

# Retirees leave behind a rich legacy

The 16 faculty members retiring from active teaching this year will leave some big shoes to fill. Their more than 400 years of combined experience span everything from private practice to award-winning publications. Many were honored as top teachers; all leave behind a legacy of learning.

Even with a dental practice in Emmett for 20 years, academia was always a part of health studies professor **RUDY ANDERSEN**'s life. Andersen joined Boise State in 1992 after teaching in the business program at Albertson College for eight years. He served as acting director of the master of health science program and chair of the health studies program during his 10 years at Boise State.

During more than 31 years at Boise State, **ROBERT ANDERSON** taught a wide range of mathematics classes and saw an increased emphasis on computers as part of math instruction. Anderson served on his department's algebra committee and as a course coordinator for intermediate algebra. He had a special interest in supporting students who planned to become elementary school teachers.

During his 34 years in the chemistry department, **RICHARD BANKS** served as department chair and received many honors, including the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award, the 1996 Outstanding Faculty Award and the 1993 University Foundation Teaching Award, among others. It was during his 12-year stint as chair that his department gained accreditation from the American Chemical Society and established a competitive research profile.

When **T. VIRGINIA COX** came to Boise College in 1967, there were only two anthropology courses offered, so she primarily taught geography — her minor. In addition to building the anthropology program, she has been a leader of the Canadian Studies program, serving as interim director, then director, since 1996, the same year she became chair of the anthropology department.

In his 29 years in Boise State's political science department, **DENNIS DONOGHUE** was elected to the Faculty Senate nine times and served as president for three terms. He chaired several departmental and faculty committees,

including the Grievance Committee and served a term on the university Budget Committee. He chaired several panels

on state politics and served two terms on the editorial board of the *Idaho Political Science Association Journal*. As a faculty member for Canadian Studies, he was awarded a Canadian Faculty Enrichment Grant in 1990.

**PAT DORMAN**, sociology, started at Boise College in 1967. She served as department chair three times — first for five years, later for four more and she's currently finishing her final four-year term. She helped establish the internship program in the

mid-1970s and helped define the women's studies program. Her research centered on gender inequality in organizational settings, including family medical leave compliance, and the changing role of women. Dorman was nominated to Phi Kappa Phi in 1971, received an Outstanding Educator Award in 1973 and has been included in *Who's Who of American Women*.

Among his career highlights, art metals professor **JAMES DONALD (DON) DOUGLASS** points to the number of alumni who have achieved successful careers as working artists and designers. Douglass, who came to Boise State in 1972, has received numerous awards and fellowships, including the 1994-95 Silver Design Fellowship, the Professional Silversmithing Fellowship and the Idaho Centennial Commission Fellowship in 1990. Metalwork by Douglass was recently featured at an exhibition at Tiffany's in New York.

Boise State has produced 130 surgical technicians during the time that **MARIE JACOBS** served in the surgical technology program. In the mid-1990s Jacobs started out as a clinical instructor before being named head of the program in 1999. Jacobs worked closely with the surgical departments at Saint Alphonsus and St. Luke's regional medical centers to ensure that her students received intensive clinical training. She was certified as an on-site evaluator for surgical technology programs, which was a major benefit to Boise State's program during its recent reaccreditation process.

**PAUL JANSSON** joined the electronics technology program



From left, Carroll Lambert, Fritz Ward, T. Virginia Cox, Richard Banks and Pat Dorman.

in 1981. He later taught in the Seland College's business systems and computer technology programs and most recently in the semiconductor manufacturing program. He helped to establish a computer-managed lab system in the business systems program and worked to incorporate computer-assisted instruction into the curriculum. Jansson was active in a number of university committees, including the Professional Standards Committee for the Faculty Senate.

**CARROLL LAMBERT** began teaching early childhood education classes at Boise State in 1976. She saw the program grow from an area of emphasis, to an endorsement on the elementary education certificate, to its current status as a blended certificate in the College of Education. Lambert was a national Head Start consultant in 20 states and in four Canadian provinces and a validator for the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. She received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Boise State Alumni Association in '91 and '82 and the Outstanding Instructor Award from the College of Education in '95 and '87.

In his 24 years at Boise State, seven Top Ten Scholars named **GORDON PIRRONG** as their most influential teacher. A professor of accountancy, he served as department chair for seven years. He was recognized with the Coopers & Lybrand Award for Service in 1992 and was a nominee for the Beta Alpha Psi Accountant of the Year in 1990. In 1984 he took a year's leave to teach for the University of Maryland in Germany and Italy, then in 1995 he took a sabbatical to teach for a semester in Canberra, Australia.

**CHUCK SKORO** has worn two hats for the last few years — economics professor and campus minister at St. Paul's Catholic Student Center. Although he'll become a full-time minister at St. Paul's, he'll still teach one class each semester for the economics department. Skoro served as chair of the economics department and the university's Curriculum Committee. In his 20 years at Boise State he forecast revenue for the Idaho Legislature, conducted economic impact studies and pursued several research interests, including Idaho's living wage.

**HILARY STRAUB** joined the nursing department in 1984, specializing in mental-health nursing. She twice served as director of the department's bachelor's program. A longtime member of the Idaho Nurses Association, she served on its Continuing Education Committee for several years. She was the recipient of department awards for excellence in



From left, Rudy Andersen, Gordon Pirrong, Larry Waldorf, Dennis Donoghue, Kathy Young and Don Douglass. Not pictured: Paul Jansson, Chuck Skoro, Marie Jacobs, Robert Anderson and Hilary Straub.

research (1991), in teaching (1994) and in community and university service (1995). She served on more than a dozen committees, including the university's Core Curriculum Revision Committee and three years as chair of the College of Health Sciences' Promotion and Tenure Committee.

With roots in both the College of Business and Economics and Seland College of Applied Technology, **LARRY WALDORF** has witnessed the growth of both schools since his arrival at Boise State 32 years ago. Waldorf, who has taught in the Seland College's business management and information program for the last seven years, originally came to the business school in 1970 to teach in the management department. He spent four years as a financial officer for the Bronco Athletic Association, playing a key role in providing fiscal oversight during the construction of The Pavilion.

For the past 33 years, **FRITZ WARD** has taught classes ranging from arithmetic to advanced calculus in the mathematics department. His first classes here were taught in the old American Legion Hall that was once across from the Student Union, and he's witnessed major growth in the university's physical plant and computer technology facilities. Ward was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and served for a year as the university's chapter president.

**KATHY YOUNG** came to Boise State's department of elementary education and specialized studies in 1988 after a "first career" teaching fifth and sixth grades in the Boise School district. In 1983, she was named Idaho Teacher of the Year. Young taught classes in social studies, technology and curriculum and instruction, and says a highlight of her years here was the opportunity to work with university colleagues on a variety of educational challenges and issues.