



Books were the stars at the recent meeting of the Idaho Council of the International Reading Association. Attended by over 400 teachers and organized by BSU, the convention featured several national reading experts.

## Mission, role draft gets nervous response

A proposal to focus the academic roles and missions of Idaho's four institutions of higher education has drawn nervous responses from university presidents and their constituencies.

The plan, drafted by Charles McQuillen, State Board of Education executive director, names "lead institutions" in several academic areas: Idaho State University in health sciences, Boise State in social sciences and performing arts, and the University of Idaho in engineering and international programs. The plan also states which programs the institutions should "maintain" and which they should "enhance."

"It is painfully obvious that we cannot afford in Idaho four comprehensive institutions. With some luck and some heroic assumptions about appropriations, we can perhaps afford four institutions, which while they are not comprehensive (by themselves), when added up together form a comprehensive system," McQuillen told faculty and staff members at an Oct. 6 luncheon at Boise State.

"In order to do that we had to say that certain institutions shall develop strengths in this area and other institutions strengths in other areas," he explained.

The most glaring problem from Boise State's standpoint is the failure of the plan to assign BSU any role in health sciences.

That omission brought strong response from the local medical community and hospital administrators, who said they feared that programs not administered locally would not be responsive to the region's needs.

Bullington said that BSU hopes the presidents and eventually the State Board will accept a role and mission statement which gives Boise State emphasis in business/economics,

social science, public affairs and the performing arts. The BSU mission statement should allow BSU to continue as a regional center in the health professions as well as develop a center for technology; enhance disciplines in mathematics, physical and biological sciences; strengthen efforts in the humanities and teacher education; establish priorities in research and public service; and create and deliver consortial programs.

"It appears to us that any action taken by the State Board of Education which reduces rather than enhances BSU's role in health science education does have a negative effect on all health care institutions in Southwestern Idaho," said John Forhenius, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center administrator, in a letter to BSU President John Keiser.

"A strong program comes from an institution which has an opportunity to grow and is not forced to maintain a status quo level," he continued.

In a guest editorial in the *Idaho Statesman*, Boise physician Maurice Burkholder said, "rather than the current language, Boise State University should be encouraged to enhance its role as a regional medical center for health professions education based on the emerging specific needs of the community and the state, supported by the population base and the facilities available in Southwestern Idaho."

While on campus, McQuillen said that his plan "mirrors reality. I am essentially instructing the institutions to do what it is they do now, fess up to what it is they do now, indicate that that is their role and pursue it vigorously."

Based on the number of health science degrees conferred and enrollment at each university from 1978 to 1982 and the amount of grant money each attracted in health sciences, McQuillen said the lead designation

ought to go to Idaho State.

McQuillen's interpretation is that the lead institution would plan, administer and deliver "statewide" programs, and that each institution would be responsible for meeting its constituencies' regional program needs. He said perhaps five percent of new health science programs might be considered statewide, and added that it is the State Board's academic council that will determine which programs are statewide in nature.

He told the health science faculty that no current programs would be taken away from either BSU or ISU, and that his "recommendation takes Boise State forward in health

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## Rock 'n' roll homecoming Nov. 1 - 7

Music, dancing, football and fun are all a part of Boise State University's 1983 Homecoming celebration, Nov. 1-7.

Alumni and students can gather at the "world's largest tailgate party" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 before the 1:30 p.m. game between the Broncos and the Idaho State Bengals at Bronco Stadium.

The "father of rock 'n' roll," Chuck Berry, will cap "Beat the Bengals" week activities with a 7:30 p.m. concert/dance Nov. 5 in the Pavilion. Tickets are now on sale at \$8.50 for the general public, \$7.50 for BSU students and alumni. All seats are reserved, but there will be dancing on the main floor.

Tickets are available at the Pavilion box office, BSU Student Union Building, the Bazaar, D'Alessandro's and K-G Men's Store in Nampa. To order tickets by mail, send a cashier's check or money order to the Pavilion Ticket Office, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725, and include a \$1 handling fee. For telephone reservations (Master Card or VISA), call 385-1766. And, for more information, call 385-3535.

Other homecoming events include the "Toilet Bowl" football game on Nov. 1, a free dance and carnival on Nov. 2, a talent show and business alumni day speaker on Nov. 3, the Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet on Nov. 4, the Bronco Boot Run on Nov. 5 and the Philadelphia String Quartet on Nov. 7.

The Bronco Athletic Association has declared Oct. 31 through Nov. 5 "Blue and Orange Week" and encourages everyone to wear his or her blue and orange to the homecoming game.

For a complete schedule of events, see the homecoming story on page six.

## 1984 lecture series set

A two-day conference on political repression, featuring former Senator Frank Church, will open a series of lectures and conferences on the theme "1984 and Beyond" at Boise State.

Coordinator Helen Lojek, assistant professor in the English Department, said "with 1984 rapidly approaching, it seemed to a number of us at Boise State that the year George Orwell made famous offers a special opportunity for us, in our role as a growing urban university, to cooperate with the community in providing a forum for serious discussion of contemporary issues."

"1984 and Beyond" will bring to Boise a variety of nationally known experts who will use Orwell's work as a springboard to focus on current issues in their fields and on probable future concerns.

The first conference, coordinated with the Frank Church Chair of Public Affairs, will be held Jan. 23 and 24. Senator Church will deliver the

keynote address, and two panels of academic experts the next day will focus on political repression and civil rights violations, both at home and abroad.

A second evening address will close the conference. A showing of *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, the film based on Alexander Solzhenitsyn's novel about life in a Stalinist prison camp, is scheduled for Jan. 19.

The next session, on literature and language, will feature popular science fiction writer Frank Herbert, author of *Dune*. Herbert will give an evening address on Feb. 7 or 8 and make classroom visits. His visit is coordinated with the Writers and Artists Series on campus.

William Whyte, author of *The Organization Man* and *The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces*, will be in Boise March 14-15 to do a number of presentations. He will answer questions following a showing of the film

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