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FROM THE EDITORS - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He lived about 1,500 years ago, and was the first man to spread the Christian faith throughout Ireland. St. Patrick was probably born in the year 389. When he was 16 years old, he was stolen from his home in Britain by Irish outlaws and was sold as a slave in Ireland. After six years as a slave he escaped, but he was sure that he could bring Christianity to the pagan Irish. The Pope, the religious leader of the Catholic Church, made him a bishop and sent him to Ireland. In Ireland, St. Patrick opposed the pagan priests called druids. He converted many people, both rich and poor, to Christianity. He founded many churches and monasteries, and by the time he died, in 461, Ireland was well on the way to being a Christian nation.

There are many legends about St. Patrick. One says that he used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the idea of the Blessed Trinity; that is, that there are three persons--the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--in one God. For this reason, the shamrock is often used to stand for St. Patrick and Ireland. Another legend tells that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, but though it is a good story, it is not true because there were none in Ireland at that time. His feast day is on March 17 and on that day the Irish people of New York City parade up Fifth Avenue past St. Patrick's Cathedral in his honor.

We did a little survey here on BSU's campus to see how St. Patty is honored! We got varied responses, though most people said they celebrate by drinking green beer and singing Irish songs. Others celebrate by eating corned beef & cabbage. Probably the most interesting response we got was a gentleman who said his favorite way might be to go out and find a lady dressed in green and smother her with kisses!!

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THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

BSUAOP's next meeting is March 8, 1983 in the Lookout Room. Several of our office personnel have remarked that they can't be away from their offices for two hours to attend our monthly meetings and workshops. WE WANT TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOU SO -- MARCH 8 WE ARE MAKING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COME BY HAVING A GOOD OLD FASHIONED SOCIAL!! We will be served punch, coffee, and hors d'oeuvres from 11:45 to 12:30. At 12:30 we will be seated for Canadian Cheese soup served in a fresh roll. We will adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

You will have an opportunity to meet the candidates running for election for 1983-84. We will take time to vote on Constitution & By-Laws changes and adopt new Standing Rules.

Because of the uniqueness of this meeting - we ask that you make reservations to eat with us and we will not have brown bag privileges this meeting.

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MARCH 8, 1983 - COME TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHANGES AND ADOPT THE FIRST STANDING RULES THAT WILL GOVERN OUR ORGANIZATION.

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WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME AND MEET WITH THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR THE 1983-84 BSUAOP ASSOCIATION AT THE MARCH 8 LUNCHEON IN THE LOOKOUT ROOM.

NOMINATED CANDIDATES ARE LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

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NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR BSUAOP

President: Jackie Fuller, Psychology

President Elect:  
Christy Jedlick, Military Science

Secretary:  
Pat Bowers, Radiologic Technology  
Diane Cowles, Education Building

Treasurer:  
Kathy Augustine, Arts & Sciences  
Mary Lou Crane, Business Office

Area Representatives:

Area I: (Pavilion, Vo-Tech, Varsity  
Center, Gymnasium & Printshop)  
Ann Roderick, Pavilion  
Linda Koloski, Varsity Center

Area II: (SUB, Military Science,  
Learning Center & RSVP)  
Patricia Michels, Vo-Tech

Area III: (Library)  
Marilyn Paterson, History

Area IV: (Admissions, Music, Liberal  
Arts, Mail Room)  
Inez Keen, Mail Room  
Maxine Kudar, Admissions

Area V: (Education, Science Nursing)  
Bernie Mueller, Science Nursing  
Jeanette Baldazo, Education

Area VI: (Old Science Bldg., Health  
Science, KBSU, Student  
Health Service, Business Bldg.)  
Sue Ellis, Business Building  
Trudy Leininger, Business Building

The ballots will be sent in the mail to  
BSUAOP members shortly after the March 8th  
meeting, after we've had a chance to meet  
the candidates.

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BSUAOP WORKSHOP

BSUAOP will be conducting a workshop  
entitled: Joe Goes to College or How  
to Avoid Student Run-Around By Knowing  
The System, on Thursday, March 17, in  
the Senate Chambers from 8:30 to 12:00  
noon. "Joe" will go through four years  
at Boise State from the time he is ad-  
mitted through graduation. He will find  
himself in situations in the Registrar's  
Office, Admissions Office, Student  
Special Services, Career & Financial  
Aids, choosing a major, and in other  
areas of campus business. The speakers  
for this workshop will be from the  
specific areas involved. If you are not  
able to attend at this time, we are hoping  
to repeat it at a later time.

More information will be coming very soon.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FOR IAEOP

The Executive Board for I.A.E.O.P. met  
this past February 5, in McCall which  
just happened to be the weekend of the  
Ice Festival.

Maudie Garretson, Mary Lou Crane, and  
Donna Sistrunk attended from BSU. We  
took time out to see the ice sculptures  
and Saturday noon parade. It was super  
fun with good food and good friendship  
till the morning hours.

We worked on our upcoming 1983 Spring  
Conference in April, which we hope you  
will plan to attend. Some of the work-  
shops will be: Quality Circles Concept -  
Management, CPR or First Aid, Understanding  
Computers, Upgrading Office Skills, Hands  
on Learning of Computers/Word Processors  
Legal Aspects of Writing Minutes, and  
Self Esteem.

You will be receiving a program soon with  
registration form and more information.

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

This month we have chosen Maudie Garretson as our Employee of the Month. Maudie has thoughtfully written the following for us, and we are happy to share it with you.

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I am not sure I deserve this honor, but I certainly have been a strong supporter of the Association of Educational Office Personnel at the National, State and local levels for many years.

I was born in Nebraska (never mind the year) but was moved reluctantly to Idaho in my teens, forced to leave a neat boyfriend who later married my cousin - and am I ever glad! I began my career as a secretary in a Seattle shipyard (does that give you a clue). That job was short lived since I became pregnant when my husband returned from occupation duty with the Army.

Several years and three daughters later, I became an Educational Secretary. After 10 years at Lincoln School in Boise, 2 years each at Eagle Elementary and Lake Hazel Elementary in the Meridian district, and 2 years working on a special education grant, I am permanently stationed at Boise State University (I hope), in the Field Services Office of Teacher Education. It's in this office that we receive and process student teaching applications and place the student teachers in the schools. I thoroughly enjoy the versatility of this position, which has proved to be a responsible one.

I was a member of the Ada County Association of Educational Office Personnel since its beginning in 1973 and was treasurer in 1977-78. I left ACAEOP to become president of our own BSU-AOP in 1981 and am completing my second term as president. I have been on the board of the Idaho Association of Educational Office Personnel every year but one, I believe, since it was organized in 1972. I held the offices of Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President and Conference Chairman for two years, and President in 1978-79. During my term as president, IAEOP Affiliated with Idaho Association of School Administrators and Idaho Association of School Superintendents, and the In-Service Program was initiated. I have been In-Service chairman for four years and a member of the Past Presidents' Council.

I organized and was a workshop presenter at two In-Service Workshops sponsored by IAEOP. One workshop was for the Nampa School District in 1981 and the other for thirteen school districts in eastern Idaho hosted by Idaho Falls School District #91, Spring, 1982. I have been a member of the National Association of Educational Office Personnel for 10 years. I served on some research committees. I was asked to open a National regional meeting of NAEOP in Seattle by singing the inspiration, and also sang at several other national meetings including a Presidents' luncheon in Phoenix.

My participation in these professional organizations has been tremendously valuable to me as well as thoroughly enjoyable. I have attended national conferences in San Diego, Phoenix, Seattle, Biloxi, MS; Dearborn, MI; Lincoln, NB; as well as all annual Spring IAEOP Conferences in Boise and 2 Fall conferences in Moscow, ID.

I have been active in church work for many years, where my husband and I have worked with Senior Citizens in the congregation. I love to sing and have been a member of the Madrigal Club of Boise for 12 years and am now singing in the church choir.

Needless to say, I am a busy wife, mother, grandmother (10 grandchildren), and secretary.

By Maudie Garretson  
Teacher Education

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A special "thank you" to Virginia Cox for showing her slides from Micronesia at the BSUAOP February luncheon meeting. It was interesting to learn a little about a different culture and social life and the way her daughter reacted to their vacation environment.

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DON'T FORGET I.A.E.O.P. SPRING CONFERENCE  
April 29-30, 1983 at the  
Red Lion - Riverside

Our national president, Jeanne Haas, will be here. Her workshop, "Dare to Do - Some Effective Circling" will explore an innovative concept that involves the office staff in decision making - leading to improved morale and productivity.

Another exciting workshop "You are Special" led by Adelaid Woodcook, explores "Self-Esteem" -- its genesis, barriers and potential for increase.

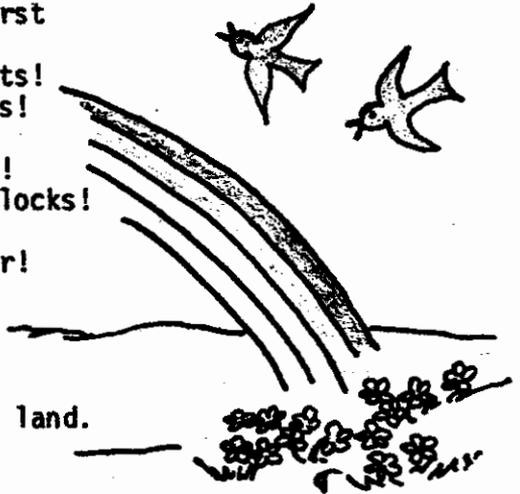
There will be something of interest for everyone. Don't forget to ask our personnel office for an "administrative leave with pay" form and get ready for the big event.

Mary Lou Crane  
Immediate past I.A.E.O.P. President

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SPRING SONG

Listen buds, it's March twenty-first  
Don't you know enough to burst?  
Come on, birds, unlock your throats!  
Come on gardeners, shed your coats!  
Come on zephyrs, come on flowers,  
Come on grass, and violet showers!  
And come on, lams, in frisking flocks!  
Salute the vernal equinox!  
Twang the cheerful lute and zither!  
Spring is absolutely hither!  
Yester eve was dark despair,  
With winter, winter, everywhere;  
Today, upon the other hand,  
'Tis Spring throughout this happy land.  
Oh, such is Nature's chiaroscuro,  
According to the Weather Bureau.  
What thought the blasts of Winter sting?  
Officially, at least, it's Spring!



--Ogden Nash, Verses from 1929 On