

HOME AND AWAY TAILGATE PARTIES SCHEDULED FOR FALL

From Bronco Bash tailgates to reunions, the Alumni Association has planned an active and festive autumn with Boise State alumni and friends, both at home and on the road.

Join other Broncos for the official home tailgate parties two hours before every game at the Alumni Center. Pick up your last-minute Bronco gear, buy a beverage or get your face painted. Admission is always free.

In addition, the Alumni Association and Bronco Athletic Association will host official away game headquarters in Salt Lake City, San Jose, Calif., and Reno, Nev.

Admission will be just \$5 and preregistration is recommended. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

For more details and to register, log on to alumni.boisestate.edu.

HOMECOMING SLATED OCT. 5-7

Homecoming activities will abound in downtown Boise and on the Boise State campus Oct. 5-7. The festivities will begin Thursday, Oct. 5, during the first-ever Orange Invasion, a downtown Homecoming festival that will kick off at 7 p.m. in The Grove Plaza with head coach Chris Petersen, the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band, and the Harvey Neef Maneline Dancers. Local downtown restaurants will offer food and beverage specials.

On Friday, Oct. 6, the College of Business and Economics will host a golf scramble and the Alumni Association will host a reunion of the Golden Grads Class of 1956.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, events will include the Stampede into the Streets Homecoming parade and Bronco Bash tailgate party/alumni roundup. Homecoming will culminate that evening with the Louisiana Tech-Boise State football game in Bronco Stadium.

For more information on any Homecoming events, call (208) 426.1698 or log on to homecoming.boisestate.edu.



From left, Boise State's 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winners: Col. William Shawver, Joanna Engle, Marilyn Shuler and Karl Benson.

Foursome honored as distinguished alumni

Karl Benson, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference; Joanna Engle, executive director of the Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Center Dialysis Program; Col. William Shawver, chief of staff of the Idaho Air National Guard; and Marilyn Shuler, retired director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, were honored earlier this year as the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winners. The four were recognized at the Alumni Association's annual Distinguished Alumni and Top Ten Scholars banquet.

Benson (BS, physical education, '75) has been the commissioner of the WAC, the intercollegiate athletics league to which BSU belongs, since 1994. Benson spearheaded conference expansion in 2001 with the addition of Boise State, Louisiana Tech and Nevada, and again in 2005 with the addition of New Mexico State, Utah State and Idaho.

After earning an associate's degree of nursing from Boise State College in 1971, Boise resident Engle was hired as a nurse by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center the same year. In 1973 she moved to dialysis nursing, and in 1975 she was put in charge of staff orientation and training for the dialysis unit. In 1979 she moved into dialysis management at Saint Al's, the unit that provides dialysis services to patients within the hospital's service area. In 1995 she was promoted to her current position as executive director of Saint Al's

Nephrology Center Dialysis Program.

As chief of staff of the Idaho National Guard, Shawver (AS, marketing and mid-management '89; BAS '91) has provided leadership during the deployments of Idaho Army and Air National Guard units in support of the war on terrorism. Under Shawver, the Idaho National Guard deployed the 190th Fighter Squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and 2,000 Idaho Army National Guard troops from the 116th Calvary Brigade to Iraq for a one-year combat tour in the largest deployment ever of the Idaho National Guard. Shawver, a Boise resident, is currently supporting the deployment of the 1-183 Attack Helicopter Battalion to Afghanistan for a one-year combat tour.

Garden City resident Shuler served as director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission for 20 years and is a renowned Idaho human rights activist. Shuler, who retired in 1998, has devoted her time and talent to a number of worthy causes, including the building of the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, the establishment of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment and the Idaho Black History Museum. She serves on the advisory board of Boise State's Renaissance Institute and was a frequent guest lecturer on the subject of workplace discrimination in business law classes at BSU.