

named the WAC and West Region Co-coaches of the Year.

In **TENNIS**, the men's doubles team of brothers Luke and Clancy Shields advanced to the second round of the NCAA national tournament before falling to the team from Southern Cal. The loss marked the end of Luke Shields' outstanding four-year run at Boise State, where his honors included being named the 2007 WAC Player of the Year and a three-time All-American. Under Coach Greg Patton, the Boise State men finished the 2008 season as the No. 35 ranked team in the country. The women's tennis team advanced to the NCAA regionals

for the second straight year before falling to Kentucky. The No. 44-ranked Broncos finished 20-7 for the season.

In **TRACK AND FIELD**, the Broncos' Ryan Grinnell earned All-America honors from the Track and Field Coaches' Association in both the long jump and triple jump after his performance at the NCAA outdoor championships, where he finished sixth in the triple jump with a personal best of 53 feet, 6.5 inches and 11<sup>th</sup> in the long jump with a personal record of 25-2. In addition, he was named the Men's Field Performer of the Year at the WAC outdoor meet, which the Broncos won, with first-place finishes in

triple jump (54-3.75) and high jump (7-2.5) and a second-place finish in the long jump (25-7.25).

In **GOLF**, the Broncos' Troy Merritt was named a second-team All-American by the College Golf Coaches' Association after he finished tied for 19<sup>th</sup> at NCAA regional championships in May. He was also one of 20 honorees to make the inaugural All-Nicklaus Team by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

The Broncos' **SWIMMING AND DIVING** team finished seventh in the 2008 WAC meet.



## Behler Named New Voice of the Broncos

There's a new Voice of the Broncos on the airwaves this year. Bob Behler, former radio voice for University of Massachusetts athletics, announced the first football game of the year against Idaho State on Aug. 30 for Peak Broadcasting radio stations, including Boise's KIDO.

Behler took over for long-time play-by-play announcer Paul J. Schneider, who announced games for more than 30 years. Schneider was honored during halftime of the Idaho State game and a Boise State scholarship fund has been set up in his name with the school.

Before coming to U-Mass, Behler did play by play at Bucknell and Georgia. He's also done work for ESPN Radio, CBS Radio, Turner Broadcasting and others.

## Lyle Smith Scholarship Campaign Well Under Way



The Lyle Smith Scholarship Endowment was created to continue Boise State's outstanding athletic tradition in the name of the man who began it all, and to make a profound difference in the lives of dedicated student-athletes.

The goal is to grow the Lyle Smith endowment to the fully endowed \$300,000 level. With your generous participation, the caliber of the Lyle Smith Scholarship Endowment can match the stature of the former BJC head football coach, pictured above with Coach Chris Petersen.

To make a donation to the Lyle Smith Scholarship Endowment, send checks to Lyle Smith Scholarship, Attention: Bronco Athletic Association, 1910 University Dr, Boise, ID 83725-1020, or call (208) 426-3556.

## SPORTS

## BLEYMAIER HONORED

**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS GENE BLEYMAIER** was named the 2007-08 AstroTurf Athletics Director of the Year "Football Bowl Subdivision West" Region winner at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) 43rd annual convention in June in Dallas.

Bleymaier joined Boise State's Athletic Department in 1981 and became the Broncos' director of athletics in February 1982, winning a total of 86 league championships over nearly three decades.

"In this day of athletic directors and coaches moving around to improve their own personal position and oftentimes leaving programs in the lurch, it is reassuring there are still a few athletic directors who have their priorities straight and dedicate their lives and careers to building an outstanding athletic program way beyond the norm of a mid-major team or conference," says Boise State President Bob Kustra.

