



**SIGN OF THE TIMES**: A demolition crew removes the existing concrete structure on the west side of Bronco Stadium to make way for new skyboxes and a press box. At right, a member of the demolition crew saws through the upright concrete supports that held the stadium lights. The project is expected to be completed by the start of the 2008 football season. Beginning on page 14, FOCUS takes a look at Bronco Stadium and other campus structures — past, present and future — in a special 18-page section.

## Anthropology master's program increases Boise State's graduate school offerings to 77

oise State will begin offering a master's level anthropology program this fall. The program consists of two recently approved degrees: a master of arts in anthropology and a master of applied anthropology. The master of arts degree will prepare students to seek a doctoral degree, while the master of applied anthropology will prepare students for employment as a professional anthropologist with a state or federal agency.

Seventy-three master's degree programs are now offered at Boise State, including the two new programs. Boise State also offers four Ph.D. programs, 95 baccalaureate programs and 12 graduate certificate programs. Boise State currently offers a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology, and almost half of its graduates go on to graduate school.

"Boise State University's anthropology department already offers a strong baccalaureate program, averaging approximately 85 majors and 15 graduates per year," says Sona Andrews, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The faculty have an extensive record of research, publication and external grants and contract support. They are an impressive group of faculty and are ready and capable of offering a high-quality graduate program."

The program is a good fit for the Boise area, where a number of state and federal natural resource agencies have major offices and all employ master's-level anthropologists. Consistent with its metropolitan mission, Boise State's program also will provide agency employees with local graduate educational opportunities.

In addition, research provided by students and faculty will assist southwest Idaho agencies and businesses by contributing to the development of public policy in areas of historic and environmental preservation, urban anthropology, cultural resource management and tribal consultation.

Boise State's graduate program will emphasize ecological and biosocial perspectives in the study of humans, a focus that differentiates it from both the University of Idaho and Idaho State University. This focus will facilitate cooperation between the departments of Anthropology and Geosciences and Biology, and will allow the department to collaborate with faculty at UI and ISU.