Pavilion Plan Ready for Decision

by Bob C. Hall

Boise State University's student body has a demonstrated need to raise student fees $50 per semester as revenue base for an on-campus, multi-purpose student activities center ("pavilion") immediately, says a 52-page report released to the State Board of Higher Education by a BSU study committee this week.

While the report carefully avoids architectural description of such a structure (it gives no seating capacity requirement or specific site location) it recommends a structure similar to the multi-purpose facilities at Weber State University, the University of Utah and Utah State University where seating capacity ranges from 15,000 (U. Utah) to 10,200 (Utah State).

Another hint to the kind of audience capacity is in a section that liberally quotes veteran student Program Board worker and advisor Bob Hoppe. He cites the repeated missed opportunities for student use to see major touring concert artists due to inadequate "booking facilities" demanded by those artists.

Facilities where those major shows are successfully booked, he notes, are on university campuses with seating capacities of at least ten thousand ticket buyers.

In another significant statement, the report insists on the need for BSU students to have a major financial agency and operator of such a facility; "on or very near to BSU."

If private contributions are received, "they should in no way cause the facility to change its function from that of primarily serving the student body," the report declares in its opening page.

In that language and other passages, the 16-person committee claims that their five-month study proves enough student activity and education-based needs to keep a major "pavilion" in efficient, daily use without major reliance on "other public events uses:"

BSU Will Keep Building Busy

 Sons, the report lists, include:

1. Academic and activity spaces to accommodate physical education needs of the student body, today and in the future;
2. Spaces for intramural, informal recreation and other individual leisure time activities;
3. Multi-purpose flexibility to develop present and future growth in the woman's athletic program;
4. Sufficient seating to accommodate both spectator sport and large performing groups of musicians, dancers and concert entertainers for years to come;
5. Ability to offer daily meeting and classroom facilities for groups under fifty persons that can be "accessible to users without opening up the entire multi-purpose facility"; or usable while other multi-purpose spaces are in use at the same time;
6. Convertible design that would allow the major assembly area to be effective for use by large organization gatherings such as state band competitions, public school teacher conventions, audiences to major national speakers;
7. A sufficiently attractive design and schedule system that would allow rental use by groups not directly affiliated with university needs. Such rentals could either help finance pavilion operation or assist in debt retirement, the report notes.

Two points appear as running

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Students OK Pavilion Hike

On a questionnaire distributed during registration week, Boise State's incoming students voted overwhelmingly to use any increase in student fees to provide a multi-purpose activities center.

Asked to choose between putting increased fee revenues into the university's regular operating fund or putting the money into a special student-use building, the students chose the latter alternative by a seventy-six percent margin.

When they were next asked to describe "what kind of student-use building they would prefer," 2,325 voters chose a "multi-purpose facility" housing various student activities, while 820 selected "a general classroom building."

While the questionnaire did not list a specific price tag for the buildings mentioned, it did advise students that "fees at BSU may be raised."

JFAC Sharp
On Budget

Underlining his role as an emerging "management-conscious" force in Higher Education budgeting, Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee Co-Chairman Larry Jackson gavalled that key committee through what President John Barnes calls "the best budget hearing I've attended" last week.

Evidence that Jackson and Senator Richard High have encouraged a new "management-conscious" force in Higher Education, Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee through what President John Barnes called "the best budget hearing I've attended" last week.

They Like Comparisons

At one point, committee members listened carefully while University of Idaho President Ernest Hartung pleaded for moderation in what he called a growing demand for "accountability" in higher education.

Hartung ticked off reasons why education is accountable for other than fiscal requirements.

Committee members nodded understanding, but insisted that they like the fiscal digging being done by their own analysts as guides to "the whole picture" of education costs at all state institutions.

Chairman Jackson shows his grasp of budgeting intricacies when he asked the State Board members about their disbursements and expenditure policies that follow each

Pavilion Income Predicted

Income from concessions, athletic events and special events held in the proposed BSU multi-purpose pavilion would pay almost three-quarters of annual operating cost for such a structure, predicts the JFAC Pavilion Study Committee report issued this week.

In an operating expenses and income table in the report's appendix, committee members estimated potential revenues of $105,000 annually from the facility. Total operating expenditure for the facility, including salaries for a general manager, ticket manager, three custodians, a secretary and various student assistant wages would total $145,000.

BSU Tells Five Fiscal Goals For 78

Two old problems and three new challenges for Boise State University received priority attention this month as the university's budget needs for 1977-78 were officially delivered to the

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WHY BSU NEEDS MORE ROOM for special events and major sports attractions is evident in packed house, standing room only scenes like Saturday's ISU-BSU basketball clash. Turn-away crowds are commonplace at major events like this when building facilities are stretched to hazardous limits.

New Opportunities

(1) To complete installation of a four-year baccalaureate degree program for registered nurses, one of Idaho's most popular higher education offerings for nursing professionals ($72,000); (2) To provide faculty needed for BSU's Masters of Secondary Education degree program that is aimed at preparing Idaho teachers for possible tougher certification standards throughout state elementary and secondary districts ($100,100); (3) To ease student-faculty teaching ratios in the university's most crowded

Old Problems

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themes in the report that will now await discussion and action on its recommen-
dations from the State Board of Educa-
tion.

First, the report insists over and over that BSU resources in revenue bond cap-
city and potential scheduled uses can and should dominate university design, location and operation of the plant "on or very near" the campus.

But the report carefully leaves "avail-
able" use of the facility for such "town
group" events as Boise Philharmonic
concerts. Boise arts groups, Idaho civic
opera efforts, major high school music
and sports events, touring profes-
sional ensembles and sports events of
interest to the general public.

The latter, the committee concluded, could be accommodated as "plus" advan-
tage to the general community and an
extra degree of margin that would be paying the major share of bondholders' costs.

While the committee study makes much of the feasibility for the pavilion
being based in current BSU on-campus activities, it notes some opportunities for "development" of new activities through such a structure.

BSU campus could attract and present for university and public audiences national scholastic sports that have not skipped the area, the report predicts.

Student attendance for "off-Broad-
way" roadshow theatricals, indoor track
and field events and involvement in Idaho civic opera efforts are logical expansions of student cultural and social experience here, with an ade-
quately staffed facility to attract such bookings, it says.

While BSU Grew, Gym Didn't
In a section devoted to present facili-
ties for student activities and entertain-
ment events, on campus, the report
points out, the need for "shutdowns" of the gym now takes on a broader basis.

Twentv-nine year Gbcno gym, the report recalls, was built for a seated capacity of 3,600, with three general purpose classrooms and athletics in the 1950's, for 10,000.

Outdated, too small and poorly venti-
lated, the building is slated for demo-
 lition and replacement by a BSU Fine
Arts & Humanities building on the same "prime" site as a future plan. It has little use for immediate needs, the report con-
cludes.

Wind, Weather, Chill Attendance
While the report lauds the example of university enrichment and community benefits from Bronco stadium, it notes past attendance woes when the facility has been over-expanded for use as site for events better held indoors.

University commencement exercises are plagued at Bronco Stadium by windy, chilly spring weather; outdoor concerts suffer severe financial loss when unpredictable weather dis-
courages potential fans, the report recalls.

Two other buildings with activities and physical education uses noted in the report are the "amenities", physical educa-
tion building and the new BSU Spec-
center.

The former is an excellent physical education facility for some programs, but was not designed with proper ceiling height for basketball or volleyball. Even the report notes. That limits this building to use for wrestling, individuals' summer
 time gym games, physical fitness exercises and the major swimming pool use.

The Specenter is the most specialized student use building of the lot, the report explains. Designed as a fixed-
seating, acoustically excellent small audi-
torium "it cannot help to solve the space needs for activities which are generally feasible only in a larger, multi-
purpose activity building."

"Togetherness" Vital On Urban Campuses
At BSU's urban, mobile-student popu-
lated campus, a core to the sense of university "togetherness" are the eighty-eight clubs and organizations that bind students into social and cultural interest groups, the report stresses, in its third chapter.

Present overcrowding of all BSU buildings to meet academic require-
m ents has driven many of these clubs and organizations out of former meeting
places, or prevented additions of impor-
tant new social groups and organizations to the campus society, the student meM-
bers of the committee write.

Further, the student committee peo-
ple themselves, the need to hold numerous musical and social events that allow BSU's often-transient students a place to set up and get involved is a critical requirement.

Economics and safety problems plague student program planners trying to meet those demands, they say.

History of Attendance at BSU Musical Events 1973-1976
Gym Capacity 3,600

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Women Athletes Cramped, Hassled
Women's sports potential is discussed in the report as a major justification for a new multi-purpose facility for educational and practice facilities for such develop-
ment.

But, says the report, one of the uni-
versity's fastest-growing activities still
bears its share of "nuisance" due to the large numbers of season tickets that have all choice seats tied down, the report notes.

Yet while BSU is the larger in popula-
tion that seven of twelve "comparison" institutions in Idaho, Montana, Utah and
Arizona studied by the committee, its gymnasium event seating capacity is the smallest of all twelve; its structure is the oldest of all twelve studied, the report lists.

Student Fee Comparison [From Exhibit 8, Pavilion Committee Report]

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Queasy locker room space, a tiny store
room into which all women's sport equip-
ment must be stuffed, a too-small and ill-adapted dressing room, plus no room allocated for team meetings, film viewing.

In general, the report concludes, women's sports facilities are "grossly substandard".

Intramural programs at Boise State have almost a dual-crowned, sched-
ule and participation problems as those listed for women's sports, accord
ing to the report.

"A university the size of BSU should provide the women's sports with a much broader selection of intramural and recreational activities. A new multi-purpose facility which can satisfy some of these needs is long overdue."

P.E. Already Pushed Off Campus
In physical education, an academic aspect of the problem, committee research lists a resurgence of interest in P.E. and a longer for the multi-purpose

BSU students now total over three thousand, up from under two thousand in 1974, the report says. To meet the load on the two gym's, some P.E. classes have already been forced off-campus to rental rooms around the Boise area, the report says.

All basic needs in all "critical use" area cited by the report could be cured within financial resources of the university, student body and income potentials of the facility as a rental operation to non-
university groups, the report claims.

Key to funding a multi-purpose facility of the scope described by the committee would be utilization of a twenty-five year revenue bond, to be backed by income from student fees during the period.

BSU administrators included a finan-
cial analysis section of the report. That produced a recommended fee increase of $50, to the existing $183 annual BSU student fee, to meet such a binding program requirements.

Sees Pavilion Key
BSU Athletic Director Lyke Smith calls the proposed BSU pavilion a "giant step in presenting BSU on ath-
letic parity with almost every institu-
tion in the west."

Major justification of the facility to intercollegiate activity in his department, says Smith, would be possible, especially at tournaments in both men's and women's basket-
ball.

Smith said there could be major increases of "non-controlled" court use by local basketball enthusiasts, also.
Million $ Musical Chairs

MUSICAL chairs, with a scientific flavor, will be the game to watch on the Boise State University campus when a water shed event occurs during early February — the giant shift of all science department into new or expanded quarters made possible by opening of the $5 million new sciences building.

The groundbreaking for section of a two-building complex to house science and education studies at BSU, offers ninety thousand square feet of new offices, classrooms, laboratories and specialized project areas to BSU department of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Education.

Other departments — Mathematics, Geology, Home Economics — will expand into relocated classrooms, offices and lab spaces to be vacated when former tenants leave the old science building for the new one.

It is all to be done in the middle of the second semester. That was not the way it was planned, says Biology Chairman Dr. Russ Centanni, but that's the result of constant timing delays triggered primarily by a recent statewide plumbers' union strike action.

To keep schedule confusion to a minimum, a committee that includes every campus official concerned with a successful moving operation has been monitoring construction progress and laying down careful "phasing" plan for that giant relocation project.

Committee Chairman is Herb Runner, Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. From Arts & Sciences, committee members are Dr. Centanni, Mr. Jack Dalton, Chemistry; Dr. Gary Newby, Physics & Engineering; Dr. JoAnne Vahey, Nursing; Dr. Joe Spulnik, Arts & Sciences Dean.

Committee members from other campus agencies are Will Collins, Purchasing, Herb Mengel, Buildings & Grounds; Gordon Phillips, Administrative Services; along with Health Sciences Dean Dr. Vic Duke, building architect Jo LaMarche and Dr. Bullington, Executive Vice President.

First to move, when architects and contractors hand the keys to the university, will be the university's registered nursing program, along with some related nursing studies teaching aids.

That move is the first phase, says Runner, because it will move in a complete block of faculty, offices, labs and equipment without major schedule interference with other operations in the old science building.

If scheduled load up, Runner thinks the nurses may be in the new building before spring break.

After that, the department of Physics will move, in as much of a one-time shift as possible, says Runner.

Last to leave their old science building quarters will be the departments of biology and chemistry.

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It could be wrong, he argued, to "redress a proper grievance at BSU by canibalizing other institutions which are not over funded in their needs."

But the discussion did seem to reflect early concerns of the presidents of ISU and UI that pressure is being generated on those institutions to carefully account for their current use of budget dollars allotted them.

President Coulter said ISU was moving into an active internal management and study and overall program review to look at what things can be consolidated, to find better utilizations of existing staff and space.

President Hartung of Idaho university pointed to his school's recent analysis of faculty activity in teaching, research, counselling, community service, etc.

As he complimented each institution president on their individual performance, JFAC Chairman James seemed pleased with the direction of the day's meeting.

After the session, he told Focus he could see few serious obstacles to a com­paratively swift committee packaging of school's "decision unit" budget actions. By the JFAC.

Holz Calls Registration Best Yet

AUDITORIUM OUTLOOK for Boise civic area brightened with three new Greater Boise Auditorium board members elected January 11, all pledged to seek answer to convention center hopes. Left are Stan Daley, As Royce and Ed Knackt.

Enrollment this month was "strong." compared to recent spring registration standards, but the big news was the system, as over 8,100 prospective Boise State University spring term scholars crowded through registration lines at Bronco gymnasium Monday January 12.

"Nothing went along smoother than at any spring registration I have dealt with," said BSU Registraturl Susanna Holz as her staff moved back to home quar­ters in the Ad Building to handle a "state wide registration." Registration System.

Some major changes in the registration procedure that combined more per­sonal key "jam up" points than in the past were key to the dramatic improve­ment in registration efficiency.

"My figures work out to an average of twenty minutes per student for the entire registration process," reported Registrar Holz.

Last fall, as a comparison, individual students took from 45 to 90 minutes to two hours to complete the registration process, she added.

"We had six additional personnel on the floor Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, then we had nine extra people on the floor Friday night for the biggest flow period," Holz explained.

In another move from previous proce­dures, cash registers were located on the gym mezzanine area, away from the class sign-up operations on the main gym floor. That seemed to eliminate much of the crowding and milling on the main floor that has plagued both operation at previous registrations.

Registrar Holz was so pleased with the results of the current operation that she expects to use the same techniques next year. But that could be the last year before another radical shift in registra­tion systems here.

"A Registrations Task Force" of BSU registration officials is about to put finishing touches on a computerized pro­cedure that will eventually do away with the manual procedures now in the system.

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(4) To catch up to a serious backlog of building and grounds repair and renovation projects that were left unattended while BSU budget dollars drained to buy more "inferior" operating enroll­ment growth here ($242,000).

(5) To buy machines and support person­nel in data processing, registration and purchasing-payroll offices — all areas that have been "com­pressed" so as not to raise BSU growth and federal-state reporting demands ($232,000).

The five requests were singled out for special explanation to the Joint Finance Committee by members of the State Board of Education and BSU President Barnes.

None drew heavy questions from JFAC members, prompting President Barnes to comment, "Mr. Worthen, had you been there in attendance at my university in the last years at the university."

(See also JFAC story, page two.)
A famous California educator politician, a Boise State University dean and BSU President John Barnes added their weight to this area in a long list of predictions that faculty pay scales may be the hottest higher education issue of the coming years.

On the same day that former San Francisco State University President S. I. Hayakawa predicted major faculty protest actions for the U.S. soon, BSU School of Business Dean Charles Lien spoke darkly along the same line.

Dr. Lien's position was as major speaker to a breakfast gathering of Idaho legislators, hosted at Boise State University by the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce.

"I think unions are having a key day" with faculty who feel unwanted and unrewarded for their contributions to education, Lien told the Idaho lawmakers.

While he stopped short of Hayakawa's description of strikes, demonstrations and other protest ugliness in colleges and universities, Dr. Lien saw a subtle destruction of university quality.

As university professors watch their spending power crushed between "inadequate" annual salary increases and "double-digit inflation" in Idaho, they lose motivation and interest in devoting a career to Idaho students, he claimed.

At BSU, said Lien, last year's $108 average salary increase and 1.8 percent merit gain has left many professors frustrated and dispassionate about their economic future in the state system.

That, warned Lien, is creating "a time bomb" of resentment at BSU and throughout Idaho's university system.

ROTC Course Marches On

ROTC, with a few new twists from the old march and drill days, will be on the BSU campus starting next fall, announced Army officials this month.

The first year program will start with basic courses like military history, leadership and national defense. But new on the scene will be a departure from the traditional drills that were a hallmark of ROTC in the 40's.

While students won't get out of marching entirely, they will have the chance to trade some of those hours for more pleasant outdoor activities like cross country skiing, water survival and mountain climbing. Army representative Col. Willard Alverson, Are those part of a new leadership development program started by the Army.

Once the program gets off the ground next fall, says, "we'll have something going every weekend if they want it."

Since Boise State is new to the Reserve Officer Training Corps program, the school will only offer the "basic course" for the next two years.

Once students have completed that sequence of classes, BSU will expand its offer the "advanced course" that leads to an Army commission at graduation.

Students in that advanced phase of their training will receive $100 monthly. They are also obligated for active duty service upon graduation.

Response to the new program has been good, according to BSU Executive Vice President Dr. Richard Bullington. A survey taken at fall registration indicated that 360 students would sign up for ROTC courses. A majority said ROTC at Boise State should be allowed for those students who want it.

"It is too early to tell," Alverson estimates that about 100 students will enter the program when it starts next fall. Since this year only counts four years, most of those students will be freshmen or sophomores.

In addition to the $100 monthly in the last two years, the Army also offers other full tuition and books scholarships. With the new approval, BSU joins the other state universities as the only schools to offer college ROTC in Idaho.

In a separate statement on Lien's remarks, BSU President John Barnes acknowledged the increased success of union organization efforts on the BSU campus after last year's marginal salary increases.

"The trouble is that all this upsets the professors' dedication to his primary task...it creates a management problem that must ultimately harm the university's effective service to the student," he agreed.

Though both thought Idaho had a statewide "university salary" problem, Lien was specific about BSU's lagging situation as the worst of the lot.

He cited figures to underline his claim that BSU receives less state budget dollars per student, than even "the most poorly supported junior college in Idaho'.

The picture of top professionals fleeing to other jobs is clearly developing at BSU, claimed Lien.

That, he said, creates the classic disease called "organizational entropy" in which top management resources go elsewhere while less and less qualified leaders come in as replacement.

When an organization, in business or education, exports more "energy" that it brings in, "in time, it will die," he explained.

For the gathered legislators, Lien's challenge was to decide whether "we want fewer but more outstanding programs?"

"If your answer favors fewer programs, we prepared to eliminate or reduce programs at our alma mater or our favorite regional institution which houses many of our constituents!"

Irene Burnside

Gerontologist
Here Feb. 14

Nurses and health professionals statewide will have the opportunity to study under a nationally known consultant in gerontological nursing when Mrs. Irene M. Burnside comes to BSU on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Mrs. Burnside's visit was arranged as part of BSU's continuing education program for nursing and in cooperation with BSU's department of nursing and St. Lakes, St. Alphonsus, and Mercy Medical Center hospitals.

The title of Mrs. Burnside's workshop which will run 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. is "Psychosocial Care of the Elderly. The presentation will be broad enough to appeal on an advanced care level as well as respond to individual needs.

Mrs. Burnside currently serves as consultant in nursing at the Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontological Center, UCLA. She has published six books and numerous articles relating to care of the elderly.

Publication of her book, "Psychosocial Nursing Care of the Aged," earned Mrs. Burnside the American Journal of Nursing's "Book of the Year Award" in 1974. She has also received several other awards for her service in the gerontology field.

All health care professionals are welcome to attend the workshop on Feb. 14 in the BSU Student Union Building says continuing nursing education director Paula Cummings, parking will be available in the stadium lot.

Registration will cost twenty-five dollars and participants can pre-register by contacting Paula Cummings, at BSU phone 385-1780. Late registration will be accepted at the door as space provides.

Participation is recommended for nurses, nursing home administrators, activity directors, social workers, chaplains and anyone concerned about improving care for the aged. Cummings explained.

Rape Talk
Set Feb. 2

Frederic Storaska, popular author and lecturer, will appear Feb. 2 at BSU to present his talk "How to Say 'No' to a Rapist".

Storaska, who spoke to a crowd of over 500 here last year, will be making his third appearance on the BSU campus.

He is founder and president of the National Organization for the Prevention of Rape Assault, and has authored a best-selling book with the same title as his lecture series.

Storaska, in appearance, is co-sponsored by Programs Board lecturers and Student Residential Life office, will be at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom Feb. 2. BSU students will be admitted free to the lecture, with general admission cost set at $1.

MOODS RANGE from happy to serious when students and lawmakers get together. Occasion was the listening to Business School Dean Charles Lien's podium was as major when students and lawmakers get together.
Everybody Likes To Use Speccenter, But....

It's great for music, but the stage is too small. It's great for theatre, but the acoustics aren't perfect. It's great for films, but the projectors keep breaking. Those are a few examples of the mixed reviews users give BSU's one-year-old Speccenter. As a campus personality, it bears the stamp of the proverbial street walker. Everybody loves to use her, but nobody wants to be a friend. Most users do agree on one thing: the $1.4 million building has provided welcome relief from the hodgepodge of classrooms and old facilities that housed campus cultural events before.

But words of praise hardly have time to bounce around the building's brick interior before users hastily add qualifications.

Mostly, these have to do with scheduling.

In a nutshell, the building is too popular. Concerts, plays, and movies all vie for the same busy weekend dates. That adds up to a scheduling jam that leaves few people totally satisfied.

The man who is caught between the pressure of student and cultural groups is Steve Robertson, programs board chairman and Speccenter manager. A student himself, Robertson frankly says there aren't enough days in the year to get everybody in. "Everybody wants it for their events. It's a matter of who has priority."

Most of the conflicts are ironed out during semester meetings between Robertson and the other campus groups who use the Speccenter. Student users get first priority, faculty and departments second, and community last.

Concerts Out

That means heavily attended film series, which student funds pay for, get the building on Friday and Sunday evenings. Since they are student events, they bump things like rentals and concerts also scheduled those nights. About the only exception to that policy is for drama productions, says Robertson.

The concert-films dilemma is about the most serious scheduling conflict, says Robertson. It's a situation that's bound to leave one side unhappy, but under the present policies, he can't do much about it. Another group wants to move their event to a free week night because of the crowded parking situation caused by night school. So music is left with the older Music Auditorium for its frequent recitals and concerts.

If Boise State events don't keep the building busy, then outside groups will. Already this year it has housed things like the Boise Junior Miss Pageant and the Antique Festival Theatre. This spring the National Guard and Boise Opera Guild have already booked the building.

Robertson's March calendar speaks for itself: three operas, Miss BSU Pageant, foreign films on Fridays and pop films on Sundays are already on tap.

One reason for the open arms welcome is $250, huge stage lights are worth of bulb replacements. Directors Like It

Directors say some acoustical problems have been "raw" quality. To hear voice projections, the stage must be at least three-quarters full. If the audience is closer to the stage, the actors are "too upstage" for voice projection. From the stage, the back five rows are almost too far out, says director Charles Lauterbach, who last used the Speccenter for "The Matchmaker." To hear voice projections, the fourth row is best, he says.

The theatre arts program is one that has benefited more than from the move to new facilities. The Speccenter is more intimate, he adds, than the older Music Auditorium, whose poor acoustics give sounds a "raw" quality.

For orchestra, the back five rows are ideal, he hints.

Theatre Benefits

That differs for drama productions, says director Charles Lauterbach, who last used the Speccenter for "The Matchmaker." To hear voice projections, the fourth row is best, he says.

The theatre arts program is one that has benefited more than from the move to new facilities. The Speccenter is so much more versatile than the old Subal Theatre that directors can be more free in play selection. With its limited stage and lack of rigging, the Subal could not be used for productions that required quick set changes or elaborate staging like "South Pacific" or "Roman and Juliet."

Those days are over. The Speccenter's huge backstage and fly gallery give theatre technicians almost unlimited freedom compared to the Subal, says Lauterbach. "It's given us all a morale boost," says Lauterbach. "For our students, it's widened their horizons. Now they can see stage techniques happen before they could only read about them."

With its complicated lighting system and only partially rigged fly gallery, Lauterbach says the potential of the building is still untapped.

Directors say some acoustical problems come from performers who stand in the stage house area. Sounds there are absorbed by the surrounding back stage walls, and don't reach the audience with full volume.

The cure for that is just around the corner. A set of sound panels will soon be mounted to backstage walls. They should keep voices from bouncing and help get better tones to the audience.

Inspectors, including Williams and BSU projects director Palmer Putnam, gave the Speccenter passing marks when they went through it to iron out defects before the warranty expired on its first birthday.

Aside from the usual sticky doors and minor repairs, inspectors found nothing serious to correct.

According to those who know the building best, it has been a boon to the campus. Audiences attracted by the Speccenter's comfortable seats have packed up for most events.

But users all say the Speccenter's best days are ahead of it. Then, when more theatre extras can be added and the complicated lighting system mastered, it will reach its full potential as Idaho's newest multi-purpose building.
Comparison Invites Caution

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The State Board has recommended that funds be appropriated to provide a 3 percent merit increase for faculty, 1 percent for reallocation and upgrading of certain positions, and that a cost- of-living raise be granted to all state employees.

This cost-of-living percentage will presumably be set by the Legislature. The Board has also recommended an amendment to Senate Bill 1494, the longevity bill, to bring Boise State University under this provision.

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did so in an emergency such as a fire in our homes. The record-setting low temperatures throughout Idaho have resulted in greater numbers of destructive fires. We are told to give thought to what one would save if he or she detected a fire that seemed to be uncontrollable.

The most precious things are often those things that are not replaceable. Critical situations cause one to set priorities.

Boise State University faces the possibility of losing some of its most valuable assets - the top professors in many disciplines through the University - because salary levels are grossly inadequate for those people who have proven themselves to be outstanding faculty members.

When salary raises for a few-year period of time are thin, less able faculty members can hardly afford to be disgruntled. A small percentage of faculty members who are in the top ranks and whose credentials and demonstrated performance give them mobility will simply accept much better positions and leave the University.

Some people believe that there are few jobs in higher education today. Actually, there are fewer jobs than in the past decade, but if we look at it, there are nonetheless less opportunities for faculty members who possess the doctorate, who are soliciting in their instructions, who are looking for the future of students, who do applied research and consulting, who write articles in the periodicals for the professional reader, and who extend themselves to serve to the people of the state.

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Female Administrators Big at BSU

Affirmative action efforts seem to have paid off at Boise State as the increasing number of women and minorities located in "high places" proves.

When Al Hooten, BSU's new auxiliary services director and import from Illinois came on board he noticed the relatively high number of women administrators on campus and expressed his observation to Rosalie Nadeau, affirmative action director.

Reports from Mrs. Nadeau prove that women take a large role in leading the administrative duties at Boise State. "Women have done well everywhere on campus, but particularly in the administrative positions," Rosalie points out. "They are still somewhat weak, however, in the faculty and academic departments."

Reasons for affirmative action success at BSU are many. "Boise State has grown so rapidly in the last ten years that we have had the opportunity to hire many more individuals, men and women alike. This may be one reason that we have more women in administrative positions than other schools who have remained static for several years."

"The main reason for a good showing of women and minorities here is because of the very firm commitment by top administration to adhere closely with affirmative action procedures and hire more women and minorities to fill current or new positions," continued Mrs. Nadeau.

Women have yet to make a great splash in the faculty and academic administration, however, because of all educational requirements, but the future looks bright as Rosalie explains. "Women are just now getting into the Ph.D. field and the percentages are jumping dramatically. We can look for more women with Ph.D.'s in the very near future that will be vying for top faculty positions."

"In the past, women were unable to pursue higher education as readily as men because of commitments to home and children. The trend has reversed though and more men are now willing to pull up roots to follow their wives' careers."

Another reason for the number of top administrators at BSU might stem from the fact that Boise is a capital city with numerous opportunities for young career men who bring their younger career wives with them," theorizes Ms. Nadeau.

Recent estimates nationwide show a great increase in the percentages of women attending law school as an example of women participating in previously male dominated areas. Women faculty members in traditionally male subject areas are also on the increase, even though on a smaller scale. The business school recently added a female Ph.D. holder to the economic department, another in management and there are now two women in accounting. Three years ago, according to Rosalie, there were no women in these areas at all.

First try at writing this story created seven weary pages of condensed material on each exempt woman administrator and one very frustrated writer.

Many years of experience in every field imaginable and intensive courses from Purdue, Germany, New York, and numerous other colleges and universities back up all these women.

Each has been active in community, church, state and government affairs as well as college affiliations. Boise State can even boast one Fulbright Scholar, Helen Huff, adult basic education director.

In order to fit all the women together and give each due credit, a slick list with name and title follows:

Jane Buser . . . personnel director; Christa Baxter . . . assistant director of student activities; Rosalie Nadeau . . . affirmative action director; Helen Huff . . . basic education director; Jackie Cansell . . . administrative assistant to the president; Erma Callies . . . vo-tech counselor and instructor; Betty Brock . . . bookkeeper.

Susanna Holt . . . registrar; Susan Mitchell . . . bookkeeper; Driscoll Scholarship Trust or the Anthony Robert Scott Memorial Scholarship are endowed by the Boise State University Foundation.

The Scholarship

BSU Development Is Based on Scholarships

Here's How They Work...

By David Lambert

Development Director

Quite often persons wishing to make specific contributions to Boise State University have requested that such financial gifts be used to establish scholarships. Such gifts would have been wasted if the money was not used as the donors had requested. Boise State University has long had a tradition of accepting specific gifts and using them for the purposes stated by the donors.

The Scholarship

Frequently donors wish to establish a scholarship named for either themselves or some other person. Money for this scholarship is received once or twice a year and generally the entire amount is allocated to the recipients. Most scholarships follow this pattern:

1. They are funded annually and if funding is not renewed, the scholarship expires.

2. Most scholarships are set up for at least as little as $50 per semester to as much as $360, or the registration for two semesters.

3. Some scholarships will not only pay for tuition, but will pay for books, lab fees, and often some personal needs of the recipient.

4. Scholarships are not invested and do not gain interest since they are received by the institution and given out immediately to students.

5. The person or group donating the scholarships may establish the criteria for selection by the scholarship committee, and most scholarships are given for academic proficiency.

6. Small donations, $5 to $50, nonrestricted, usually go into a general scholarship fund where they are commingled and allocated by the scholarship committee.

The Endowed Scholarship differs from the regular scholarship substantially. Its characteristics are as follows:

1. Large sum of money which is to be invested. Usually the income from the investment provides for one or more scholarships.

2. Sometimes the scholarship agreement allows for some retained income to help the principal sum grow in size, thus providing a built in inflationary feature.

3. The Endowed Scholarship is sometimes managed by the Career and Financial Services Office at Boise State University and this office is charged with the responsibility to invest the principal. In other instances scholarships such as the John Lynn Driscoll Scholarship Trust or the Anthony Robert Scott Memorial Scholarship are managed by Commercial Banks - Trust Offices or separate Foundations. Once again the income from the invested funds provides for the scholarship or scholarships.

The Loan Fund

This list, hopefully, is complete and is aimed at trying to give readers an idea of the number of top administrators and exempt personnel who are women at BSU.

The Loan Fund

The Loan Fund, as opposed to the scholarship fund, is awarded on need and not on scholastic excellence. Monies for a loan fund are extremely versatile since they can be turned over several times a year. When one loan is paid off, another loan immediately becomes available for the student; thus more students can benefit from the fund. Most loan funds, therefore, follow this pattern:

1. Once monies are available, the Loan Fund becomes a living memorial to the donor or the memorialized named person.

2. Donations of funds can be added periodically to increase the amount of funds available for loan.

3. Loan Funds are handled by the BSU Financial Office and a small opening fee plus interest of 9% after the due date is the only interest charge for this loan.

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5. Loan Funds can be established at a very small cost to the institution. Most loan funds are set up with $100 or $200 and may be added to as the donor sees fit.

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Beyond BSU...

By Dyke Nally, Alumni Director

One of the most important factors contributing to the growth and progress of the Alumni Association has been the Regional Coordinator system throughout the state. The Alumni Office has set up contact people in the following areas: Pocatello, Twin Falls, Grangeville, and Moscow.

The Regional Directors are Gary and Karlene Dance in Pocatello; Dean Tooley in Twin Falls; Gary Liskel in Grangeville, and Katie Hoffer in Moscow.

The Boise State Alumni have been extremely instrumental in establishing statewide coordination of the Alumni Association. They serve as resource and contact people for alums from their regions and act in a liaison between capacity from their regions to BSU and the Alumni Association.

If you have questions about the Alumni Association or BSU in general, you can call the person in your area for information. Call them if you know of a good student interested in going to BSU or about a function or issue at the University. They will relay the information to the Alumni Office.

The regional system is also used in helping the Alumni Office keep current records on alums. If you have an address change or name change, please let your Regional Coordinator know or call or write the Alumni Office at BSU.

One other function these people help us with is organizing local functions throughout the state; this is part of BSU's outreach program. These functions are primarily designed to help us get to know our members better and keep them current on the progress of the University.

In behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors and the Alumni Office, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for the help the Regional Coordinators have given our Alumni Association this past year and we are looking forward to another great year in 1977.

Sunny Week Planned for Alumni

Boise State alumni and students can join in a low cost, week long trip to Hawaii this spring through a group charter now being put together by the BSU Alumni Office and Capital Educators Credit Union. Alums or students who want to beat the midwinter doldrums and spend the spring break in Hawaii will leave March 19 and return March 26.

Four promoters say the flight with Northwest Orient Airlines will cost $289 round trip. Travelers can arrange for their own lodging or pay an added $80-190 for a week hotel package. Included in that will be transportation to and from the airport, baggage handling and tips.

For travelers who want more information, trip organizers have planned meetings Jan. 28 and Feb. 16 at the Idaho Credit Union League offices at 2770 Vista.

Details about the trip can also be gotten from Kathy Wood, phone 270-1211 or 375-2187, or Winnie Coldwell, phone 343-0684 or 343-2541.

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In addition, they conducted natural family planning (NFP) classes in Boise, as well as numerous NFP workshops in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon the past two years. They also served here on the five-member International Symposium on Natural Family Planning sponsored by the Human Life Center.

Molitor was most recently employed as a bank officer with the Idaho First National Bank in Boise.

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They have two pre-school daughters.

More In Touch

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Clayton R. Severe has been named manager of the Collins Branch of the Bank of Idaho. Severe, a Rupert native, graduated from Idaho State University in 1956.

Three former Boise State University students have joined the Homedale staff at the elementary level this fall.

Debra Whitaker and Fred Keeler were married Dec. 10. The bride is a graduate of Council High School and Link's School of Business and employed by Republic Personnel Service. Her husband is a graduate of Boise State with a degree in Political Science and will be returning in January to work on his Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Meridith D. Harris and Mike Pearson were wed Dec. 29. Sherry graduated in December of 1976 from the BSU School of Nursing, while her husband attended BSU and is currently employed with a farm implement company in Gooding.

Linda Gillatt and Ted Buck lit a unity candle signifying the joining of their lives during the Oct. 29 ceremony.

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Penny S. Weldon and James S. Hughes were married Dec. 27. The bride is a graduate of Boise State University and is currently employed by the Meridian School District. Her husband is a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is married to the Idaho Hospital Association.

Tori L. Morrison and Richard Humphrey exchanged vows Sept. 11. The groom graduated from Nampa High School in 1969. Both are Boise State University graduates. She is a certified
Two Grads Finish Med School

Boise students Todd Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burt, 2305 W. Boise, and Eric Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoffman, 530 Brammer, have completed their studies at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Both new physicians attended Boise schools and graduated from Boise State University. They finished in the top 25 percent of their Colorado medical school class. Both are graduates of Boise State University and are employed in Boise.

The pair will now enter residency training to specialize in diagnostic radiology.

Burt is currently working at the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise and will begin his residency in July. Hoffman is already a resident doctor in the San Francisco area.

Once their residencies are completed, Burt and Hoffman plan to return to Boise to practice medicine.

Dental assistant and he has a Bachelor of Administration degree.

Gary Hutchinson and JoAnn Davidson were married on Nov. 27 in Burley. Both are graduates of Boise State University and are employed in Boise.

John W. Tillman and Jayleen Ullman were married Nov. 27 in St. Mary’s Catholic Church. The bridegroom is a graduate of Boise State University and attended the University of Idaho and NorthWestern University. He is employed at the Veteran’s Administration Hospital.

The bride is a graduate of the Bryan College of Court Reporting and is employed by Tucker and Associates.

Nancy Odell and John McKeeth were married Nov. 27 in the Fellowship Baptist Church in Boise.

The bride is a graduate of Boise State and is employed by the Caldwell School District, while her husband is working for Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Diana Braden and Dan Powell were wed Jan. 8. The bride is a graduate of Borah High School and attended BSU. She is currently employed by the Vista Branch of the Bank of Idaho, while her husband is a junior at BSU and is working as a salesman for Thurbler Watkins Realty.

Lisa Showman and Thom Thomas were wed Nov. 26 in a double ring ceremony at the Boise First Baptist Church. The bride, who attended Boise State University, is employed by Mountain Bell Telephone Co. Her husband attended the University of Idaho and graduated from BSU.

He is currently a teacher at South Junior High School, Boise.

Funerals

Graveside services for Staff Sgt. John F. Hutson, 53, were held Nov. 23.

Dr. Victor Duke, dean of the School of Health Sciences, says the two are the first med school graduates to go through the Boise pre-medical program. Following their work at BSU, they were accepted to the University of Nevada medical school in Reno. After that two year program they moved on to Colorado.

"Both have stated unequivocally that one of their biggest advantages in medical school was their fine preparation at Boise State," Duke says.

By Jim Dickey
President, Alumni Assn.

Your Alumni Association is in the process of developing a special questionnaire geared to the interests and concerns of the general membership and dealing with Alumni and University matters. The Alumni staff and board members encourage you to take the time to answer and return the information. We want and need your input and interest.

Dr. Victor Duke, Alumni Director, tells me the questionnaire will be sent this month. So please look for it. We really care about you and your thoughts.

During our annual summer session, the board decided to cut down on Alumni Board meetings. However, because so much is happening throughout the University and community, I was directed by the entire board to hold Alumni meetings on a more regular basis. (About once a month, or as needed.)

Your Alumni Association is young, and we are open to continuing suggestions and all types of input from our Alumni and friends. If you have information, questions or advice that should be heard, please contact the BSU Alumni Office. We would like to put it on the agenda or even invite you to a board meeting. Let us hear from you!

In my travels as Alumni President, I continue to see ardent BSU supporters who are not particularly "noted" members of any organized association. Those people get little or no recognition or thanks for their support (not that they expect any).

They simply have strong affections toward BSU and show it by quietly and consistently supporting all types of functions and activities, from art exhibits to athletic events, not only in Boise but all over Idaho and surrounding states. For instance, in Las Vegas and Pocatello, I saw folks like the Ken Blackmuths; the Phil Prices; the Jon Vestals; the Bill Youngs; Ms. Leslie Tatro; the Tony Cantrills; the Bill Louderbachs; Ray Rodriguez; Chuck Berry and many, many more.

If you know of some "Silent Supporters", let me know. I’d like to see their name in print, too.

Jim Dickey
Alumni Assn.

Boise High School in 1930. She later graduated from Boise Junior College and later received a B.A. degree from Northwest Nazarene College.

Wilbur M. (Butch) Newman, 56, Mink Creek Road, died at his home Nov. 21, after an extended illness.

He was born July 11, 1920, at Wilsall, Montana. He spent his early life at Wilsall and Bismarck, Montana, where he attended schools.

The family moved to Meridian in 1934, and he attended high school there and also attended Boise Junior College.

Survivors include his widow, three daughters and three sons.

Ted Likkel, 30, who was born and raised in Grangeville, was killed in an automobile accident at Houston, Texas, Dec. 1, 1976.

He was born July 26, 1946, at Grange- ville. He was a graduate of Grangeville High School and entered the army.

He was a paratrooper in the Vietnam war. He later attended Boise State for two years and Columbia Basin Junior College at Pasco for one year.

Survivors in addition to his wife are two daughters.
Hunched over the telephone at his bedside, one hand cradling a paper-piled briefcase on his drawn up knees, the tousled, beery blond head of Ron Stephenson bent to a tired, patient question between pauses for a move on the line: "You can't find it?" "Why not?" "Where'd you leave it?" "You don't know... why don't you know?" "Did you check your bag before we left the gym?" "Hell, I dunno, I guess we could tape your number on your back." (Frustrated laughter.) "Well, take it easy, we'll check around... see what we can find." Boise State's Assistant Athletic Director let the phone fall onto its cradle, turned slowly to stare at a visitor sitting by the 15th floor Sheraton Motor Inn window. A Spokane newspaper sports page bearing a pre-game story on that night's BSU-Gonzaga clash spilled off a corner of the bed.

"Flat-voiced, he said: 'Mayfield lost his jersey... if for the visitor to share his sorrow he repeated it: 'We lost his jersey... can't find it... doesn't have one... boy, that's it.'"

The search to get something over John Mayfield's 6-9 and one-half inch body besides shorts and shoes was to occupy Stephenson, Coach Bus Connor, the whole Sheraton telephone and 1st-floor elevator system for the balance of a day, then Stephenson would need THAT extra duty.

As traveling secretary, advance man, payroll clerk, public relations representative and finder of lost athletic articles, Stephenson would think faster, talk more, get less sleep and make more important decisions about the traveling fortunes of a BSU athletic safari than any other individual with the group.

In A Briefcase — Everything

Between a steady twirl of his motel room telephone dial to track any evidence of Mayfield's jersey, that pre-Gonzaga afternoon, Stephenson rummaged through his rumpled briefcase repeatedly.

He shoved aside checkbooks and voucher forms to find his well-worn list of "good places for a team to eat" in Spokane.

A few phone calls, jottting menu prices ("Can they get all the milk they want?") and making mental calculations against a stringent food budget, then one of several trips across the hall to Coach Bus Connor's room.

"How would the team go for spaghetti? Craner says a lot of starch is OK early in the day... the newspaper guy says the roast beef at Chapter Eleven is super... maybe we better feed them here in the morning and them out after the game... did you see the place downstairs, the prices are good and they've got chicken... some of the kids like chicken, " they put off the decision, to pace.

A few phone calls snapped on the TV to an almost afternoon game show. Stevenson and Connor paced between their two rooms, trading menu ideas, dropping dark concerns about the team's mental state, breaking the patter to watch the TV picture for no reason but to break growing pre-game tension, then talking local tourism small talk ("Did you see that new nightclub?") because they really weren't watching the TV show, just staring at it because it was something in the room that moved.

Also, The World's Greatest Stat-Man

Back into the briefcase, Stephenson popped an aspirin, yanked out the neatly-named travel schedule that was to be his constant reference for a trip that involved air fares from Boise, arrival times at rental car stands, doverted arrivals for gym workouts in borrowed vans and herding the whole group to and from a variety of restaurants where the food and price "numbers" were right.

Pacing again, as pale, red sunshine tinted Spokane's frigid and antique skyline below the tower window, Stephenson bent suddenly to his briefcase, yanked a legal-sized notepad from the clutter.

"Better get the old stat chart ready, God I'm beat... . I may never make another trip... I may not even finish THIS one.

"Such protests at his fate amused him, for once, and he sprawled across the bed closest to the view window to begin his "stat chart".

That night, after driving one of the rented vans the tinge, moody route to Kennedy pavilion, double-checking the people into the gym, gawking at a few old Gonzaga athletic department friends and starting coaches in the still-empty gym corridor, he dropped his briefcase to the floor, bent down to rearrange its contents like an Arab hawker getting his portable shop with his bauble case.

He would tuck Coach Connor and his team in the right dressing room, make sure towels, soap, etc. were provided, manage to wangle a couple of tickets for some disorganized friends of a ballplayer who showed up unannounced, trade lies about the team's strength and strategy with old friend Adrian Buonchristian as popcorn machines began clicking the pre-game concession song.

He would tell anyone near him that he couldn't take all this, that his body was a sagging shell of its former magnificence, that he could care less if someone let the air out of the basketball, while fans started reviving the gym, with the clatter and clack of feet filling wooden seats.

But he would have his stat sheet at work a few minutes later, now aching as color man to the statistician feeding all that "how does he remember all that?" data to KBOI Bronco "voice" Paul J. Schneider.

After The Loss, Still Work To Do

Then, standing in broken popcorn and shredded programs, Stevenson reached over, slammed the stat sheet into the briefcase, grimly helped Paul J. untangle smoking wire coils and pack mikes and turtles away as both trampled the frustrated aftermath talk of an unexpected defeat.

Back to the vans, the silence inside just deadening, the players' faces frozen straight ahead into street lights and neon flares whirling by. (They'd found the jersey, about an hour before game time, tucked in Gary Craner's medical bag where he'd secreted it after finding it laying...
playoff spot and won the league championship by beating Idaho State and Weber State back to back in Ogden, Utah.

"Idaho State is one of the tougher teams in the league and Weber State, which has some new people, has been impressive in some of its wins. Gonzaga and Montana have experienced players," he said. He added that he didn't expect Montana and Gonzaga to lose too many games in league play because of their experienced personnel.

"Our rebounding has improved and we appear to be battling everyone on the boards," Connor said. "Our early trouble was not enough patience in our shooting and now we are playing better as a team and are anticipating someone's shooting."

Steve Connor continues to lead the Broncos in scoring and remains very close to the top in league scoring with his 19.9 ppg. Steve is averaging 20 ppg in league action. Forwards Kevin Goetz, Moscow; Danny Jones, Compton, Ca.; and Trent Johnson, Seattle, have also been drawing praise from coach Bus Conter.

Portello's Wally Foster, the other starting guard, appears to have changed his concept of the game and is doing very well, Connor said. Another impressive aspect of the Broncos has been the squad's defense. Coach Connor and his staff of Burt Golden and Doug Oliver have developed a switching defense which goes from man to man and then to various types of zone defenses.

"We found that we weren't the type of team that could battle with a man defense all night. The changing to different types of defenses has taken away some of the momentum of our opponents," Young said. He added that the matches against Mankato, Augustana and South Dakota could have been won by the Broncos. All of BSU's opponents were nationally ranked.

One other aspect of the swing was good, Young said. That was his opportunity to watch his young men in action for six consecutive nights. "It was much easier to see what they were doing right and wrong every night. It gave me a good opportunity to see them in action without a week between matches."

Young must have picked out the flaws because his grapplers came back last week to take three straight duals and boost their record to 6-9. The wins were a lopsided 31-6 over Weber, a tight 18-17 over Utah State and a 20-14 nod at Idaho State.

They will be back home for matches against WGU, Portland State and BYU on Feb. 2, 3, and 5. Some of the momentum of our opponents. "We're not necessarily after turnovers, but trying to keep the opponents from running the ball down our throats. We are a pretty good zone defense team," Connor said.

A lot of games remain to be played in the Big Sky Conference before a champion is decided. The defending league champion Broncos are an improving team with a lot of very bright things on the horizon.

BETWEEN GAMES, Stephenson tends his chores while coaches and players try to pass roadtrip hours. From left: Ron records meal charge as restaurant manager waits for check; John Mayfield bought new cap; "Bus" tries it on, too; Burt Golden tries small talk with Steve Barrett as Steve Connor ponders game an hour away; Stephenson calls "bus time" to troops; Dan Jones gets pre-game pep talk from Mrs. Golden; [below right] Stephenson wearily wipes eyeglasses between phone calls.

in the snow near the Varsity Center on departure day "as an object lesson... I'll bet he'll check his gear the NEXT trip!"

Stephenson with his case, Cranner with his bag, went through the old motions one more time. A postponement for today's, money for a snack, agendas for each player and coach to meet deadlines tomorrow driving to Moscow.

Like boy-eyed pied pipers, they cross the air routes and waiting rooms with their counterparts from colleges and universities all over the region,training athletes doggedly behind.

Later, much later, the pair tossed their satchels in the motel room corner, keeled over onto the two beds. Numb, they let the television picture flicker before their disinterested stares.

Stephenson loosened his belt, kicked a shoe somewhere out into the above and sighed: "Friend, there has GOT to be a better way to make a living... there has just GOT to be!"

The white phone jangled, alive again, and he rolled heavily over to obey it.
WOMENSPORTS
By Julie Howard

Gym Team
In Control

After controlling all four areas of competition Saturday to defeat the University of Idaho and Central Washington by a huge margin, the Boise State gymnasts now prepare to hit the road for matches at Montana State Jan. 29, Portland state Feb. 4 and Oregon State Feb. 5. They will be back home Feb. 12 for the BSU Invitational.

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The world of bucking broncos and barrel racing is a familiar one to these members of Boise State University's rodeo club. Pictured in the bottom row, from left, are Julie Epperson, Dianne Martineau, Craig DeVeny, Second row, Rick Clay, (standing) Tonya Halbert, Herbie Smith, Brad Royce. Back row, Cherie Cutbirth, Debbie Ashley, Tom Kiser, and Trena Halbert (partially obscured). Also in the club but not pictured is Tracy Hetta. The intermountain collegiate rodeo schedule runs through twelve events, from September 1976 through late May, 1977.

Rounding out the BSU sweep of the all-around was freshman Judy Wilkins. She took first in the beam and floor exercise.

In addition to Harris and the Wilkins' efforts, Jerrie Seivers won her specialty on the bars while Terry Bailey took second in the beam and floor exercise.

In two of the events, bars and floor exercise, BSU dominated the field, taking all top places. BSU also took top spots in the other events except for a third place finish by Patty Byers of Idaho in the beam and second by Kay Bourdeaux in the vault.

Totals were 1144.55 for BSU, U of Idaho 66.14 and CWSC 65.35.

To Boise State's coach Pat Holman, Saturday's victory was a strong step toward the '77 nationals goal.

"Each and every one went out and did her very best. But the exciting thing was that this was only our second meet. Where we are going from here?"

Women 5-3

After two rather tough losses to the University of Utah, Boise State women's basketball team got back on the winning track last week at the expense of North West Nazarene and Eastern Oregon State College.

The Broncos now stand at 5-3 on the season.

Against the shorter NNC Crusaders BSU's starters turned the game over to the substitutes after racing to a quick 18-2 lead. Ten Broncos found their names in the scoring column in the 64-29 win last Thursday.

Top point makers were Elaine Clegg, 11, and Kim Erekson, JoAnn Burrell and Nancy Phillips with 10 each.

The defeat was the first of the year for NNC.

Friday against Eastern Oregon the going was a little tougher, but not much, as BSU raced to a 73-56 win. It was another good night for Phillips, who hit 100 percent from the field and ended with 15 points. Scoring honors went to JoAnn Burrell with 16 points and 16 rebounds, Elaine Elliott 15 points and 14 rebounds, and Kay Bourdeaux 15 points. The next weekend the Broncos will be in Washington to try to improve their record. Friday they will battle Western Washington State at home and move on to Seattle Saturday for a contest with Seattle Pacific.

The next weekend the women will be back home for a Feb. 4 game with Utah State and a tangle with the highly rated Seattle AAU Lumbermen Feb. 5.

BOISE CLASSIC Holiday tournament drew profitable crowd interest and gave Bronsons their first tournament trophy of 76-77 season December 27-28. All Tourney team (top photo) included Bronson Kevin Goetz (l) and Steve Connor (r). Lyle Smith awarded each player tourney mementos (lower left) while President John Barnes exulted over tourney title plaque with Connor (lower right).
Thai Student Finds Way To Boise

By Kim Rogers

Fresh off a plane from Washington that left him amid the smell of melting snow and dirt, Ekchninrt Rugsaj wandered across the BSU campus and into the residence hall where his father, assistant dean of records and registration, said he would come up with the right person to untangle his problems.

"There is little doubt that 1977 will be marked by expansion," he said. To back up that claim, he cited a sharp increase in housing starts, increased employment, a rise in capital appropriations and strong exports.

The Carter fiscal package and recent increases in the money supply should fuel growth, but Mitchell threw out a caution flag because too much stimulation could bring on a revival of "serious inflationary pressures."

But Mitchell remained optimistic in his prediction for lower inflation, which he said will be about 4.5 to 5 percent this year.

"This seems to be consistent with recent wage behavior and the money supply aggregate. It is a bit unclear on the 1976 performance and much better than the 1974-'75 period," he said.

"Employment, which increased at about three percent in 1976, should continue to grow at a slightly faster pace this year, he thinks. But people shouldn't get too hopeful in that area."

"The lowering of this rate is part of a long term process that will require institutional changes in the education, minimum wages and incentives."

Mitchell foresees a good 1977 for some sectors of the economy. But Mitchell notes agriculture "the major question mark because of surpluses in potatoes, wheat and, possibly, corn. "Prospects for economic development in those areas are dim," he said.

"That is a problem for the market, on the other hand, is in a better situation. The end of the liquidation cycle and increases in commodity prices will lead to better prices this year."

"There is a possibility of some government action to assist agriculture income with, for example, quotas or direct income payments. The incoming administration has indicated support for higher farm incomes and more government intervention in the farm sector."

"This attitude combined with new farm laws this year could affect Idaho," Mitchell concluded.

Handbooks Ready

Copies of the revised classified employees handbook have recently been distributed on campus, according to Jane Buser, Personnel Director.

"The handbook covers many changes in rules, benefits and regulations that have occurred in the last year."

Buser is hopeful that the handbook will answer most of the questions raised by classified employees, but reminds all employees that the personnel department is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to give Boise State University employees "BSU HOME OF THE BRONCOS" as part of its Boise advertising campaign (see photo).

Main force for the complimentary billboard promotion for the city and the university is Charles Cosgriff, active booster, Boise Chamber of Commerce, member and "a guy who used to run around with Jim in high school."
Five Poets Schedule Boise Visits This Spring

Some of America's best known poet superstars will be in Boise this spring under a grant arranged by Dr. Charles David Wright, director of Boise State Music Club.

The just-announced grant money will bring to town one poet each month through May, according to Wright. Finances for their appearances come from BSU, Idaho Heritage Magazine, Observer Books, Boise Public Schools and the Boise Gallery of Art.

Those organizations combined to put up half of the $6000 used to fund the series. The National Endowment for the Arts furnished the rest.

Each poet will spend two days in Boise spreading that time between workshops with school teachers, creative writing classes at BSU, magazine interviews and public poetry readings at the Gallery of Art and Boise State.

To open the series, Lawrence Feltinghetti, a San Francisco poet who played a major role in the Beat movement of the 1950's, will be in Boise Feb. 9-10.

He will read Feb. 9 in the Boise Gallery of Art on poetry and paintings and Feb. 10 at BSU's Spectrum Center. Both appearances start at 8 p.m. and are free to the public.

According to Wright, Feltinghetti was a pioneer in the 50's movement toward a more open, oral style of poetry.

With Peter Martin, he founded the first all paperback bookstore in the country, City Lights. Later, he publish­ing company by that same name was one of the first to print works of Beat poets like William Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg.

Ginsberg's "Howl," which was seized by customs agents and led to the well-publicized trial of the author, was published by Feltinghetti.

Unlike many of the Beat poets, Feltinghetti's work is engaged in politics and society. Poems with titles like billboards, and "automobilized America," are typical of the San Francisco artists, says Wright.

Since 1950 he has completed 8 books of poetry, two novels, three films and four records.

"First Time"

As the person who brought poets, sponsors and money together, Wright says this spring will be the first time so many widely acclaimed poets have come to Boise in one semester.

At least four of the poets are included in "Poetry in the Schools," a chance for students to meet poets they have admired and express "remembrance of the English program," he says.

"For them to visit classes and do a workshop with our students is in a very valuable thing."

The new poetry series is the continua­tion of several BSU community efforts, Wright explains. Already the university has worked in the "Poetry in the Schools" program. Last year four poets sponsored by a grants from Idaho Association for the Humanities were at BSU and the Gallery of Art for readings and discussions about poetry and his environment.

Wright says Boise is ready to receive big name poets like Feltinghetti and the others scheduled this spring.

"There is a likely scene in poetry here now," he claims. "As examples he points to several community activities in poetry."

Of the Wednesday night programs at the art gallery, poetry is very often the best attended. Readings at the Observer Bookstore on Sundays also draw a good audience.

On top of that, Wright credits publications like Idaho Heritages, "cold milk" and the Stateman for bringing poetry to the people.

Wright adds that Idaho has at least 4 publishers who print good poetry. "For a state with 8 people per square mile, that could be seen as a lot of involvement," he says.

"Poetry in the Schools," a program that has brought several poets to Boise with young students, has helped the poetic climate in town, he thinks.

The five poets coming this spring should add a lasting growth interest in the art, he thinks.

Fontaine Headlines Theatre Festival

Jean Fontaine, one of Hollywood's long-time leading ladies who has head­lined on marques since the 1940's, will be the featured speaker at Boise State University's annual Idaho Invitational Theatre Arts Festival Jan. 27-29.

Fontaine will address 450 high school students who will attend the two days of drama competition and work­shops. She will speak at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28 in the SBU Ballroom.

In her career Fontaine, who is the sister of Olivia DeHavilland, has played with leading men like Gary Grant, Fred Astaire, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., James Stewart, Charles Boyer, Bwag Crosby, and Bob Hope. She was Fred Astaire's dancing partner after Ginger Rogers.

Among her career that has encom­passed over 40 films were leading roles in the film classic "Rebecca," with Law­rence Olivier, and "Something to Live For" with Ray Milland.

She also was featured with Harry Belafonte in "Island in the Sun," a pioneer film on the theme of interracial love in 1957. Her last big movie was in 1963 with "Tender is the Night.

Boise State's theatre arts department has a full schedule of activities for the 600 young dramatists who will be on campus. It will include a tour of the Spectrum Center and a report on the London theatre scene from students who just returned from BSU's tour there.

The Idaho Public Broadcast­ing Network has already started over­age for its legislators.

"Legislature '79 will air each week starting at 6:30 p.m. The half hour program features news and interviews with legislators along with some debates and special hearings. The show is also broadcast on other Idaho public television stations.

KOID Doubles Pledge Total

KOID more than doubled its pledge total over last year, according to station manager Jack Schlaefle.

The annual pledge week held each December netted $15,195 in renewals and new memberships for a total of 1,033 pledges, he said. The total last year amounted to $4,469 and 497 pledges.

Film classics and other special series are being aired through the member contrib­utions.

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Focus People on the Move

In Health Sciences

Two BSU respiratory therapy instruc­tors have been elected as officers of the Idaho Society for Respiratory Therapy. They will serve during the 1977 term.

Dr. Donaldson was re-elected as treasurer of the organization and Dr. Applegate was elected as president of the Idaho Society for Respiratory Therapy. They will work with the other 34 elected officers of the society to carry out its mission of their profession.

In Biology

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In Geology

The meeting. These students were invited to attend the society's annual meeting in Denver this month and to give a paper and a poster presentation.

During November, Applegate was elected as an invited participant in an International Conference sponsored by the Geological Society of America Fennerone Conference Series.

This special conference was on the evaluation of active faults in relation to earthquake hazards.

During November, he was invited guest speaker at the special meeting of the U.S. Geological Survey at the University of Utah at Snowbird, Utah on evaluation of electrical methods used in the geotectonic environment.

Also during November, Applegate and Donaldson and some geologists students visited the University of Utah, and the Colorado School of Mines and associ­ated geological features along the way.

While in the Denver area, the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Geophys­ics Program at the Colorado School of Mines was attended by Applegate and Donaldson and BSU students Lance Eggers and Neal Fausett.

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Forecasts Unraveled

"High pressure, temperatures below normal, some valley fog with no chance of precipitation." That's been the standard forecast that announcers have been drilling into people's heads for two months in Boise as skiers hope, resort operators pray, and Indians dance for snow.

What's behind all the almost ostensibly total failure of every, session? More important, why won't it snow?

Mario Delisio, BSU geographer and meteorologist, explains: "Weather changes in the West, he says, come when fronts move into the area. They usually slide in when there is low pressure and often bring either rain or snow.

That normally is the pattern. Not this winter.

So far a high pressure system that usually hangs over Wyoming has located over the Gem State. That has blocked off fronts before they get here from the Pacific coast and shifted them into Canada and then back into the Midwest where they have caused record cold and snow there.

Idaho, in short, has been left high and dry at a time of the year when low pressure and fronts normally bring storms.

Beside the conspicuous absence of snow, high pressure is also the culprit that has caused all the local fog for the past few weeks, says Delisio.

Since clear and dry skies come with high pressure, the daytime sun can heat the earth and cause warm surface air. Snow on the ground then melts and evaporates. But as soon as the sun goes down, fog creeps out. The warm air escapes into the atmosphere because there are no clouds to hold it. As the evening air turns cold, it coalesces the moisture into fog.

What about the cold snap that tent oil blot out of sight earlier in the month? Delisio can answer that one too.

During that period Boise was on the bottom of the high pressure circle that pulled frigid air down from Canada. If Idaho had been on the top of the pressure zone, temperatures would have been warmer due to air coming in from the Southwest.

Everybody may talk about it, but few people really understand what is happening this winter with the Idaho weather, Delisio says. Even professional meteorologists, with their computers and satellites, can't be sure.

It could be caused by a number of variables like pollution, the jet stream or the solar system. Nobody can say for sure.

Delisio adds that the weather everybody is maligning is really part of a normal pattern.

"We live in a marginal or arid area here. There are always climatic extremes... in those types of places. It's too bad it's not seen very wet years here. We go through these extremes periodically."

When will all end and skiers be able to vent their frustrations on a powder covered slope? Delisio doesn't want to turn prophet.

"Really," he confesses, "nobody can say for sure when it will all change. We just don't know that much about it yet."

Registration deadline for the summer trip which will begin July 15, 1977 has been set for May 1. Cost will be around $1,500 for all expenses, barring souvenirs, etc., and a deposit is required for airfare and hotel credit.

The number of credits is still being arranged, but anyone interested is invited to participate whether they are university students or not. A minimum of twelve students is required for the tour and Mr. Corbett has set fifteen as an optimum number.

"Anyone seriously interested in the tour is urged to contact me at once and remember, enthusiasm is high for this trip and the slots will fill up fast," cautioned Del. Already three members of the Christmas tour have expressed desires to participate in the summer tour.

Highlight of the summer trip is planned to be the four-weeks spent in the British Theatre Association Art School. Another fine point about the trip is that all travel arrangements will be made and the group departs from the Boise Airport, lands in England at the Heathrow Airport, and upon return flight comes right back to Boise again.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Del Corbett, Boise State Art Department, 385-1609.

In Business

Dr. Charles Lein is currently serving as chairman of the Management Assistance Committee of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Dr. Lein has also made recent presentations to the following groups: Idaho Motor Transport Association Annual Meeting; Boise Junior League; BSU Chapter, Alpha Kappa Psi; Boise Jaycees; Northwest Transportation Conference; Idaho Association of General Contractors Annual Meeting; Boise Vista Lions Club; Institute of Internal Auditors, Rotary Club of Southwestern Idaho; National Society of Production Inventory Control; Soroptimist Club of Boise; and the BSU/Boise Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast.

In History

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In Music

Dr. Daniel D. Stors, BSU's Conductor-in-Residence, will direct the Boise Philharmonic on Monday, Jan. 31 and Thursday, February 1 when they present their third series of concerts. On both concerts evenings, an outstanding musical program has been designed to highlight the talents of musicians of the Boise Philharmonic. Both concerts will be held at Capital High School.

One group of BSU students and several area residents have returned from the holidays and school break with an extraordinary learning experience behind them.

Seventeen people, some students and others just along for the trip, returned to Boise early last week from a three week visit to the theatre, museums, landmarks and art institutions of Lon- don, England.

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Energy Shop

Solar energy will be the topic of a workshop set for Feb. 3-6 at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds and do it yourself projects promise to draw the most attention from energy conservers.

The workshop is being offered for two credits by BSU at a cost of $45. Malcolm Lillywhite will instruct the energy sessions.

The program will start at 9 a.m. and last about one hour. Admission is free.

In Education

Dr. Jerry Twinker and Dr. Phyllis Schmijalsha conducted an environmental workshop for Caldwell teachers and parents last month. Boise State master's degree student Mrs. Charlotte Moore has been named in the 1976 edition of the Outstanding Students of America's Leaders in Elementary Education. She teaches elementary school in Alabama.

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Dr. Patricia K. Orsuda spent the week of Dec. 26 in Washington, D.C. While there, Dr. Orsuda, a native of Washington National Records Center at Suitland, Maryland, at the Library of Congre-ss of the United States, attended several sessions of the American Historical Society's 115th An- nual Convention.
Courses Added To Languages

Foreign language students who also aim for teaching careers will get their special needs met, as the department expects significant changes in course methods by the BSU Department of Foreign Languages next year.

Just approved by the university curriculum review agency and the State Board of Education are shifts in teaching style and course content for several "applied linguistics" courses designed for prospective and practicing foreign language teachers.

The new additions are part of the language department's move to degrees in German and Spanish.

Main aim is to expose the language teacher to more "how to teach it" course content than has been available in these courses in the past. Changes will affect courses for teachers of Spanish, German and General Languages.

"Students must understand why some of their students will have difficulties through the interfering forces of their own native language to the learning of a new language ... they must study specific difficulties and tailor solutions to those problems," say the course designers.

Bicentennial Breathed Spirit in America

"Frankly, it was better than I expected it to be. We needed something to hold the nation together after Watergate. I think it had a unifying effect."

With history in the limelight for a year, interest in the subject has picked up. Caylor says evidence of that came last spring when his American Heritage-tour to the East drew 250 curious high school students. That number doubled the previous high for the trip.

Caylor says the historical emphasis of the Bicentennial probably accounts for the trip's popularity.

While the celebration was important on the emotional level, Caylor says philosophically it didn't have that much impact.

"I don't think it made people sit down and read the Declaration of Independence or think much about democracy. It really didn't affect people that way. . . . it just made us feel better."

Looking back, Caylor says there is no great event in American history that brought the country together so well.

The 1876 Centennial didn't come close because it was more like a trade fair that focused attention on the nation's mechanical advancements. Nothing was done to raise people's spirits, he says.

Presidential assassinations, the death of FDR and Pearl Harbor were other events that have brought the nation together. But those were negative and didn't bring lasting unity.

What will happen now that things are back to normal after a year of television specials, special events and speeches? Caylor thinks the togetherness will last.

"It brought us all together and that should be with us for quite a while," he says.

Literary Tour Planned

"Make a dream come true! Spend a summer touring the greats of English literature." That's the invitation Boise State University coordinator Dr. John Caylor, who received his Ph.D. at University of California-San Diego, sends to prospective travelers who want more than a trip to Europe. Caylor is a Fulbright scholar who studied at Leningrad University in 1963-64.

"There are no sets, just the settings ... and a great deal of intellectual stimulation," he says.

The tour will leave the U.S. July 11 and return August 8. Costs include $449 round-trip airfare from Boise and complete land costs of $1185.

All ground transportation is by private bus and includes airport transfers, city tours, local excursions and long overland travel.

In addition to transportation, the land cost includes room and board (breakfast and dinner), gratuities and service charges.

"The $1185 price includes everything but chewing gum and souvenirs," says Wendy Johnson, who received his Ph.D. from University of California-San Diego, will teach two African history classes at BSU this spring.

Boise State has a hired specialist in American history who can take over the teaching duties of history chairman Warren Vinz during his second semester leave of absence that will start next month and run into the summer.

Caylor, who received his Ph.D. from University of California-San Diego, will teach two African history classes at BSU this spring.

Vinz will do research at the University of California-Berkeley on the history of the church and politics, specializing in Protestant Fundamentalism and politics in the 1860s.

"We've been interested in leading into the American Revolution, but it will be different," he says.

Robert Sims will serve as acting chairman of the department until Vinz returns.

Tax Help

Free income tax assistance will be available for low-income, elderly and other taxpayers each Wednesday until tax deadline, Internal Revenue Service officials announced this week.

"But at least we've become less racist. Now there seems to be a TV show to offend every minority," he laughs.

And last year we even saw the invention of moving comic books with shows like 'The Phantom' and 'Wonder Woman.'

Even if the scripts aren't the greatest, at least comedy as directed in the Norman Lear mode makes people more aware. Social commentary, says Lauterbach, has been a historic role of comedy.

Despite some of television's obvious low points in 1976 like sports ('Too many statisticians') and good guys news ('car accidents mixed with jokes'), Lauterbach says he and others feel about television "superb" in Lauterbach's trained eye, which focused on the accurate sets and costumes of that show along with its "characterization.

A breakthrough on the local scene was two public television productions of "Gift of the Magi" and "The Boer." The television novel, another hand­down of a British idea, was another big 76 development. But when television finds a good thing it overdoes it, which is what is happening now with that new format, he thinks.

Talk about television news last year always ended with one topic ... Barbara Walters. TV's newest superstar. Lauterbach says she has "contributed a great deal, but the networks aren't using her interview skills enough."

The news itself is now going into more depth, and that's good, he adds. No longer are newscasters mere "headline servers" as networks realize that news means money. The advent of the magazine format like "60 Minutes" is another good development that was used more often last year.

What is ahead for television watchers in 1977? Lauterbach sees a mixed picture. On one hand he expects a "Frott" production to be a good trend toward "eye-open­ing" drama. On the other hand, he looks for another repetitious year of spin-offs from programs and stars that are already successful.

W. Vinz On Leave

"Several people have talked to me about taking a year's leave ... a year's demonstration."

Dr. Herbert Ellison

Russia Talk

Dr. Herbert Ellison, author and Russian history specialist, will be at Boise State University Monday, Feb. 7 for a lecture to BSU students and the public.

Ellison's speech on "Behind Dissent, the Tensions in Soviet Society" will start at 7 p.m. in the Pentz room of the Student Union Building. There will be no admission charge.

Since 1972 Ellison has been director of the Institute for Comparative and Foreign Area Studies at the University of Washington.

That organization, formerly known as the Far Eastern and Russian Institute, is one of the oldest and largest foreign area studies centers in the country.

He published a widely used book on the history of Russia in 1964 and is about to finish a book on Joseph Stalin. Also in progress is a Soviet agreement on policy in the 1960's.

The Washington professor has twice studied abroad. He received his doctorate at the University of London while on a Fulbright scholarship. Ellison also studied at Indiana University in the Soviet Union in 1963.

"I'm happy to visit with classes Feb. 7. 8. His appearance here is sponsored by the BSU Honors Program and the History Department.
**New Ed Certification Helps Kids: Wallace**

Students are the ones who will benefit most from a new set of teacher certification proposals now under consideration in Idaho, says Boise State education dean Dr. Gerald Wallace.

Presently plans are being studied that will change certification standards to require more post-graduate education for elementary and secondary teachers. Those ideas are expected to come before the State Board of Education this spring.

Wallace, who served on the Professional Standards Committee which helped outline the changes, says the public wants quality in learning. Higher teacher standards, which haven’t changed since 1942, are the best way to get that, he says.

As Wallace explains it, under the proposal newly graduated teachers will receive a three year certificate that can be renewed again in three years. After six years, the teacher must have earned a fifth year certificate or master’s degree to be issued a professional certificate. That certificate will last five years.

The professional certificate can be renewed only after more education and experience. Teachers already certified will receive the professional status.

Wallace stresses that individual teachers will work closely with universities to plan an educational program that will lead to professional certification. The idea, he says, is to keep teachers "mobile and updated" in their methods and subject areas.

For many districts, the new certification proposals could mean more in-service workshops that will feature university professors who travel to smaller communities to teach classes.

"Like that because districts can set up programs that meet their own needs," says Wallace.

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**Ahsahta In Contest**

Boise State University’s Ahsahta Press has been invited by the Academy of American Poets to submit their volume of poetry, "The Selected Poetry of Norman Mackled," in the Academy’s annual $10,000 Copernicus Award competition.

The Copernicus Award honors the lifetime achievement of a poet over 45. Mackled was born in Salem, Oregon in 1906, and raised in Montana and Idaho, published in numerous western literary journals before going East, where he has authored 5 books of poetry, 2 novels, and edited numerous "Little Magazines." In 1949, Marlel founded the New York City Poetry Center. In 1975 Ahsahta published his "Selected Poems," the volume is now in its second printing.

The American Academy of Poets, based in New York, does not accept nominations or applications for the Copernicus Award. Rather, a three judge panel of requests volumes by authors they consider meritorious. Judges for the 1977 competition are nationally known poets Galway Kinnell, William Meredith and Josephine Miles.

Another Ahsahta Press publication, the recently released "Taste of the Knife," by South Dakota poet Marnie Walsh, has been entered in the 1976 Elliston Book Award competition sponsored by the University of Cincinnati. The Elliston Award provides $1,000 to be divided evenly between the winning author and press.

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**BSU-USU Ed Pact Sealed**

Inter state higher education cooperation on an Idaho multi-cultural teaching problem moved forward another notch this month with signature of an agreement between BSU and USU schools of education.

BSU has agreed to pay $33 thousand to Idaho State University to employ and maintain an officer for a Southeastern Idaho effort in multi-cultural and bilingual teacher training.

Working under a federal grant program, research project will be virtually assured for Boise State University after action permitting that membership by the State Board of Higher Education.

BSU has already cleared other negotiations that will allow it to be a member school in the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory, Idaho University and Idaho State University are already members of the operation.

Operating on course with public and private agencies, the laboratory collects experts from all major Northwest schools of Education to carry out applied research and service projects.

Current Executive Director of the laboratory is Dr. Lawrence Fish, who has been working with BSU School of Education Dean Dr. Gerald Wallace on the BSU adhison program.

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**Top Three Lit Mags Includes ‘cold drill’**

If Boise State’s student literary magazine “cold drill” had an office, the walls would be cluttered with placards and certificates from honors the 1976 edition continues to amass.

Most notably, the latest award comes from officials of the College Literary Magazine Contest headquartered in New York City. Judges in that contest gave the BSU entry a second place prize worth $250.

That finish put “cold drill” among the top three magazines in the country. It was topped only by the entry from Wisconsin State University and it tied with the Sarah Lawrence College publication.

A national magazine listing those from University of Washington, Washington University, Rutgers, Oberlin, North Carolina, and University of San Francisco were judged.

The newest honor goes along with earlier top finishes in other contests. They include:

- Top four rating nationally in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Yearbook and Critique Contest sponsored by Columbia University in New York.
- National Merit Award for Design Excellence from the University and College Designers Association in the complete book design category.

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**Physics Fund**

In a move aimed at development of a four-year program yielding a B.S. degree in Physics by 1980, Boise State University will seek federal help to pay faculty salaries required for the expansion project.

Course work in Physics and Engineering are currently offered in a two-year degree programs within the overall baccalaureate degree programs of other educational disciplines.

Application will be made to the National Science Foundation for a three year series of funding of about $40-thousand per year. One new faculty member would be hired and salary supplements to existing staff will be covered by the funds.

BSU will budget some of its own dollars for the program, based on a formula of one-third BSU contribution to each federal dollar granted for the three years.

At the close of the development period of three years, two full-time faculty members would be retained to fill out staffing for the four-year program.

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**Land, Lease OK**

In a modification of their earlier charge to the university, the State Board of Higher Education has approved location of the new BSU greenhouses for horticulture on land that will be leased, rather than owned, by the institution.

Action to change terms of the green house land use came when BSU notified the board that current owners of the land on which the structures would be located were willing to lease, but not deed over, the necessary site.

Land owner is the State University Foundation, Inc. Foundation Directors voted to give BSU a five year lease on a 200 x 400 parcel of land about five blocks from the BSU campus proper for greenhouse use.

That lease would be renewable, automatically, at the close of each five year period, BSU officials advised the board.

**CharterEx Expert Coming**

Malcolm Miller, guide-lecturer and authority on the famous cathedral in the French city of Chartres, has scheduled a visit to Boise State University in late February.

Miller will present slides and lecture on the great structure, which he has studied since becoming a guide there.

History department officials have tentatively set a Feb. 23 date for Miller’s appearance, but have not yet set exact time and place have yet to be set. Details will be announced in the near future.

Miller annually tours universities in the U.S., France, Canada and England to present his lectures on Chartres.
Nursing Just for Gals? Ask Them!

By Kim Rogers

Remember when all little girls wanted to grow up to be a nurse or school teacher? Boys wanted the excitement of fighting fires or driving trucks? Thanks to pioneering liberal parents and friends, those old rules are quickly falling to the wayside.

The trend toward role switching among men and women has been acknowledged many times on the BSU campus, particularly in the vo-tech school where many women are entering worlds previously dominated by males.

Spring semester brought together eight men who are role switching in one of the toughest short-term courses on campus. The practical nursing training, which lasts one rough year, has attracted some male members in the past, but according to PN instructors, three men in training at one time was the all-time high.

There were five men in class, and one thing in common: to enter the health sciences field on the nursing end. They come from varying backgrounds, job experience, and all have goals that branch out in the health field.

Randi Chadwell from Mountain Home found herself in practical nursing training when all slots for registered nursing were filled. He served as an x-ray technician in the service and has accumulated quite a number of hours in studying biology and observation.

Mike Finkler, a former lab technician in the service, plans to continue his studies, possibly going on to the RN training. His main objective for entering the health field was, "To get involved directly with patients."

A Gooding native, Steve Flake also spent time in the service as a medic in the army. He expressed a desire to have closer contact with people in the practical nursing area.

Rod Golay from McCall spent seven years working in the nursing home field. He plans to continue his training through the performing x-ray program and hopes to eventually work overseas.

Imported from California, Gary Holland credits his student nursing friends with sparking the interest in him to obtain total health care skills.

Mike Logue says he likes working with people and the two years he spent as a nurses assistant launched him in the health field for a career.

Kelly Price who worked with hospitals and convalescent centers as an emergency medical technician, hopes to continue his nursing studies and also enjoyed working directly with patients.

Instructors in the practical nursing class are pleased with the male population and visualize numerous opportunities for learning experiences with a mixed student enrollment.

The only foreseeable trouble in the long year ahead according to one instructor is the embarrassment that might arise when students learn how to bathe and dress patients. There might be some saving grace for those very young and new women students, however. The instructors are thinking about having segregated bathing lessons, but just for initial training!

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Chicken Fricassee

When the snow is on the ground and the air is frosty, we are always looking for new and interesting items to serve for dinner. Something that will fill the tummy and excite our senses and warm our bodies.

Chicken Fricassee with Rice

Sprinkle a 4½ to 5 pound chicken, cut into serving pieces, with 1½ teaspoon thyme and salt and pepper. In a large skillet cook the chicken in 1¼ cup of butter over moderately high heat until it is lightly browned.

Transfer the chicken to a dish, reserving ⅛ cup of the fat in the pan, and keep it warm. Add to the pan one onion, minced, and saute until it is softened. Add the chicken and cook it for ten minutes. Sprinkle the chicken with ¼ cup of flour, turn it to coat with the flour and add another ten minutes.

Add one cup dry white wine and cook the chicken for five minutes more. Add four tablespoons of chicken stock or broth, heated and a bouquet garni composed of two stalks celery, three sprigs parsley, and one small bay leaf. Bring the liquid to a boil and simmer the mixture over a moderately low heat for ten minutes.

Sprinkle in one cup long grain rice, bring the liquid to a boil and bake the mixture covered in a pre-heated moderate oven (350 degrees F) for thirty-five minutes or until the chicken and rice are tender. Serve in a small bowl with two egg yolks with ½ cup heavy cream, whisk some of the sauce into the egg mixture and stir into the remaining sauce. Heat the fricassée, but do not let it boil. Garnish the dish with four large carrots and three turnips, all cut into olive shapes, cooked, and tossed lightly with butter.

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Vo-Ed Builds ‘Skills of America’

Vo-tech planners have recently implemented a pilot course in basic auto mechanics that is to be a model for the ground work for a brand new concept in mechanics instruction at BSU.

The new concept calls for a curriculum that will graduate more students in a shorter time and allow for various levels of instruction that give high school students course challenge opportunity.

With "one hundred percent" support from area industrialists, vo-tech leaders hired Charlie "Mo" Mike Logue as the instructor for the basic course pilot which began in October.

The on-going demand for highly trained auto mechanics has also registered a need for quicker output of graduates from BSU’s program. To facilitate that challenge, the new mechanics format will allow classes to begin every eight weeks and give more students the opportunity to enter the course.

One of the main advantages of the program that begins with a basic course is that high school students, who have already taken shop in the secondary school system can challenge the first level of instruction, zeroing into the levels of the improved class format. High school students weren’t able to pass any level of instruction, whether they had already learned the material or not.

State Board approval for implementation of the basic course plus one full-time instructor came nearly five years after the vo-tech school began planning the switch in the mechanics curriculum. "We are only in the beginning stages of pro­gram change," Mike Logue, auto mechanics instructor, commented.

Construction Updates

Modernizing crept up from the auto mechanics shop through the electronics lab and ended in the dental facilities over Christmas break when those hammer­swinging BSU carpenters applied their skills to update and improve.

Cosmetic change can be seen in the implementation of some major new tools in the auto shops; large desks for more workspace in the electronics lab; built courtesy of the electronics instructors; and the all new dental lab and x-ray facilities in Jean-Martin’s building.

The ultra modern dental facilities include a new chair with sit-down lamp and extra paneled lab with all lead lined walls and viewing window. To better utilize the technicians and labs and give students more practicing hours, a new automatic film developer has been installed.

Dental OK'd

One more full degree program at Boise State University has received the important "Rube Goldberg" stamp from a prestigious national accreditation agency. Dental

Assisting, a two-year certificate program that has been heavily supported by Idaho dentists and laboratories who hire its graduates in large numbers, won its new accreditation rating this month.

A letter indicating that approval was received from the American Dental Society, which operates a commission to investigate, evaluate and accredit acceptable dental training programs.

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ACT New Test Tool

Boise State was the site of the regional ACT meeting and introductory ground for a new tool developed by ACT personnel that was presented Jan. 6-7.

Adult Basic Education director Helen Huff called the meeting "a great experience for area educators that will be a good device for a new tool developed by ACT person­nel which lasts one rough year, has

imported from California, Gary Holland, from California; Mike Rinker, Boise; Randy Chadwell, Mountain Home; and Rod Golay, McCall. Standing (l-r) are: Mike Logue, Boise; Steve Flake, Gooding; Kelly Price, Boise; and Dan Bisker, Boise.
Everyone’s Got ‘Right To Read’ In Adult Ed

By Kim Rogers

Adult Basic Education at BSU is more than just an instruction program in a testing area. The ABE center, under the direction of Helen Huff, is a warm, homelike haven for those who want to read, write, or expand a library, testing center, tutoring facility and meeting place for sharing small talk. The center business is: meeting different needs for different people. Some come to bolster their reading skills, others to learn how to drive or communicate better. Others come to learn the joys of sharing with their children as they head down that avenue for acquiring better parenting skills.

Many programs are initiated at the ABE center in the round vocational technical building, but few stay within the confines of the center itself. Each is worked out reporting because many people benefit from the numerous services offered through the center.

One ABE function will be presented this month with two additional reports to follow in February and March.

Right-To-Read

The Right-To-Read program is an extension of the adult education offering at BSU. Designed to give every U.S. citizen a right to learn the basic skills of reading. BSU is committed to a program national in scope that includes “seed” money through various grants but relies heavily on community involvement and volunteer support.

In addition to community support through volunteer workers such as RSVP members and the tutors themselves, further help is given the Right-To-Read program through private donors such as the Columbia Club of Boise, Boise-Southern-Corporation, the Gannett Foundation, and the Idaho Daily Statesman.

Reading instruction is aimed at each individual’s own rate of progress. It is not given at the Dick and Jane level, but is designed to enable the learner to read work instructions, catalogs and newspapers and let the housework order from Sears and read labels at the grocery store.

Various material is used for instruction, including consumer pamphlets that feature such items as credit, car maintenance, or budget analysis. Students also can bring material that they would like to be able to read and that serves as a pivot point for instruction.

As one of only 82 institutions to receive grant money for the Right-To-Read program, BSU puts its $79,000 from the first year of a three year grant to good use, throughout most western Idaho service regions for the satellite programs include Payette, Nampa, Caldwell, Emmett, Mountain Home, McCall, Horseeshoe Bend, and the Idaho Correctional Institute.

Each service region also draws students from surrounding smaller towns and farm areas. Directors for the Right-To-Read program in each region have equipped their home with a telephone to respond to the needs of reading students in their program.

Beth Miller, director of the service, explained, “We use volunteers as tutors for the students. They come from all walks of life—retired school teachers, homemakers, former GED students, and anyone interested in helping others are welcome as tutors. To me this makes it easier to get the volunteers to organize their whole program around volunteering.”

Another unique point about the reading service is that the tutoring can be done whenever and wherever the student desires. They can be taught at their home, worksite, the library and even in church if they wish.

“The student has his choice of time and place for the tutoring. That way he is comfortable and can learn at his own rate of learning.” We try to match tutors and students according to their schedules.”

Twenty hours of classroom training are required before the tutor is allowed to begin instruction. Progress is monitored by follow-up reports that involve both the tutor and student.

Volunteer recruitment is usually accomplished by word of mouth and from referrals that area agencies send to the center. Anyone interested in the tutoring program can call Beth Miller or Riek Buyington at 342-7192.

According to Beth, the most important aspect of the Right-To-Read program is that both the tutor and student alike are learning more about reading skills. “Everyone can learn to read,” she explained. “I haven’t found anyone yet who couldn’t learn to read something.”

“Our learning program is structured around each individual and his goals,” Beth explained. “If a student wants to learn how to read ‘the Frederic’s Hollywood catalog’ (as one woman desired), then that is where we begin. Hopefully, after the student learns to read his own material then we can influence him to read a wider range of material.”
While Students Voted 'Go', Focus On The Report....

Boise State spring semester students had some extra problems to discuss and ponder earlier this month. Besides the usual huddles of students checking "which section did you get?" as they worked out class schedules in the gym, there was the key questionnaire on their preference for a possible student-backed building project soon.

Most puzzled briefly, marked their questionnaires in favor of a multi-purpose pavilion which is a major subject of stories on pages one, two and three of this edition of Focus.

Registration, itself, was observed by Focus (page three) as were several new course wrinkles that are reported on pages 14-16.

A surprising set of figures shed new light to BSU legislative funding troubles of recent years. Focus covered debates about that (pages three-four) and talks more on the topic, editorially (page twelve).

It should keep readers informed until the ice melts. Enjoy!