.

That philosophy is nowhere more apparent than in New Student and Family Programs (NSFP), where a dedicated staff partners with parents and family members of Boise State students to harness the energy of those who best know and care about their students in order to ensure their success.

“We’re all after the same goal,” says Elise Alford-Clafey, NSFP coordinator. “We all want students to make the most of their college experience and then graduate and be successful. Research shows that when families are involved, students tend to be more successful. If we can provide resources that will help, we’re going to do it.”

It’s no secret that today’s students stay in much closer touch with their families than past generations did. Texts, emails, Facebook posts and unlimited cellphone minutes put family members just a keystroke away, whether a student is from across town or thousands of miles from home.

“For the Millennial generation of students, family members have always been immersed in their lives,” says Alford-Clafey. “They are excited to get involved and put great energy and investment into their students’ success.”

To help channel that energy, NSFP created the Bronco Parent and Family Association with the goal of keeping families informed about the resources and opportunities available to students and how they can best contribute as partners.

Fay Bevans, whose daughter Caitlyn is a 22-year-old transfer student in the School of Nursing, is the organization’s first chair. Her husband Bill is a council member.

“Being involved allows parents and families to be equally vested in Boise State,” says Bevans, who works in the Chancellor’s office at University of California, Los Angeles. “The more I know about Boise State, the better I can support my daughter and help navigate resources and encourage her.”

Caitlyn says that having her parents involved with the university allows her to more easily share her college experience. “I feel I have a very strong support system in both the campus community and home,” she says.

The association has grown to include about 3,000 active members in just three years. Members receive a bimonthly digital newsletter, advance notification of events such as Convocation and Parent and Family Weekend, and tips on campus events and resources for student success.

NSFP also reaches out to families during BroncoVenture Family Orientation prior to the students’ first semester. Here families can learn about how to help students navigate the transition to university life and identify helpful resources that will encourage student success.

Jerri Mizrahi, Learning and Development Manager for Boise State’s Human Resource Services and the mother of a Boise State student, participated in several BroncoVenture Family Orientation panel presentations last summer, sharing her experience as an empty nester and concerned parent. She told families to offer their students the support and trust they need to face the challenges of university life while encouraging self-discovery and growth.

Mizrahi has navigated these same waters with her daughter, Sage Grimmett, a junior majoring in health education, and understands the pressure today’s students face to be successful and focused early in their academic careers. Having an organization where families facing similar challenges can network and receive help is invaluable, Alford-Clafey says, and helps the university in its ultimate goal of educating students for life.

“The association is a great opportunity for family members to find their voice in the Boise State community and make a difference.”

Welcome to the fertile mind of Bill Carman, professor of illustration and drawing and creator of the kind of magical, mythical, bizarre and sometimes downright hysterical images that make us stop — really stop — and contemplate what’s real and what isn’t.

The images are refreshing in part because they are so hard to label and define. Is it fantasy? Whimsy? Pop surrealism?

“It dances on the edge of a lot of things, but doesn’t ever dive in,” Carman says, refusing to be concerned with the absence of genre.

Carman has been drawing since he was young, experimenting with sketches, acrylics, mixed media and more. He was influenced early on by a variety of artists, including well-known fantasy artist James Christensen, his professor at Brigham Young University where he earned an MFA.

But the artist and musician (he performed vocals and keyboard in several bands in high school) also gives a nod to James Flournoy Holmes, Roger Dean, Patrick Woodruff and Ian Miller, all respected for their creative album covers and illustration careers.

Having found his niche, he keeps busy with a variety of projects, including local, national and international gallery shows, private commissions, ideas for a follow-up to his 2002 Random House children’s book titled “What’s that Noise,” a wooden Artifact Puzzle created from his “Narwhal Rain” print and, most recently, the design for a series of monster puppets for use in the world premiere performance of “A Nighttime Survival Guide” at Boise Contemporary Theatre. The play is about a young boy who is afraid of monsters in the dark.

“I’m a sucker for a good story,” he says. “If it’s good quality, I want to be part of it.”

Carman not only is known for the quantity and breadth of his work, but also for its quality. Awards include a gold medal from the New York Society of Illustrators for “Fine Dining,” featuring a sharply dressed rabbit dining on a large green octopus, a silver medal for “Translator” (a small painting on copper), along with honors from Spectrum, The Greenwich Workshop and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education for FOCUS magazine artwork.

Despite his hectic schedule, he enjoys the opportunity to teach and share his love for creating and imagining. “Teaching allows me to do strange and weird things out there,” he says. “Without teaching, I may not be able to do them.”

Fifteen years ago, my senior semester, Bill came in and gave some of us hope with our chosen major. He was and still is “in the know” with regard to illustration. His net is cast wide but he can relate to those who want to listen and learn from him. He is a super solid artist, teacher and friend.

Jeremy Lanningham
Art Director, Mitchell+Palmer
A BRONCO PEDIGREE LIKE FEW OTHERS
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS HONOR DYKE NALLY’S LEGACY

BY MIKE JOURNEE

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In June 2009, his continued loyalty to Boise State was recognized with the kickoff of an ongoing fundraising effort to name an area in the planned Boise State Alumni and Friends Center after him. And most recently, the Boise State Alumni Association presented him with a special designation — executive director of alumni relations, emeritus — for his long dedication and service to his alma mater.

A lot has changed since Nally’s first days at Boise State, when he paid for school by being a smokejumper, school bus driver, men’s store salesman and waiting tables in the faculty lunchroom, among other jobs.

“I think things were at a much slower pace in my days,” says Nally of a time when about 1,500 students attended Boise State, compared to the more than 22,000 enrolled this academic year. “Today these kids are all just bombarded with information and in a hurry. And in a lot of ways, the size of the student body made it more like a family then.”

It was during this time that he watched or helped shepherd Boise State’s transitions into a four-year college (1965), a state college (1969) and state university (1974). Over the years, he also saw the university’s alumni skyrocket from a modest few to more than 71,000 today.

As a result of the maturing alumni population, the campaign to build the new Alumni and Friends Center, one of Nally’s longtime dreams, has become a viable project. The planned building is a source of great pride for Nally.

“It chokes me up still,” Nally says of the project. “I’ve always believed in building a first-rate alumni center for the university. It has been needed for some time, but to get it done our alumni needed to be more mature. Finally, we are moving ahead with it. It’s really great for the university and for our alumni and friends.”

For more information about the Boise State Alumni and Friends Center, call (208) 426-1698 or visit alumni.boisestate.edu/campaign.
1960s

WILLIAM STODER, BA, arts & sciences, ’63, recently retired as the dean of the College of Business, Communications, and Fine Arts at the University of Houston. An economics major, he is also co-founder and CEO of the Global Risk Management Network.

1970s

MAGGIE RHODES, BFA, mathematics, ’74, was a part-time member of the Idaho Bankers Association to serve as a new board member. She is an executive vice president at Idaho First Bank and lives in Boise.

NADJA BERNITT, BA, social work, ’75, in her “final flush,” a mystery set in Boise Berntt lives in Boise and was awarded several grants for her short stories, memoirs, and fiction.

1980s

SHERON FRENDEL, BA, secondary education, ’82, was honored by the Idaho State Board Winter Commencement with a Pokey Award for “exceptional teaching.” Primed to become a future leader at Horizon School in Boise City.

ALICE SCHMIDT, BS, physical education, ’82, competed the 1992 Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway among the top 10 in her category and breaking the women’s record. Schmid teaches health and physical education at Classical Magnet High School in Boise, Idaho.

DAVID HAPKINS, BA, English, ’82, MA, English, ’84, ’84 graduated from Boise State University’s Idaho women’s basketball team and earned a fourth place in the 1987 Christmas “butterbeans” Finnish Loon.” The Boise State University basketball team ranked the third in the nation.

GREG GAZZALI, MS, accounting, ’84, was selected by Idaho’s “Best” at the Idaho Public Accounting Association. Gazzali’s experience includes corporate tax and audit, and he is a partner at the Boise Office of Deloitte.

JOY HOPECBACHER, MBA, marketing, ’91, was chosen to serve on the board of directors for the Idaho 500 Foundation for the Idaho 500 Foundation.

VIRGINIA PELLEGRINI, management, ’90, was honored at Boise State University’s Board of Trustees meeting as dean of the College of Business and Economics. Prior to joining Boise State, Pellegrini worked for the City of Chicago and the State of Idaho and United Way of Treasure Valley.

KEVIN SULLIVAN, JD, law, ’90, completed his Ph.D. at the University of Idaho and currently resides in the Treasure Valley.

2000s

BRENDEN BOSA, BA, communication studies, ’09, graduated from Boise State University with an AFA in Broadcast Journalism. Bosa has taught at Boise State University since 2015 and is currently a social media specialist for the Boise State University Department of Marketing.

ANNA JAKWOSKI, MA, music, ’09, performed with the Boise Symphony Orchestra and was named a Fulbright Scholar in China. Yakowsky has performed in the United States and China, Asia, Europe, Africa and Australia.

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BRODIE BARRIOS, BS, political science, ’12, was honored to be a solo candidate for the Idaho Diploma Program. Barrios ran as a state TPA effort in 2019 and took 2nd place for the Senate, 1st party four years. He lives in Boise with the hardworking and loving family.

NICHOLAS GIUSEPNIK, BS, criminal justice, ’17, graduated from Boise State University in 2019. Giusepnik was named to the 2018-2019 Idaho State Police’s State Trooper of the Year for his efforts.

DAVID ULA, BA, BS, science, ’12, electrical engineering, ’15, was named a Laureate Scholar in the NASA science program. Ulai was the first of the Boise State students to learn about the NASA’s $65 billion mission to Mars.

AUBREY BRIGGS, AD, BS, art, ’11, was named a head of Maranatha High School in Los Angeles. Briggs studied as an art administrator and graphic designer at Sage International School in Boise.

KELSEY GOEDER, BS, banking, ’14, was hired by First Security Bank as a clerk supervisor in the Boise office.

JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, BS, business administration, ’15, was named a sales manager at Kona Financial in Portland.

NADIRAH ADIB, BS, psychology, ’19, was hired by Boise State University as a research assistant.

ROSS NICKERSON, BA, communication, ’09, was hired as a receptionist at the Idaho State Department of Education.

STEVE KNOWLTON, AD, communication, ’09, was hired as a student loan manager, account maintenance specialist.

FREDY MURPHY, BS, communication, ’18, was named an emeritus professor of Idaho State University.

MARY EUGENIO, MBA, administrative, ’18, was named the Boise State campus director of the Portland State University.

BRENNAN BOWEN, BS, political science, ’10, was appointed as a
candidate for the Idaho State Senate District 53 race.

RANDON WOLFORD, BA, political science, ’11, was appointed as a

Kenny RANDZIO, BS, biology, ’13, joined Coeur Dalene School in New Brunswick, S.C., as a

demonstrator. He earned his degree
diploma from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his residency at the University of California.

STACEY LUTHER, MS, educational technology, ’10, received the 2011 Census Bureau Award for Excellence in the Federal Government.

GENA K. RUSSELL, BS, social sciences, ’02, was selected to be a

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PROUD TO BE BOISE STATE

There’s a new B in town and Boise State University is proud to call it its own.

In the spirit of unifying the university’s graphic identity and boldly moving into the future, the new B logo is being integrated into all communication, marketing and promotions materials this year.

The redesigned logo serves the entire academic family, while playing off the strengths and goodwill of an existing B logo designed several years ago. It replaces the diamond logo that was launched in 2001.

In 1952, a group of students selected blue and orange as the school colors and the Bronco as the mascot. Boise State’s heritage and tradition now ring true as the new B incorporates those traditions and aligns with the Bronco identity.

Consistent graphic elements will help provide instant recognition for the Boise State brand while conveying a sense of character and style. The refined B reflects the university’s personality traits of determination, strength, innovation and a sense of community.

The university will maintain consistent use of the B logo through newly unveiled brand standards found at brandstandards.boisestate.edu.

Looking Back<<

Margaret Taylor, president of the Boise Junior College Association of Women Students, offers a congratulatory kiss to newly crowned King of Hearts Sam Breshears at the February 1950 Sweetheart Ball. Breshears is flanked by Jacks of Hearts Eddie Lungren and Joe Dietrich, as flower girl Judy Winters looks on.