

Thanks for the Memories

Fifteen faculty and staff members will mark the end of their careers with BSU this spring and summer — and with them go hundreds of years of commitment to students and excellence in education.

The founder of the Boise State campus in Spain, BSU education professor **PATRICK BIETER** is calling it quits after 26 years of supporting and encouraging students. He has published several books and articles on the Basques and their culture. He has played a big role in advancing Basque studies at Boise State.

Bieter has served as editor of the *Idaho Council of the Social Studies Journal*, is a member of the Basque Studies Committee, and has received the BSU Distinguished Faculty Award in 1986 and an *Idaho Statesman* Distinguished Citizen Award in 1985.

He plans to teach through the summer and then work in the Basque country on a book about the Basque underground in World War II.

A grandmother of 11, **KAREN BOUNDS** concluded a 21-year career as a business and office education professor with the College of Technology in December.

Bounds taught accounting, bookkeeping and mathematics for BSU from 1973-1994. A world traveler, Bounds was on a trip abroad this spring and could not be reached for comment.

DORIS BUTLER, a word-processing instructor in the College of Technology's business and office education program, has been with the university since 1966. She started as a faculty secretary, and was the secretary to the director of vocational education from 1977-81 before assuming her current position as an instructor in '81.

Butler and her husband, Bill, plan to travel, primarily along the Oregon coast. She also hopes to do more quilting and oil painting.

During his 25 years at BSU, business communication professor **BOB CORNWELL** was known as a

demanding but fair teacher who was willing to pitch in where needed. At one time he was acting chair of the accounting and data processing department— even though it wasn't his department. In the late 1970s, he even pinch hit as coach of the BSU tennis team. Cornwell published widely, taught numerous seminars to area businesses, and was an evaluator for the English department's minimal competency exam. He also studied Spanish, became fluent, and occasionally taught introductory classes at BSU.

With almost 37 years of service at Boise State, chemistry professor **JACK DALTON** says that he is most proud of the number of students he has taught who are in successful careers now.

Dalton has been a member of the Idaho Academy of Science for almost 31 years. During that time he has served as president, vice president, trustee and executive secretary of the association. He has received the Outstanding Faculty Award at Boise State College in 1970 and Outstanding Educator of America Award in 1971.

He plans to spend his retirement traveling to Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany and sites in the United States that he has never seen.

BILL JENSEN plans to move to McCall and relax after he retires this year as dean of the Division of Continuing Education. He began his career at BSU in August 1974 as director of off-campus programs. He says the highlight of his career has been working for three outstanding bosses: Larry Selland, Daryl Jones and Dick Bullington. "They were three great individuals to work for," he says. Jensen also watched BSU's Continuing Education program flourish into the biggest of its kind in the state.

Under Jensen's leadership, BSU offers courses at centers in Canyon County, Gowen Field, McCall and Mountain Home Air Force Base. Jensen also started Weekend University and evening programs at Centennial High School.

Retirement for BSU art professor **DAVID ORAVEZ** means time to indulge in his personal work. "I would like to exhibit and sell some of my art work that I have done over the years," he says. Oravez says he needs to mat and frame much of his work and that he and his wife plan to dabble in restoring and selling antiques. Oravez came to Boise State in 1964 and served in 1993-95 as acting department chair.



More than 220 years of service are represented in this group of faculty who will retire this year. They are, from left to right, top row, Richard Lane, Pat Bieter, Yozo Takeda and Jack Dalton; center, Briantha Ivkken; bottom, Ram Singh, Harvey Pitman and David Oravez.

WILLIAM KIRTLAND will divide his retirement days between Idaho and Minnesota. A professor of reading education and an author of a children's book, Kirtland retired last fall after 25 years at BSU. During his tenure he started the Reading Center and served as its director. He also served as outreach coordinator in the College of Education.

RICHARD LANE, associate professor of mid-management in the College of Technology, is stepping down after 26 years at BSU and nearly 40 years in higher education. Originally with the College of Business faculty, Lane helped establish the first microcomputer course in the marketing department in the late 1980s.

Lane came to BSU in 1969 and may teach part-time after his retirement.

To say sports has dominated **RAY LEWIS'** life is an understatement. You might say he dominated sports as a player and coach for BSU, as well as a star athlete at Malad High School. During his 38 years at Boise State, Lewis coached athletes in football, track and wrestling, many to national and regional championships. While track coach he led his teams to eight ICAC championships, and as a wrestling coach, he led two ICAC championship teams.

As an end on the Boise Junior College football team, Lewis served as co-captain for the squad that played in the 1950 Little Rose Bowl. He was also the first student-athlete to return to his alma mater to coach.

BRIATHA LVKKEN started teaching English at BSU in 1967. Nearly 28 years later she's decided to slow down a bit. She'll continue to teach two European literature classes. Known by most people as Mardie Cocotis, she changed back to her original name after a divorce about five years ago.

During her tenure at BSU, Lvkken says she's most proud of the interdisciplinary humanities program she conceived and launched. She authored and then directed the grant for the program for the first five years.

After 42 years, **HARVEY PITMAN** still gets a thrill out of his profession. Raised in Parma, Pitman decided as a high school senior that he wanted to be a teacher. He later earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Idaho and a master's at Washington State before joining the Boise College faculty in 1966. He has been an active part of the university, serving as debate coach for five years, two terms as president of the Faculty Senate and on numerous committees.

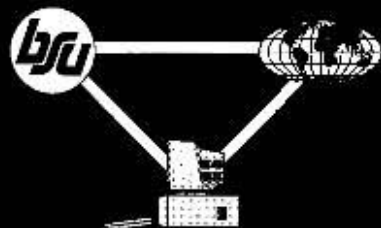
Slowing down is not on the mind of BSU professor of education **RAM SINGH**. After 20 years of service at BSU, Singh says he will move to Orlando, Fla., in July, do some traveling and part-time consulting for the Ministry of Education in the West Indies, and if he has time he may teach at the University of Florida.

"It has been a real challenge working with the community, school districts and other faculty as director of student teaching at BSU," says Singh.

He has helped develop instruments for evaluation of teachers' performance in public schools, conducted research in Guyana, South America, and was appointed to a two-year term on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the National Association of Teacher Educators in Washington, D.C.

YOZO TAKEDA began his career with BSU's math department in 1969. The math professor will retire on July 1. A native of Japan, Takeda encouraged students to study math by examining its relationship to other disciplines.

When **JIM WILTERDING** joined BSU in 1976, finance and quantitative management were part of a single department and the largest major was real estate. Since then, the department has been reorganized and changed significantly. So too has Wilterding's field of human resources/conflict management. Laws pertaining to human resources are altered constantly, says Wilterding, who has been vigilant about monitoring legislation in order to provide students with current information. □



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