

IRVIN SACKMAN (pre-med, '75)
Medical school: University of Washington
Training/internships: Family Practice
of Southwest Idaho
Specialty: Family practice
Practice: Idaho Family Physicians

PAUL MONTGOMERY (pre-med, '80)
Medical school: University of Washington
Training/internships: Mayo Clinic
Specialty: Oncology
Practice: Mountain States Tumor Institute

Training/internships: University of Utah Specialty: Diagnostic radiology Practice: Boise Radiology Group

ALUMNI PLAY LEADING ROLES IN THE VALLEY'S MEDICAL COMMUNITY

## Practicing at Home

**E**ach year, a group of Boise State's finest students are accepted by some of the nation's top medical schools. It's

"I did very well in medical school principally because of my preparation at Boise State. It is an excellent premedical program."

- Stanley Leis

been that way since
the 1970s when a
vanguard of students
carefully mentored by
such teachers as
Harry "K." Fritchman,
Russell Centanni and
others left to flex
their academic muscle in medical school.
Many of those who
paved the way — the
first generation of

Boise State's pre-med students — have found their way back to the Treasure Valley. Today they are emergency room doctors, radiologists, oncologists and family physicians who say that their foundation in Boise State's pre-med program prepared them beyond their expectations for their medical careers.

Like many doctors-to-be of his gen-

eration, Micheal Adcox chose Boise State because it offered an affordable opportunity to earn a degree.

"In my era, the notion was that you couldn't get into medical school from Boise State," he says. He soon learned otherwise.

At Boise State he had small classes with professors highly capable of satisfying his yearning for science.

"My freshman year I met [biology professor] K. Fritchman, and realized that I was challenged at Boise State," Adcox says. "He made me feel insecure

and self-doubting, but at the same time I knew if I could achieve in his class, I could do well anywhere."

He threw himself into his studies. Three years later, he applied at three medical schools and was accepted at two of them.

When Adcox reached the University of

Washington, he and some of his fellow Boise State classmates challenged out of first-year classes that other students struggled with. During his second year, he began to mingle with students from Yale, Harvard and other big-name schools.

"I chose to stay in Boise because I loved the outdoors. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. I had excellent premed preparation."

- Michael Maier

"You looked around and realized

that your undergraduate training was every bit as good as theirs," he says. "I later understood that with four years of Boise State under your belt, if you worked hard and got As, you could go to any medical school in the country."

Eric Hoffman and Todd Burt were the first students in the post-junior college era to be accepted to med school. Others

"I had no better instructor than K. Fritchman at any time in my medical school career. The preparation I received at Boise State was outstanding."

- Todd Burt



"I had phenome-

nal teachers at

Boise State. It

made stepping

into my first year

of medical school

-Eric Maier

easy."

KERILYN ERLAND (pre-med, '88) Medical school: University of Washington Training/internships: Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, Ore. Specialty: Internal medicine Practice: Lake Harbor Internal Medicine

Medical school: Des Moines University in Des

Training/internships: University of Illinois Specialty: Emergency medicine Practice: Idaho Emergency Physicians



(pre-med, '79) Medical school: University of Washington Training/internships: Idaho Family Practice Specialty: Family practice and sports medicine Practice: Mountain View Medical Center and Idaho Sports Medicine

ERIC MAIER (pre-med, '81) Medical school: University of Training/internships: Boise Family Practice Specialty: Family practice and sports medicine Practice: Mountain View Medical Center and Idaho Sports Medicine

were soon to follow: Irv Sackman, Michael Maier, his brother Eric and

sister Karen. Their success has encouraged others. Two years ago, for example, eight Boise State students were accepted into med school.

Many return to Boise to set up their practices. "I knew the medical community here," Adcox says. "The only question was whether there was enough work in my subspecialty of nephrology. And whether I could measure up as a doctor."

He formed a partnership - Idaho

Nephrology Associates — and has gone on to bring state-of-the-art dial-

> ysis delivery to Nampa, Twin Falls, Pocatello and soon to Ontario.

"I was as well prepared to be a doctor at Boise State as I could have been anywhere," he says.

-Sherry Squires



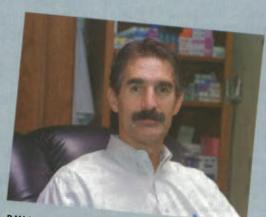
STANLEY B. LEIS (medical tech./pre-med, '77) Medical school: California College of Podiatric Medicine, San Francisco, Calif. Training: Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Santa Clara, Calif. Medical specialty: Podiatry

Practice: Idaho Foot and Ankle Associates



MICHEAL ADCOX (pre-med, '81) Medical school: University of Washington Training/internships:University of Washington Speciality: Nephrology Practice: Idaho Nephrology Associates

Not pictured: Lynn Gardner (biology, '73), in practice with Emergency Medicine of Idaho and Karen Maier (pre-med '81), not in active practice. Both earned medical degrees at the University of Washington.



RAY HOOFT (pre-med, '76) Medical school: University of Nevada Training/internships: University of Illinois

Specialty: Family practice Practice: Boise Minor Emergency