Morrison-Knudsen donates $250,000 to Morrison Center

At the height of the 1980 season for gift giving and goodwill, Boise State has received a donation of $150,000 for the construction of the Harry W. Morrison Center for the Fine and Performing Arts from Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc.

The largest corporate gift ever given by the Boise-based construction corporation, the donation was announced Dec. 9 by company president William McMurren.

The donation followed earlier gifts of $1 million from industrialist J.R. Simplot and his wife Esther Simplot in November, and $326,000 from the Boise fund for the Harry W. Morrison Towers dormitory.

Velma Morrison, widow of Harry W. Morrison, launched the project in 1979 when she donated $3.5 million through the Morrison Family Foundation for the center to be built at BSU. Boise voters had earlier rejected a bond issue to construct the fine arts facility in 1978.

About half of the state funding will be requested from the Idaho legislature in 1981 as the first half was appropriated during the 1980 legislative session.

Nursing accredited

The baccalaureate nursing program at Boise State received national accreditation this month from the National League for Nursing (NLN), announced Dr. Victor Duke, Dean of the BSU School of Health Sciences.

The NLN is recognized as the national accrediting agency for nursing education by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation and by the U.S. Department of Education.

Of the 156 schools that offer baccalaureate nursing degrees to registered nurses, only 75 are accredited by the NLN.

Accreditation status will be retroactive to include the graduates of May 1980.

Duke said accreditation of the Bachelor of Science Nursing degree, a two-year, upper division program for registered nurses only, is a goal the university has worked toward since the BSN program began six years ago.

"The support and cooperation of the faculty, staff, and the health care community have been crucial to our success," he said.

To be accredited, a program must meet certain standards, according to Duke.

State Board raises spring fees $50

Students at Idaho's colleges and universities will pay $50 more to attend school next semester following action by the State Board of Education this month.

The Board voted the increase in fees to ease the financial crunch caused by a budget holdback ordered by the state earlier in the year. The Board voted to increase fees only for the 1981 spring semester.

In addition to the $50 increase for resident students, non-residents will pay an additional $100 and part-time students will be charged $4 more per credit hour.

That means BSU resident fees will be $289 next semester. Tuition will jump from $750 to $830.

The fee increase is expected to pump an additional $1 million into strained higher education budgets.

Boise State's share of the funds will come to about $274,000, about half of the amount the school had to hold back. The rest will be made up through salary savings and carry forward money from last year.

Arts patron leaves scholarship gift

A $113,000 gift to Boise State University from the estate of the late Boise arts patron Elizabeth C. Bowen, has been announced by estate administrators of the Idaho First National Bank.

Bowen, a former Boise school teacher and principal of Barbert School, was a graduate of St. Teresa Academy and received her master of education degree from the College of Idaho. A piano instructor, she taught many students who later attended Boise Junior College and Boise State. She died in February, 1979.

The bequest will be established as the Harry S. and Elizabeth C. Bowen Scholarship fund, and will be used for scholarships to students enrolled in music education courses at BSU, according to David T. Lambert, BSU director of development.

Members of the Boise State Piano Ensemble, directed by piano professor Madeleine Hsu, performed in a memorial concert to Bowen Nov. 16. A great lover of classical music, Bowen "was a beautiful example of dedication and courage, and she will long be remembered at Boise State University," Hsu said.

"This has been a big boost for the Music Department coupled with recent donations for the Morrison Center," said BSU Music Department chairman Wilber Elliott.

"It's very encouraging to find that people feel the need for the development of our programs and of a cultural center here," he said.

"Early in December, Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc. announced a $250,000 donation for the proposed Harry W. Morrison Center for the Fine and Performing Arts to be built at BSU.

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BSU employees recognized

About 157 Boise State employees were honored for their years of service to the school at a luncheon earlier this month in the BSU Student Union Building.

"You truly deserve recognition for your fantastic total years of service," said Jackie Castell, administrative assistant to the BSU President. "You put yourselves into your jobs, do your best, and care about people," she said.

Four of the employees honored have worked at Boise State for 15 years or more.

Given special recognition for those years were Marge Reid, bookstore assistant, who has worked at Boise State for 20 years; Lucille Coppole, accountant, 18 years; Ella Peterson, payroll accounts technician, 16 years; and Gloria Miller, library catalog assistant, 15 years.

Certificates were presented at the luncheon to 92 employees who have worked for Boise State for 5-10 years, and to 61 who have been here from 10-15 years.

RECEIVING AWARDS from President John Kaiser for their total of 69 years of service to Boise State are staff members (from left) Marge Reid, Gloria Miller, Lucille Coppole, and Ella Peterson. The certificates were presented at a December employee recognition banquet honoring about 187 employees for their years of work at the university.

Ahashta Press releases book

No Moving Parts, a book of poems by Nebraska writer Susan Strayer Deal, is the latest publication of the Boise State University Ahashta Press.

Deal, who like other Ahashta poets, writes about the American West, paints the Nebraska prairie landscape in her poetry. The pull of the land where "Thought has no echo, no measure of itself," is central to her writing.

She finds poetry in the birds, sky, lean trees, and deep snow of the plains.

The introduction to No Moving Parts is written by William Kloefkorn, a Nebraska poet teaching creative writing at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln.

The voice in Deal's poems, Kloefkorn says, "is distinctive and unique and haunting; it spreads from an environment—the sandhills, the prairie, the far-reaching countryside of western Nebraska—with an authority that is both warm and compelling.

BSU English professor Orvis C. Burremaster edited No Moving Parts, which is the sixteenth volume in the Ahashta collection of contemporary and modern Western poetry. The book includes poems which have previously appeared in such publications as Cedar Rock, Colorado North Review, and Priestly Schooner.

A native of Lincoln, Neb., Deal grew up in North Platte, and has now returned to Lincoln to live. She recently received her master of fine arts degree in writing from the University of Nebraska. Her thesis for that degree includes another collection of her poems. She received her bachelor's degree from Kearney State University, Kearney, Neb.

The press publishes two or three volumes of modern or contemporary poetry each year. Great Earth's To Touch the Water will be the next publication in the 1980-81 contemporary series.

No Moving Parts and other Ahashta Press poetry books are available at the Boise State University bookstore, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725, and other area bookstores for $2.50 per copy.

Conference coming in Jan.

A "People's Conference" to bring together social agencies and consumer groups to study the legislative process will be conducted at Boise State University Jan. 27-30 in the BSU Student Union Building.

Co-sponsored by the Boise State Social Work Department, the university, and numerous Idaho social agencies and consumer groups, the conference will include workshops on consumer and social needs, as well as
current and proposed legislation.

Dr. Art Pearl, author, educator, and community organizer from the University of California at Santa Cruz, will address the conference as keynote speaker.

Cecil Andrus, former Idaho governor and U.S. Secretary of the Interior under President Carter, will deliver the closing conference address.

General conference sessions will be conducted on:
- Legislative process
- Appropriation process
- Funding for public welfare
- Network and coalition building

For further information about the sessions, contact conference chairman Sharon Walker of the BSU Social Work Department. 385-1568.

Nursing

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dards set by the NLN. Program philo­
sophy, admission requirements, faculty
credentials, quality of curriculum, stu­
dents, faculty ratios, library holdings,
and clinical support are all evaluated
before accreditation is granted.

Dr. Jo-Anne Valyey, chairman of the
BSU Nursing Department, thanks
accreditation as essential to the growth
and development of a BSN program at
Boise State.

"It assures students we maintain the
same high standards in nursing educa­
tion as other nationally accredited
schools," she said. "And we are
already seeing an increased number of
applicants.

Fee increase

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ing to budget director Ron Turner.
The fee increase will allow Boise
State to offer a full spring schedule of
classes. Without the increase, the
school had planned to cancel many of
the evening classes that are taught with
part-time faculty.

All four of the state's university
presidents supported the increased
spending and explained to the Board that quality of
education would suffer without more
money.

Student body presidents from BSU,
Idaho, and Lewis and Clark favored an
increase in fees, but were opposed to
the $5 increase.

Revenue from the increase will be
pooled and then distributed to each
school based on its share of the state
appropriation.

Boise State will receive 26.5 percent,
Idaho State 27.1 percent, Idaho 4.3 percent,
and Lewis and Clark 5.1 percent.

Ten percent of the total, about
$115,000, will be held for equity
adjustments that will be made later in
the spring.

Curtis loan fund started

An emergency loan fund in memory of
Bill Curtis, BSU auto body instructor who
died Nov. 1, has been set up by the
Vocational-Technical School.

The fund includes donations to the
school in Curtis' name, a $500 award
received by Yo-Tech from the office of
the BSU President for outstanding par­
ticipation in the 1980 Family Day
observance in November, and funds
from the "World's Largest Yard Sale"
held by the school earlier this fall.

According to Yo-Tech School coun­
telor Chuck Quinowski, the emergency
fund is designed not to solve students' financial
problems, but to provide tem­
porary emergency help for them with
such problems as fee deadlines.

Students may borrow from the fund
without paying interest. Quinowski
said, but are expected to pay back the
loans within a three-month period.

Those wishing to apply for the loans
must submit application forms avail­
able in the Yo-Tech counselors' office

And after all, I suppose, it's only fair:
that after the British and Japanese the
Germans are the most frequent visitors to
the USA. The Germans favor the
West, including Hollywood, while the
Japanese zip from New York to Paris,
and the French and Italians go to
New Orleans.

The tourists have two things in com­
mon, however: joy over the "inexpen­
sive" prices and a sense of not being
really welcomened if one cannot speak
English.

After all, I suppose, it's only fair:
while Germans know all Americans
drop off into the sunset, where they will
be mugged by Chicago gangsters, Ameri­
cans are equally convinced that all
Germans are full of beer and saus­
kraut, wear lederhosen and drive a
Mercedes.

Reflections on life abroad by
Dr. Penny Schonover, a BSU
professor teaching in Germany.
Another! Rhodes at BSU
Karl Knapp is going to Oxford

For the second time in three years, the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in England has been awarded to a Boise State University student. Karl Knapp, senior English major at BSU, was announced the winner of one of 32 U.S. Rhodes scholarships Dec. 20, after interviews in Seattle. "I'm overwhelmed by it all," said Knapp, who came to Boise State in 1976 on a track scholarship from Bozeman, Mont. He is also a member of the university cross country team and was winner of the Boise State Scholar Athlete award for 1980.

He is a member of the BSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national collegiate honor society. Knapp's scholarship for six terms at the English university will begin in Oct. 1981, following his graduation from Boise State. He will receive an annual stipend of about $8,500.

Former Boise State 1977-78 student body president Mike Hoffman was awarded the world-famous scholarship in 1978, and is now studying at Oxford.

A close friend of Hoffman, Knapp received "a lot of encouragement" for his application from him and from BSU Honors Program Director Dr. William Mach, he said.

The Rhodes scholarships were established in 1908 by the will of Cecil J. Rhodes, South African diamond miner and founder of Rhodesia, who hoped that they would contribute to world peace and understanding.

Knapp spent the summer of 1980 in England studying with the Montana State studies abroad program at London University. He also studied the work of Mexican muralist Jose Orozco in 1979 as an independent project for Oregon State University.

... receiving BSU scholar-athlete award

‘You Can’t Go Home Again.’

-- Thomas Wolfe, Famous American Novelist

We really hate to disagree with one of the world's foremost men of letters, but then Thomas Wolfe was never lucky enough to be a member of the Boise State University Alumni Association.

If Thomas Wolfe had been one of BSU's more than 20,000 alumni he would have known that he was always welcome on campus ... in fact he probably would have enjoyed many of the film, drama, music and dance events and special programs that are happening here all the time. And Wolfe certainly could have used the university recreational facilities that membership in the Alumni Association would entitle him to. Or the many discounts and special services.

And even from his home in New York, Wolfe could have kept in touch with old friends through the free monthly issues of FOCUS.

Thomas Wolfe may have believed in the title of his last book ... but you don't have to.

SEND THE BSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IN THIS ISSUE.

Come Home To Your Alumni Association
Dues are due

The Boise State University Alumni Association was founded in 1967 to strengthen the relationship between former students and their alma mater. Attendance of two semesters or more qualifies former students for membership in the Alumni Association. There is also an "honorary alumni" category designed for those who have not attended BSU, but wish to become active in the Association.

The Alumni Association also supports many academic programs including:
- The Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- The Boise State University Alumni Association Fellowship Program
- The Alumni Association Graduate Fellowship Program

Insurance offered

The Alumni Association offers a group term life plan to all active members at greatly reduced rates. The program is designed to supplement regular insurance plans.

Alumni working on blood research

Boise State alumnus Robert W. (Bob) Williams has received a fellowship from the National Research Council to work on a project to develop artificial blood for the U.S. Navy. Williams, who recently received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Washington State University, Pullman, will research the chemistry of blood membranes at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

There, he will apply his doctoral research on a method for determining the structure of membrane proteins. His research of laser Raman spectroscopy—shining a laser beam at a sample of living tissue to determine how much light is scattered at each frequency—will, he hopes, lead to understanding how biological molecules carry out body functions such as the regulation of muscle contraction and expansion, Williams said.

The U.S. Navy is interested in encapsulating hemoglobin, a protein which uses a lot of oxygen, in artificial membrane. The idea is to protect blood cells to be used for transfusions, Williams said.

The laser spectroscopy method can be applied to all kinds of projects in membranes. Such a study may also help in finding solutions to the problems of muscle dysfunction such as muscular dystrophy and heart disease, he said.

The National Research Council which administers research programs for the U.S. government is an arm of the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineers. Williams, a 1977 BSU chemistry graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Williams, Mountain Home.

While at WSU, he received the Glen King Fellowship and a biochemistry research prize.

In touch

Barbara Fine Wald, 32, died Nov. 10 in Anchorage, Alaska. She graduated from BSU in 1969, and had worked for the Navigators three years at Moscow and taught at Nanaimo Christian High School for one year.

James R. Munroe, 45, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 15 at the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital of a short illness.

He served in the army medical services during the Korean War. After he was discharged, he attended CIL and later graduated from BSU with a B.A. in education. He taught school in the Boise valley. In 1975, he moved to Twin Falls where he had been teaching fifth grade at the Kimberly elementary school.

Shirley Riley, 44, died Nov. 20 in Tucson, Ariz. Hospital. She was a graduate of Boise Junior College and had worked for St. Alphonsus Hospital.

WEDDINGS

Victricia Ann Osunas and Michael Allen Guerry were united in marriage Dec. 20 in Erk, Nev. The groom is matching with his father. The couple are now at home on the Guerry ranch near Castelfield.

A Sept. 23 wedding ceremony united Cindy L. Towery and Greg A. Stewart. The bride is employed as a registered nurse at Mercy Medical Center.

Michael R. Phillips and Susan Marie Stalman, married Sept. 27 in Rupert, are living in Salmont. The bridegroom works for the Idaho National Bank in Salmont and the bride is employed by the school district in Leadore.

Lisa C. West and Terry S. Robb were married Oct. 11 in All Saints Episcopal Church and are living in Boise. The bridegroom is employed by United Pacific Insurance Co.

United in marriage on Oct. 17 were James A. Harris and Mary Jean Prickett. The bride is employed at St. Alphonsus Hospital.

Valerie J. Pearson and Jim D. Baker erected wedding vows Oct. 18 in St. James Catholic Church at Lewiston. The bride is a 1980 graduate of BSU and employed in real estate by Idaho First National Bank. The couple are making their home in Boise.

Oct. 18 was the wedding day of Leslie Sue Brown and Stephen Dale Ferguson. They are living in Ontario.

Douglas Ornan Howie and Anna Renee Biltz wer married Nov. 2 at her parent's home in Nampa. The newlyweds both work at Morrison-Knudsen and live in Boise.

Paula Lou Baustian became the bride of Steve Formey Nov. 8 at the Community Church in Fairfield. He is employed by the United First Federal Savings and she is on the Boise office staff of Senator Jim McClure.

Two Boise State University graduates have been added to the faculty at Weiser High School. Barbara Ray in the new Title I English instructor, while Moose Sellers is teaching biology. Sellers will also be assistant football and baseball coach and head wrestling coach.

Craig DeSilva has been named manager of Corporate Data Processing Services at Boise Cascade. He joined Boise Cascade in 1996 as a programmer and has since held several data processing and managerial positions. He graduated from Boise State with a master's degree in business administration.

Robyn Walker is currently working as a reporter for United Press International in Boise.

George Tolson, Boise Cascade executive, has been named regional manager of the Idaho First National Bank's head office. Tolson joined Boise Cascade in 1996 as a programmer and has since held several data processing and managerial positions. He graduated from Boise State with a master's degree in business administration.

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENTITLES YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

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- BSU Honors Program
- University Club Scholarship Program, etc.

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Legislators look at '81
Three leaders preview next session

Many political observers feel that the 1981 session of the legislature could be the most controversial in Idaho's history. This month three leaders in the legislature discuss in separate interviews the coming session with FOCUS editor Larry Burke. Below are the comments of Speaker of the House Ralph Olmstead (R-Boise), Senate Majority Leader James Risch (R-Boise), and Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee Kitty Gurnsey (R-Boise).

MANY LEGISLATORS ARE SAYING THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE WORST BUDGET YEARS THE STATE HAS EVER FACED. DO YOU AGREE?

Rep. Gurnsey: I think it's extremely tight. First of all, we are not really sure that we are going to get the $180 million which we anticipate this year and then the Governor is coming out with a $440 million expectation. I don't think we are going to get that. I think that's where we're going to have the problem.

We have always had some additional dollars for growth. Last year we appropriated $403 million and if we cut that back to $180 million, then that is just tough to absorb.

Rep. Olmstead: In recent history Idaho's revenue has increased at rates of from 10-20 percent each year. That made it relatively easy to go through the budgeting procedures because there was always plenty of money there. It was just merely a matter of dividing it up... it allowed the opportunity for expanding and adding programs. This year it's quite obvious that neither of those opportunities are there. In fact it might turn out to be a time to eliminate some of those programs. But to get a majority to cut any particular program is very, very difficult. I'm sure that there will be some looked at quite closely, but the only practical solution in years past when we've had tight times has been across-the-board type reductions.

Sen. Risch: I don't think it really is a question of which is the best. It comes down, in my opinion, to which is the possible. I think everybody is ready to cut out programs. But to get a majority to cut any particular program is very, very difficult. I'm sure that there will be some looked at quite closely, but the only practical solution in years past when we've had tight times has been across-the-board type reductions.

WHEN CUTS ARE MADE THERE SEEM TO BE TWO DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES... ACROSS-THE-BORD CUTS VERSUS ELIMINATION OF ENTIRE PROGRAMS. WHICH DO YOU FAVOR?

Sen. Risch: I don't think that's true, with a possible increase in employees' salaries.

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Rep. Gurnsey: I think the only honest way for legislators to face a budget crisis like this is to look at the dollar need on program-by-program basis and then ferret out the differences between the wants and the needs. That's not easy.

Rep. Olmstead: I think the across-the-board approach is not only not feasible, but is even dishonest. I think the only honest way for legislators to face a budget crisis like this is to look at the dollar need on program-by-program basis and then ferret out the differences between the wants and the needs. That's not easy.

Sen. Risch: I can't say at this point because I haven't seen the revenue projections. It does look like it's going to be tight, but it just depends upon how Idaho tax receipts respond to the economy. We could very well see some benefits of the recovery we went through this past year and I think wish the 3.85 percent cutback we have done that. And I do think we have reached the point where the fat has been taken out of the programs. I think we have reached the point where the reality is the unpopular thing, which is to cut out programs.

IS YOUR COMMITTEE READY TO MAKE THOSE CUTS?

Rep. Gurnsey: I'm saying that we are philosophically prepared to do it. We are not technically prepared to do it today. But I think we will be by the middle of February.

JUST WHAT KIND OF CUTS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? COULD YOU IDENTIFY SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATION?

Rep. Olmstead: You have probably observed in recent weeks that I have identified some possibilities. Some have called this list my "hit list." I don't call it that, I call it my "shopping list." And my shopping list includes some areas where spending could be cut. They are not palatable, certainly not desirable, maybe not even acceptable, but I feel obligated to identify what some of these possibilities are.

Number one, in terms of the price tag is state support of the kindergarten program. $8 million. Elimination of state support for intercollegiate athletic program would save $1.8 million. Public TV has to come under scrutiny with a $1.1 million dollar price tag.

If we were to eliminate state support of the academic program at Lewis and Clark State College, leaving in
DO YOU THINK THE LEGISLATURE WILL CONSIDER TUITION THIS SESSION?

Rep. Olmstead: It probably won't take place this session because it would have to be in the form of a constitutional amendment, which couldn't be voted on until 1982. I think it would pass with a great majority.

Rep. Gurney: I think we probably will hear more about it a year from now because it has to be referred to the people at the next general election. So why not wait a year and see how things are going ... maybe we'll have some miraculous recovery in our economy.

Sen. Risch: I really can't say. I think that would require a constitutional amendment which must have a two-thirds vote in each house. That is very difficult to achieve.

ONE CONCERN IS THAT ONCE TUITION IS APPROVED, THE LEGISLATURE WILL VIEW THAT AS A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE AND DECREASE THE STATE'S SHARE OF FUNDING. IS THAT LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Sen. Risch: I suppose there would be some legislators who would view it in that regard, but I think overall most legislators would view it as a necessity to maintain the quality of education as opposed to using it to make up money to be used in other departments.

Rep. Gurney: I don't think that will have a bearing. I think they are willing to give higher education their fair share of the state's income.

DO YOU THINK BOISE STATE IS UNDERFunded?

Rep. Olmstead: Yes. We have gone for quantity over quality. I feel very strongly that the role of Boise State, as our other universities, is to meet the demand for higher education in the state, and not quality.

Sen. Risch: We are having more and more students per dollar at Boise State University than we do at the others, and part of that is because of their physical plants. We don't have all those dorms and other buildings as we spend a larger portion of the dollar for instruction.

NO DOUBT, YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE COMMENTED ON THE ROLES OF BSU, SHOULd THE SCHOOL BE GIVEN THE BUDGET TO EXPAND TO MEET THE DEMANDS ... WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE TELLING YOU?

Rep. Gurney: The ones that are interested in the school are all for having them offer everything they ever wanted to take, but the people that are realistic about it realize that probably to balance the budget we are simply going to have to cut back on some programs. It's not fair to think that all the cuts are going to be at Pocatello and Moscow.

Rep. Olmstead: If we make some adjustments in the share of the cost of higher education borne by the student, it is not possible to expand to meet the needs of an expanding student level. If we refuse to make that kind of adjustment and put that additional burden on the taxpayer, we can expect that it might be necessary to close down some of that opportunity for expansion.

Sen. Risch: Of course, I feel very strongly that the role of Boise State, as our other universities, is to meet the demand for higher education in Idaho. I have very strongly objected in the past to creating a demand for government services. I think that has been carried on by some of the institutions in the past through very aggressive programs to increase the full-time equivalents for funding purposes.

People see Boise State as filling a legitimate demand for higher education in this area and I think they look at this university very fondly in that regard. I fully expect that it will continue in the future.

ONE OF THE MAJOR LONG-TERM PROBLEMS FACING HIGHER EDUCATION IS THE LOSS OF QUALITY FACULTY. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT THAT, GIVEN THE CURRENT REVENUE SITUATION?

Rep. Olmstead: Yes. We have gone for quantity and not quality. We might have to do a reorientation (Continued on next page)
and accept that we have gone further than we can in terms of quantity and concentrates, a more on quality, accepting that to achieve greater quality we might have to cut back on the number of institutions and maybe the number of programs that we offer.

Rep. Gurnsey: Well it would be nice if we could have some merit system whereby your top people were rewarded for what they do and your mediocre professor was not. Again it takes dollars if you’re really going to have an effective merit system. The biggest thing you can do is to keep on finding people that think the way of life is more important to them than the dollars they make.

Sen. Risch: It’s difficult to answer that question other than to say most other states are going through the exact same thing that we are right now. In addition to that, when you say we are losing good teachers, that’s fairly subjective.

I tend to think that we do have good teachers. I think we have a real problem right now in Idaho being a pre­

vailing rate-payer. And I think the cost of it is primarily because Boise is a very nice place to live, and many people who work here accept lower salary or other things just to live here. I’m not saying that’s inappropriate, but I am saying that is something that this area does have to sell.

TWO YEARS AGO THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED PAY INCREASES AND THEN ONLY PARTIALLY FUNDED THEM. DO YOU FAVOR THIS APPROACH AS A MEANS TO CUT GOVERN­MENT?

Sen. Risch: I very strongly believe that will probably happen again this year. That has some very bene­

ficial results to it; it also has some detractions. But on balance when you are trying to reach a balanced budget, it is one of the ways that gives considerable latitude to the agency that obviously has a very good knowledge of what is necessary and isn’t necessary and has some priorities as to how the money will be spent.

Rep. Olmstead: I favor the approach that is honest that identifies places to make the cuts. I have always taken the position that I believe in Idaho being a pre­

vailing ratepayer. And I think the cost of it is primarily because Boise is a very nice place to live, and many people who work here accept lower salary or other things just to live here. I’m not saying that’s inappropriate, but I am saying that is something that this area does have to sell.

DO YOU FEEL THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CAN MAKE PROGRAM CUTS THAT ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF ITS REGIONAL MAKE­UP?

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IF THE CURRENT REVENUE SHORTFALL IS ONLY TEMPORARY, HOW CAN WE PREVENT DAMAGE TO NEEDED PROGRAMS THIS YEAR WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO FUND THEM AGAIN IN A YEAR OR TWO?

Rep. Olmstead: Possibly the only fair answer to that question is to provide some kind of one-time bass funding, some kind of a tax program or shift of differ­

collection structure which will provide a one-time windfall of revenue without lasting effects which could lead us into the trap that we have been in for the last 10 or 20 years of having more money than we need accrued and therefore making it too easy to provide for expend­

ing of programs and new programs.

Rep. Gurnsey: Certainly that’s the concern the Governor’s staff has . . . that we as a legislature would still fund programs that people want and need and then down the line we find out of has been a mistake to have cut them. So that’s why we are really anticipating that we are tred lightly.

Sen. Risch: I think all of us in the state government are going to have to redouble our efforts to tighten our belts, to provide services that we feel are the necessary and essential with the lowest cost that is possible. We are going to have to do our best to operate all programs at a level that provides the service that is possible with the dollar available.

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ATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNIVERSITIES. NOW FUNDS ARE GIVEN TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRIBUTION.

DO YOU SEE ANY SENTIMENT TO RETURN TO THE “FUNDING BY INSTITUTION” APPROACH?

Rep. Olmstead: No. I favor the approach that a non-political body make these divisions, rather than having it done on a sectionalism or a partisan basis, which would be the result if it were turned back to the legislature. However, the only honest way for the legislature to address the problem is to identify places where cuts can be made and approve legislation with this direction, such as eliminating the academic program at LCSC, or such as eliminating state support for the intercollegiate athletic program, or such as eliminating graduate schools.

Sen. Risch: I haven’t heard any sentiment to return to the old system. In my view the institutions are getting along among themselves since it has been done under the new system. I don’t know if that is a result of the new system, but it’s at least not a problem. Rep. Gurnsey: I do not think there is any move right now. We would rather the State Board of Educa­tion made those unpopular, political decisions about what would be cut out. We’d rather give them a lump sum and let them worry about it.

If we are ever going to cut out any of the schools, I think the Legislature is going to have to do it because we probably will have to change the statutes.

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GIVEN THE CURRENT REVENUE OUTLOOK, WHAT IS THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN?

Sen. Risch: The worst that could happen would be across-the-board cuts at some level. I’m not prepared at this point to say what percent level that would be, and when I’m talking about cuts I’m talking about cuts in the maintenance of a program in real dollars, as opposed to growth. I think cuts will be at a rather small level as opposed to a large or major level.

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Rep. Olmstead: Being a Republican and seeing the changes that have taken place nationally and with Reagan taking at the helm now and with the Republi­
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It’s hard to be optimistic when we are facing a prime rate that is pushing 20 percent.

Sen. Risch: I think so. I think we are going to be entering at the first of the year a new era that is filled with optimism. I really believe the economy is going to turn around and we will see a reflection of that in our tax dollars. We will be heading back into a period where we will have more tax dollars to spend.

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ACCOUNTING

Dr. Al Marcellino, member of the American Accounting Association and the National Association of Accountants, is among 16 national AAA members given recognition for outstanding membership committee accomplishments. He has been awarded a complete library of AAA publications, which he has donated to the BSU library.

Dr. Robert Behling has been awarded a faculty fellowship by McDonnell Douglas Automation Company, Long Beach, Calif. The fellowship program includes participation in a week-long computer technology seminar designed to prepare university faculty to teach state of the art programming and technical topics. Behling is one of fifteen faculty selected from universities throughout the West to receive this fellowship.

ADMINISTRATION

President John Keasar has won an award of merit from the American Association of State and Local History for his book Building for the Century: History of the Smithsonian Institution for the show "American Centuries: Illinois." He is one of the twenty-five authors represented in the AAA publications, which he has donated to the BSU library.

NURSING

Jane Penner was an instructor for an Idaho Nurses Association workshop on therapeutic touch, a method of using the hands to heal, on Nov. 22.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Gregory A. Ramond is co-author of a paper "Alliance Aggregation and the Onset of War, 1816-1945," presented at the annual convention of the Southern Political Science Association, Nov. 6 in Atlanta, Ga.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Sharon Button was the Idaho delegate to the Western College Men's Physical Education Society silver anniversary in Reno, Oct. 22-23. It was nominated as president-elect for the Idaho Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance during the state convention at the University of Idaho Nov. 6-7.

Presenting seminars at that meeting were Phyllis Bowman on dance for elementary children, Ron Pleifer on athletic training and Bob Murray on athletics for sanitarians. Steve Wallace and George Farnese were session moderators, and Rea Vaughn attended and also went to the Big Ten CIC Biomechanics Symposium at Indiana University Oct. 26-28.

Dr. Bill Bowman attended the NASPE conference on diversity in professional preparation programs in physical education Nov. 6-8, in Chicago.

Bowman attended the national Wrestling Rule Interpretation meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 7. He has also attended Idaho high school wrestling rules interpretation meeting in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Caldwell, Post Falls, Lewiston, and New Meadows.

READING EDUCATION

Dr. E. Costen Frederick served as co-chairman for the recent Rocky Mountain Regional Conference of the International Reading Association in Boise. At the conference Dr. Kenneth Murray conducted a session on adult reading. Dr. George Reis was chairman for the local arrangements committee.

A book review written by E. Costen Frederick will be reprinted and printed in Volume 17 of Contemporary Literary Criticism. The volume will include evaluations of about 65 novelists, poets, playwrights, etc., of young adult fiction and nonfiction.

The book Frederick reviewed was May I Cross Your Golden River, and was originally published in the Journal of Reading.

THEATRE ARTS

Oct. 26, Dr. Charles Ludwick and nine BSU students from the cast of the Theatre Arts Department's fall selection "Our Town" gave a production workshop for humanities students at Borah High School.

Field J. Norman spoke to literature students at Boise High School Oct. 29 on the plays of Arthur Miller.
Broncos win the big one

Two seasons ago Jim Criner posted a sign on the doorway to the Bronco dressing room. "Those who stay ... will be national champions," it said.

"We put that up the year the Big Sky said we couldn't play for the championship. We told the players then that if they were dedicated and worked hard, they would be national champions," says Criner.

Was it a promise?

"Yes, it was a promise we made to the players," he explains.

Now the sign can be changed. Those who stayed ... ARE national champions.

Yes, the Boise State Broncos are now at the top of division 1AA after beating the Eastern Kentucky Colonels 31-29 in the Camellia Bowl Dec. 20.

And they did it by thrilling a national television audience and the 4,000 Bronco faithful who made the Sacramento trip with a last minute touchdown drive worthy of every cliche in the sports writer's notebook ... "do-or-die," "this is their whole season," and, naturally, "heart-throbbing."

The right to wear championship rings didn't come easily for the Broncos. First, they had to put on two brilliant defensive stands to edge past legendary Grambling the week before. Then, in Sacramento they saw Eastern Kentucky eat away a comfortable 21-10 lead and then seemingly win the game with a last minute 50-yard scoring bomb.

With only 55 seconds left and starting from their own 20, quarterback Joe Aliotti and end Kipp Bedard played catch until they reached the Colonels 15-yard line. Then, three passes fell incomplete before Aliotti tossed his now-famous fourth and desperation lob to tight end Duane Dlouhy for the winning touchdown with 12 seconds left in the game.

As the final seconds ticked off, an orange wave of emotional Bronco fans filled the field, hoarsely congratulating their team for the win. The party lasted a full 20 minutes before the fans finally piled into their cars and busses for the ride home.

As he has done all year, Criner was quick to praise the support of the Bronco fans in the win.

"One of the reasons our kids have been able to fight so hard and come back is because of our enthusiastic fans. They're just the greatest in the world."

The big Bronco win was especially sweet for seven players (Shawn Beaton, Kevin MacDonald, Jeff Turpin, Jeff Taylor, Larry Lewis, Lance LaShelle, and Ron Chatterton) who have been around ever since coach Jim Criner arrived in 1976.

They played on two Broncos teams (77 and 78) that were undefeated in the Big Sky, but didn't participate in post-season play. And they suffered through a break-even 1976 season and the frustrating 1978 season that ended in probation.

To them, and to the rest who stayed, the promise was kept. Now they are national champions.
Photos by Chuck Scheer and Mike Zuzel tell the story of BSU's biggest win ever. Heroes of the day were, clockwise on page 10, Joe Aliotti, David Hughes, and Cedric Minter.

On page 11, Larry Alder's diving interception was a key play. At top, Shawn Beaton's expression speaks for itself. Top right, an excited president John Keiser congratulates coach Jim Criner, while at the bottom happy Broncos are a contrast to Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd.