A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR
By Dr. Ross Burkhart

Greetings! The Political Science Department has experienced a few changes during the 2004-2005 academic year. Patricia Fredericksen completed two years of superb leadership of the department, and I have assumed the chairing duties. It is a pleasure for me to be the department chair, for the faculty and staff continue to excel in their primary missions of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. You will be reading in this newsletter about the stories that not only the faculty and staff have to tell, but also the students, present and former, who are the reason we exist as a department.

Our faculty continue to achieve much in their teaching, scholarship, and service. Gary Moncrief won the highest award offered by Boise State, the University Foundation Scholars Award for Research, for his scholarship on state and national legislative behavior. Greg Raymond published a new textbook on international relations. Moncrief and Brian Wampler were awarded College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs Faculty Research Grants to present their scholarship at various conferences. In addition to Moncrief, Raymond, and Wampler, all of the department faculty traveled to professional conferences throughout the year, serving as paper presenters, panel chairs, or panel discussants. Les Alm, John Freemuth, and Scott Yenor, as well as Moncrief, Raymond, and Wampler, all have had their scholarship published this past year. Fredericksen and Susan Mason have applied for a National Science Foundation grant on New Urbanism. Steve Sallie, Wampler, and Yenor were all recognized by ASBSU for their outstanding teaching. Stephanie Witt is the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Raymond is the director of the Honors College. Freemuth and Jim Weatherby made many community presentations as well as appeared on local television stations during Election Day. Dick Kinney serves in several vital administrative capacities in the department.

Our newest colleague, Dr. Lori Hausegger, will join us in the Fall of 2005. She earned her Master’s degree at the University of Calgary and her Ph.D. in Political Science at The Ohio State University, and she is currently Assistant Professor of Political Science at Louisiana State University. She will teach courses in public law. She has published research on, among other topics, judicial decision making, comparative judicial politics, and interactions between the judicial and legislative branches. We are very pleased to welcome Hausegger to the department and campus.

We also welcomed Michelle Gordon to our departmental office in the Office Specialist II position in August 2004. She previously worked in the Vice President for Finance and Administration office. She is a sophomore geology major, with plans to attend graduate school in geosciences. Gordon, Tricia Trofast, and Iana Kingsbury-Jackson manage the office to the highest professional standards.

We thank our adjunct instructors for their course offerings, which enhance our curriculum greatly. Our 2004-2005 adjuncts are Steve Ackerman, MA; Dr. Stewart Gardner; Christopher Innes, MA; William Jarocki, MPA; Dr. William Overton; Dr. Steve Shaw; Brook Smith, MPA; Cathy Silak, JD; Bryan Taylor, JD; Dr. Sharon Weil; and Steve Wilson, MPA. Dr. Dennis Donoghue, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, also offered a course as an adjunct faculty member. Additionally, Kesler Ernest, Master of Public Administration student, has served with great professionalism as the teaching assistant in the “mega-section” of American National Government that the department has offered for the past four semesters.

We are most appreciative of the contributions from our visiting instructor, Joseph Staats. He has taught courses in public law and public policy for the department. He also gave a presentation on law school at a Political Science Association forum. He will complete his Ph.D. studies this spring (University of California, Riverside) while continuing to teach courses in the department, and has accepted a visiting position in political science at Texas Tech University for 2005-2006. We wish Joe well.

I hope you enjoy reading about our department.
OVERTON WINS TEACHING AWARD

Dr. William Overton won the 2005 College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. Overton has taught a variety of courses in the Political Science Department since 1991. Included in his repertoire are American National Government, Contemporary Political Ideologies, Introduction to Public Administration, and Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structure. His students have regularly commented on his clear standards, course organization, willingness to engage in classroom discussions, and ability to present course material in an accessible and fun manner. Overton also received a 2005 Faculty Recognition Award from ASBSU. We are very proud of all of his teaching accomplishments. Congratulations Bill!

FACULTY HONORS

Dr. Gary Moncrief received a 2004 Foundation Scholar Award for Research and Creative Activity. In 2004, Moncrief was also nominated for a College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs research award.

Moncrief will be on sabbatical leave during the Fall 2005 semester. He will spend the semester as a Visiting Research Scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) and the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey). While at Rutgers, Moncrief will be expanding the research on candidate recruitment first reported in his coauthored book, *Who Runs for the Legislature?* In particular, he will be working with the CAWP staff to extend the research on the differences between woman and men candidates and how they decide to run for office. Moncrief will return to Boise State for the Spring 2006 semester.

STUDENT HONORS

PRESIDENT’S WRITING AWARDS

Shea Robison took first place in the President’s Writing Awards in April 2004.

In November 2004, Robison was selected by the Point of View Committee to present his research, “An Erotic History of Democracy” at the 2nd Annual Point of View Conference on Sexuality in a Diverse Society at Boise State University.

He was chosen as the Boise State University nomination to the national committee for a Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowship.

Robison will graduate in May 2005, and has been accepted into the doctoral interfield program in Political Science/Economics at Claremont Graduate University, as well as the doctoral program in Political Science at the University of Arizona. He has other Ph.D. program applications pending.

TOP TEN SCHOLAR

Carrie Humphreys was selected as a Top Ten Scholar at Boise State University in 2004. Humphreys is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Sigma Alpha honor societies and the Boise State Founders’ Leadership Society. She spent a year teaching English in France. Humphreys graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Boise State Honor’s College, majoring in political science with an international relations emphasis, and completed a minor in French literature in May 2004. Her honored Faculty Member was Dr. Ross Burkhart.

SPRING 2004 COMMENCEMENT

Ali S. Ishaq presented the Student Address at the Spring 2004 Commencement Ceremony. Ishaq graduated on May 15, 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, International Relations Emphasis.
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DEAN’S LIST – Spring 2004

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding achievement and inclusion on the Dean’s list.

Joshua D. Aldinger  
Rebecca M. Ames  
Emily K. Anderson  
Mallory L. Atkinson  
Katie L. Bach  
Rachel E. Balcerzak  
James R. Bang  
Benjamin D. Brandon  
Erin M. Burnham  
Dartanyon G. Burrows  
Christina D. Case  
Amanda M. Craig  
Brent J. Crane  
Nathan M. Creamer  
Joseph L. Danes  
Barbara L. Dehl  
Darcey L. Doyle  
Lee C. Dudley  
Stefannie J. Ellis  
Hannelore M. Ferber  
Patricia F. Forbes  
Rochelle Foster  
Jessica L. Gearino  
Cody L. Glazier  
Robert J.I. Green  
Amanda D. Hagler  
Chetan R. Horvath  
Carrie R. Humphreys  
Barton L. Jackson II  
Kristopher J. Jacobs  
Ricky L. Johnson  
Abram R. Lines  
Nichalous H. Ludington  
Tonya M. March  
Robert McNaught III  
Jesse R. Menlove  
Tami E. Monek  
Ian E. Mundorff  
Katie L. Murdock  
Megan B. Myers  
Kathryn M. Neal  
Jonathan H. Nelson  
Richard A. Nestorick  
Tammy R. Perkins  
Sean E. Peterson  
Ashley D. Pisani  
Shea K. Robison  
Kenneth M. Rock  
Maria E. Rollins  
Melodie K. Routsen  
Cody M. Rutz  
Brian M. Sandifer  
Cheryl A. Shadrer  
Michael G. Small  
Lauren B. Snead  
Dale R. Spangler  
Craig D. Stacey  
Jade C. Stacey  
Laura B. Stauffer  
Hannah L. Stauts  
Cody J. Stoddard  
Brian R. Stroops  
Richard D.H. Surber  
Jordan E. Thiel  
Esther S. Tolson  
Jared D. Waters  
Brandie M. Wilson

DEAN’S LIST – Fall 2004

Cody M. Adams  
James R. Bang  
Kylie G. Boggess  
Benjamin D. Brandon  
Lindsey R. Brockish  
Lisa A. Burns  
Dartanyon G. Burrows  
Gonzalo C. Callison  
Charles C. Carr  
Christina D. Case  
Matthew R. Comstock  
Amanda M. Craig  
Tara J. Creech  
Hannelore M. Ferber  
Gregory K. Funk  
Cody L. Glazier  
Robert J.I. Green  
Dinko Hadzic  
Colin M. Hallberg  
Hannah G.C. Herr  
Ramon S. Hobday-Sanchez  
Timothy S. Hood  
Chetan R. Horvath  
Jared C. Hoskins  
Jeremiah M. Hudson  
Kristopher J. Jacobs

Kamala J. Jonas  
Agata Kaupas  
Leslie E. Kelly  
Abram R. Lines  
Jonathon N. Lundy  
Daniel S. McAluliffe  
Jesse R. Menlove  
Kyle C. Millard  
Carley J. Miller  
Tami E. Monek  
Sarah E. Mundt  
Katie L. Murdock  
Brittany L. Nelson  
Tammy R. Perkins  
Ashley D. Pisani  
Matthew H. Purdy  
Michael W. Reed  
Amanda M. Reifers  
Heidi M. Renk  
Maria E. Rollins  
Stephanie F. Schneider  
Josh F. Selber  
Brandon J. Stoker  
Jordan E. Thiel  
Sheena L. Wellard  
Katherine R. Wiese  
Brandie M. Wilson

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students were recipients of scholarships for the 2004-2005 Academic Year

Mallory L. Atkinson, Avery F. Peterson Scholarship in Political Science  
James R. Bang  
Lisa A. Burns, Willard Overgaard Political Science Scholarship  
Barbara L. Dehl  
Hannelore M. Ferber  
Robert J.I. Green, Political Science/English Scholarship  
Dinko Hadzic  
Nichalous H. Ludington  
Jesse R. Menlove  
Kyle C. Millard  
Katherine L. Murdock  
Brittany N. Nelson  
Ashley D. Pisani  
Matthew S. Reddington  
Maria E. Rollins

Each year the Department of Political Science awards scholarships to political science majors.

In addition to the general political science scholarships, there are two special scholarships. The Willard M. Overgaard Scholarship is awarded to a deserving member of the Xi Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Dr. Overgaard was a former chair of the department and a professor of public law before his retirement. The Avery Peterson Scholarship is for a student with an International Relations emphasis in Political Science and an interest in the foreign service. Mr. Peterson was a former Foreign Service Officer and taught for the department in the 1970s.

Application information is available each January at the department’s office and website. Later in the spring, the department’s scholarship committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the department chair on who should receive scholarships. A brief ceremony is often held at the beginning of the fall semester to honor the recipients.

The department considers these scholarships as an excellent opportunity to recognize our majors’ academic achievements and other contributions.
Since Boise State is located in the capital city, a large number of internships are offered to our political science majors. These internships allow students to gain important experience, make valuable contacts, and earn academic credit—sometimes they even get paid! Many of our students took advantage of the internship program during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Summer 2004
- Amber Herriot, Department of Homeland Security
- Chetan Horvath, Voters for Outdoor Idaho
- Melissa Janes, Planned Parenthood
- Laura Stauffer, Coalition for Healthy Idaho

Fall 2004
- Chetan Horvath, Voters for Outdoor Idaho
- Daniel Paulson, Representative Kathie Garrett
- Brian Thompson, Idaho State Legislature
- Tara Zirker, Idaho State Legislature and The Women's Center at BSU

Spring 2005
- James Bang, Idaho State Legislature
- Christie Bauscher, Idaho State Legislature
- Peter Faucher, Idaho State Legislature
- Hannelore Ferber, Senator Mike Crapo's Office
- Kris Jacobs, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Drue McCombs, Division of International Trade
- Andrew Mentzer, Idaho Association of Highway Districts
- Tammy Perkins, Idaho State Legislature
- Ashley Pisani, Idaho State Legislature
- Matt Purdy, Idaho State Legislature
- Laura Stauffer, Union Pacific Railroad
- Brandon Stoker, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee
- Brandie Wilson, City of Boise - Mayors Office
- Tara Zirker, Idaho State Legislature and The Volunteer Services Board at BSU

Ambassadors are a select group of dedicated students appointed to represent the student body and help with various university activities. Political Science majors Katie Ormond and Maria Rollins are currently serving as Ambassadors for Boise State University. If you are interested in serving as a Boise State Ambassador, contact Niki Callison, Ambassador Advisor at 426-2715.

Political Science majors involved in student government at Boise State are: Baxter Q. Andrews, Senior Justice; Tabielle Antchekov, Senator; Robert Green, Justice; and Ryan McDaniel, Student Affairs Director.

While almost everyone knows about the success of the 2004 BSU football team, you may not know that three members of the team are graduating this year with political science degrees. Andy Weldon was a starting tight end; Chris Carr was the starting safety and one of the top kick return men in the nation; Mike Sanford was a quarterback and the holder on field goals and extra point tries. But these aren’t the only polisci athletes. Cassidy Blaine is one of the top players on the women’s basketball team, while Jacob McGinnis and J.D. Gould were members of the 2004 PAC-10 champion wrestling team. Robin Wemple is an all-conference distance runner on the women’s track and cross country teams. Go Political Science Broncos!
Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society
By Robert Green, President

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society which recognizes the Xi Chi chapter at Boise State. Each year, our chapter co-sponsors the Political Science Recognition Luncheon in the spring. This year’s annual Recognition Luncheon continued in the successful tradition of previous years. On March 7, 2005, the Xi Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Department of Political Science, and the Political Science Association (PSA) came together to recognize this year’s Pi Sigma Alpha inductees, PSA members, student interns and intern supervisors.

Boise State graduate of the political science program and Pi Sigma Alpha member, Kevin Satterlee, served as our guest speaker this year. After graduating from Boise State, Mr. Satterlee earned a law degree from the University of Idaho. He has practiced privately, has served as an assistant Idaho State Attorney General, and now works as interim university counsel for Boise State University. His academic and professional careers are distinguished, and we were honored to hear his thoughts on the responsibilities that a university education bestows upon graduates. Mr. Satterlee invoked the wisdom of Thomas Jefferson when he called upon the audience to consider our duties as educated citizens.

Pi Sigma Alpha honored its current members and inducted new members at this year’s lunch. Pi Sigma Alpha membership includes Mallory Atkinson, Eileen DeShazo, Thomas Driscoll, Hannelore M. Ferber, Michael Kastens, Jesse Menlove, Katherine Murdock, Daniel J. Paulson, Katherine Rice, and Lauren B. Snead. The current officers for Pi Sigma Alpha are Robert Green, President; Tami Monek, Vice President; Lisa Burns, Secretary; and Matthew Reddington, Treasurer.

The Xi Chi Chapter and the Department of Political Science would like to thank the National Pi Sigma Alpha organization for the grant which helped to fund this event.

The members of Pi Sigma Alpha would like to thank two individuals who keep the organization running: Dr. Brian Wampler, who is the Advisor; and Tricia Trofast, who is the Administrative Coordinator. Both of these individuals have worked hard this year to keep the organization running smoothly and steadily.

For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha, contact the Political Science Department at ttrofast@boisestate.edu or call 426-1458.
Yet another year has gone by and once again the Political Science Association (PSA) has provided some great opportunities for students and members. We have continued to cultivate a greater knowledge of the political environment, involve students with political issues, enhance student-faculty relations, and serve the community. This year started off with PSA conducting a public opinion survey for the Wesley Hoyt Law Firm under the direction of Dr. Ross Burkhart. We interviewed nearly two-hundred individuals to determine the extent of the saturation of media coverage on a federal criminal case to try and determine the effect it may have upon potential jurors. The results of the surveys were admitted as evidence for a motion for a change of venue. This occasion served as an opportunity to get real life experience in political analysis, participate in a local federal case, and raise funds for PSA.

PSA once again sponsored Law School Night this year. Professor Joseph Staats and former U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson presented helpful information about applying to law school and what to expect at law school. Professor Staats is a visiting professor at Boise State this year and has taught a variety of law-related courses. He is finishing his Ph.D. and has already accepted a position at Texas Tech for next year. Both speakers were very informative and entertaining.

During Christmas break we assisted the annual YMCA Youth Government Program. PSA members directed discussion groups made up of high school students on topics of interest to Idaho State Government. We will assist the YMCA Youth Government Convention at its statewide event, held April 14th-16th at the Statehouse. At this event, students will debate legislation and court cases to gain an understanding of how government works in Idaho.

On the 25th of February we held our annual Student-Faculty Dinner at the Macaroni Grill. About forty students and faculty members were able to attend. It was an entertaining evening and provided opportunities for students and professors to discuss politics and get to know each other. We also enjoyed Dr. Burkhat’s birthday early with a song and cake provide by the Macaroni Grill staff. The Political Science Recognition Luncheon was held on March 7th. The PSA was recognized along with interns, intern supervisors, and new Pi Sigma Alpha inductees.

There are two professor research presentations planned for this semester. On March 14, Dr. Scott Yenor gave a presentation on a paper he wrote and Dr. Stewart Gardner evaluated and critiqued it. Professor Staats and Dr. Brian Wampler presented their research on South/Central American countries on April 4. Both were extremely interesting.

On behalf of PSA, I would encourage any student that is interested in politics or would like to become more involved in the community to get involved with our organization. I would like to thank Treasurer David Jubeck, Dr. Wampler, and all the members of PSA. Without their work and support none of this would have been possible. Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to our advisor and personal friend, Dr. Ross Burkhart. He has put in countless hours to assist PSA in all of its endeavors and has given indispensable advice.

For more information on PSA, please contact Jesse Menlove at JesseMenlove@mail.boisestate.edu or Dr. Ross Burkhart at 426-3980 or rburkhar@boisestate.edu.
I’ve been teaching at Boise State University for almost 30 years, and during that time the University, the Political Science Department, and the Boise metropolitan area have changed remarkably. The campus looks nothing like it did in 1976. The student enrollment has more than doubled, and the prestige of the university has grown greatly. One of the most dramatic changes is that the student population is much more diverse than it was three decades ago. Back then, Boise State was almost exclusively a commuter-school, in which almost all the students lived in the immediate area.

Commuter students still comprise a significant population of the campus community, but more of our students come from other areas of Idaho, or other states, or other countries. Here are a couple of cases in point:

**Dinko Hadzic** is a political science honor student. He grew up in a small town in what was then Yugoslavia, what is now Bosnia. The war in Bosnia started about 1990, and, as Hadzic says, “My town was in the line of fire.” In 1993 — when he was 20 years old — Hadzic boarded a plane full of Bosnian refugees and was flown to Atlanta, Georgia. He knew no one and spoke no English. When asked why he made such a move, he says, “It was out of desperation. There was no future in my country.” After two months of English classes, he found a manufacturing job and spent the next four years working in Atlanta. One of his co-workers was from Idaho, and Hadzic came to Boise for a visit. He liked it so much that he moved here. He worked in the Boise area as a welder and machinist and became a U.S. citizen in 1998. A few years ago, Hadzic decided to enroll at Boise State and study political science. He will graduate in the Fall of 2005, and hopes to continue his studies in graduate school.

**Hanne Ferber** is from Ecuador. She first moved to the U.S. when she was eight years old, but her parents returned to Ecuador, and then moved back to the U.S. when Ferber was 17. When she graduated from high school, she received several scholarship offers from Boise State University. Ferber is especially interested in International Relations (“Dr. Raymond’s IR class inspired me.”), and she spent the 2004 Fall semester studying at St. Petersburg Polytechnic University in St. Petersburg, Russia through a [Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship](https://www.state.gov/esa-exchange/programs/122526). Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This congressionally funded program is administered by the Institute of International Education through its Southern Regional Center in Houston, Texas. The Gilman scholarship award recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and the award must be used to study abroad. Ferber is a member of the Honor’s College, and has applied to join the Peace Corps upon her graduation. She recommends all students consider applying to study abroad.

Hanne Ferber and Dinko Hadzic are just two of a growing number of students who have joined us from other countries. We have several students from Germany and Mexico currently enrolled as political science majors. We in the Political Science Department are proud of our foreign students and appreciate the range of experiences they add to our student body.

(Thanks to Brian Wample for his help on this story).

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**LENDING LIBRARY**

The Department has a variety of books and publications available in its lending library. Some topics include careers in international affairs, law, and political science; fellowships in international affairs; internships in Congress, the federal government, international affairs, and public administration; as well as numerous directories. Please feel free to stop by the office and check one out.
The College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs (SSPA) celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2004. As part of the activities, SSPA honored 20 outstanding alumni. The honorees were selected by the College Relations Committee. The following political science alumni were selected: Jane E. Ahrens (BA, 1975), Sadie D. Babits (BA, 2002), Robert D. Corrie (BS, 1992), Celia R. Gould (BA, 1979), Michael D. Haddon (BA, 1991), and Gloria P. Totoricaguena (BA, 1986).

Eric Heidemann

Erik Heidemann received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Boise State in 2001. He was active in both the Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha. He received his Master of Public Administration degree from Boise State in 2004. Heidemann is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Political Science at The Ohio State University.

PSN: You have been enrolled in post-baccalaureate programs since you earned your Bachelor's degree. Why did you decide to enroll in the BSU Master of Public Administration program?

Heidemann: When I graduated with my B.A. in political science in 2001, I wanted to work in the public sector, especially with a natural resource bureaucracy at either the federal, state, or local sector. But the job market was really bad then, and everyone wanted a Master's Degree, or the equivalent experience. I had neither. So, at first, it was a pragmatic decision to put myself in a better position to gain employment.

PSN: How did your MPA experience help you to achieve your education and career goals?

Heidemann: My career goals changed mid-stream during the MPA program. At the urging of my best friend Kristi Regotti—herself a BSU political science and MPA alum—and faculty at BSU, I decided that what I really was meant to do was teach political science, and research my interests to satisfy my curiosities and contribute to the body of scholarly knowledge in our field. But I don't start something and not finish it, so I completed the MPA program. Plus, I really enjoyed the material I studied in the curriculum.

I feel that having already earned a Master's degree, I have a leg up on my fellow graduate students at OSU who have only a Bachelor's degree. It helped to "desensitize" me to the hard work I would face once I began Ph.D. studies.

PSN: Currently you are enrolled in the Ph.D. Political Science program at The Ohio State University. Why are you pursuing a doctorate, and why did you enroll at Ohio State?

Heidemann: Well, a doctorate is all but required to teach at most universities. And even if it wasn't, I would get one anyway. When completed, it will probably be the pinnacle of my life. With Ph.D. hand, and a tenure track position at a good university, I will know that I have made it in life.

It's interesting how I chose "THE" Ohio State University (that's what we call it). I applied to nine schools, and was accepted to four of them. I gave total deference to my mentor at Boise State, Dr. Gary Moncrief, in choosing where I should apply. I trusted his experience and the fact that he knows so many researchers in the field of American politics. In each of the nine departments where I applied, people knew Dr. Moncrief.

It came down to two schools: the University of Oklahoma, and OSU. Oklahoma offered me a prestigious five year fellowship and paid internship in Washington, D.C. I was ready to commit, but hadn't heard from OSU yet. So on the morning I was going to...
accept Oklahoma's offer, I called OSU and told them the situation. They called back in two hours and said that they would give me a five year graduate assistantship, full tuition paid, and great health insurance. An assistantship is not as prestigious as a fellowship, so that had to enter my calculus of decision-making. But so did placement. I ended-up turning down Oklahoma's gracious offer to accept the position at OSU because of OSU's reputation for Ph.D. placement—or the landing of a job—in the field of American Politics, my specialization.

**PSN:** How is a doctoral degree program different from an undergraduate degree program?

**Heidemann:** First and foremost is the amount of work, especially reading. Dr. Les Alm told me to get ready to read about a book a week per class. He was right. Last quarter (OSU is on a 10 week quarter system versus a 16 week semester system) I had a stack of printed journal articles 1 1/2 feet high that I had slogged through.

Second would be the quality of work that is expected. I remember being an undergraduate and bemoaning an assignment of a three to five page paper. Now, I couldn't write a three to five page paper if I wanted to. I've always been long-winded, but I've been socialized even more to be very thorough, and often, lengthy. Twenty-five to 35 page papers are more the norm now, and they require more than a simple regurgitation of the facts—something that would often be sufficient for an undergraduate assignment.

**PSN:** What are your career goals?

**Heidemann:** My career goals are to teach and research in academia. My research interests are Congress, state legislatures, the bureaucracy, and environmental policy. At this point, I'm uncertain whether I would like to teach at a large public university, or a smaller liberal arts college—probably more at a large university.

**PSN:** How does Columbus, Ohio, differ from Boise?

**Heidemann:** First of all would be the size. There are 750,000 people in this town. When the OSU Buckeyes are playing a home game in "the 'Shoe" this town comes to a screeching halt. Both before and after the game, traffic is jammed for hours and even the busses have trouble moving. Most businesses shut down (well, those who don't profit from game fans anyway) and I pity the person who decides to have a heart attack on game day, because they would be lucky if the ambulance could ever get to them.

Next would be the weather. I understand Boise has had a fairly mild, temperate winter. Not so here. It has been cold and nasty since Thanksgiving with few sun-filled days in between. It's affecting everybody's disposition. Earlier this week, it warmed to 44 degrees and melted all the snow. This has been the first time in weeks that I have seen grass under all the snow. But now, it's snowing and winter has returned.

Something interesting I've found is how villages and townships work in the Midwest. Townships are simply political subdivisions within cities and counties that deliver municipal services. For example, I live in Clinton Township, which has its own elected board, and one of the services they provide is police and ambulance protection. This augments that provided by the City of Columbus. I have yet to learn much more about them, but it is interesting, especially to a nascent political scientist.

Mostly how it's different, however, is that it's not Boise. It's not home. Boise is my home and I still look to Boise as my home. There is no beautiful Greenbelt and there is no Boise River. There is a dirty, polluted industrial river that runs through town called the Olentangy, nicknamed the "old-and-dingy." There are no beautiful mountains in any direction, and there are no wild geese flying through town. Yes, I'm homesick, as you can tell. But I'm here to get a good education, and I think I'm getting that.
Leah Taylor received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Boise State in 2001. She is co-author, with Les Alm, of “Alberta and Idaho: An Implicit Bond,” in The American Review of Canadian Studies (2003). She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Akermoud, Morocco in 2001-2003, educating Moroccan women about health care options. Taylor is currently enrolled in the Master of International Development program at the University of Pittsburgh.

**PSN:** After BSU why did you decide to serve in the Peace Corps?

**Taylor:** I’d wanted to join Peace Corps and volunteer in Africa from the time I first heard about the organization in junior high. Originally I was planning on going after graduate school, but since I wanted to work in international development I thought I should make sure I actually liked the field before spending two or more years studying it and Peace Corps seemed like the best way to do that.

**PSN:** How did the Peace Corps affect your decision to enroll in graduate school? What other factors were important in your decision to enroll in graduate school?

**Taylor:** Reading the job ads in the Economist made me realize that I wouldn’t be able to do much in development without a graduate degree, so I was planning on getting my doctorate in Political Science after Peace Corps because I enjoy the field, but it also seemed one of the most practical for the kind of work I thought I wanted to do. While I was in Morocco, though, I learned that there were different masters programs in International Development, so getting the Ph.D. seemed superfluous at that point, since I’m not interested in teaching at a university level.

**PSN:** Why did you enroll at the University of Pittsburgh?

**Taylor:** Actually, I enrolled at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh because Dr. Ross Burkhart recommended their faculty so highly. (And they’re great!)

**PSN:** Which courses have been your favorites so far and why? Which do you look forward to taking?

**Taylor:** My favorite class so far is the Rural and Agricultural Development class I’m enrolled in currently. Professor Henderson is an extraordinarily engaging, compelling teacher. She’s so persuasive that I’m thinking about focusing in rural development (but that could well change). As for future classes, Grassroots Development Project Planning, Poverty and the World Economy and EU Foreign Policy Towards Africa should all be good.

**PSN:** What are your career goals?

**Taylor:** I’m interested in too many sub-fields to have a really good career goal, but I do know that I’d like to design and implement small-scale development projects in Africa.

**PSN:** How does Pittsburgh differ from Boise?

**Taylor:** Pittsburgh is not as pleasant as Boise. There are some really nice areas, but overall it’s been in a depression for the last 30 years or so, and it shows. Campus is great and there are several things to do in the immediate area, but otherwise I don’t really know the city well at all. There isn’t as much greenery as I think there should be and I miss easy access to a river and parks (despite the fact that two rivers converge in Pittsburgh—you can’t really get to them). On the other hand, Pittsburgh public transportation is MUCH better than Boise’s.
The ancient proverb that a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step is being rewritten at Boise State University. Our journey actually consists of three steps – metropolitan, research, and distinction. These are the key elements in our bold new vision for the institution.

As with any successful journey, preparation is a critical element. Not only do we need to understand where we want to go, but we must also understand where we have been previously, and what means of transportation will carry us on our expedition. To extend the analogy further, we must realize that there are many paths to the same destination.

The College of Social Sciences is in the process of putting the finishing touches on its strategic plan just as the University is gearing up to identify new strategic directions. The key components of our vision – metropolitan, research, and distinction – are driving our strategic plan. We have identified four essential areas that we believe are integral to the university’s vision – strengthening community partnerships, enhancing research, enhancing the learning environment, and targeted development at the College and Department level.

This year marks a significant milestone for the College, we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Each year the College achieves greater success – this year we set new levels of majors (over 3,000), credit hour production (24% of the university total), number of graduates (over 8,000 in 20 years), externally funded research ($1.8 million), and contributions to support scholarships (a new endowed Frank Church Scholarship was just created for political science and public policy majors). We have three new research units – Center for Study of Aging, the Center for Idaho History and Politics, and the Institute for Urban and Regional Planning.

The College’s proud history suggests that we already symbolize the University’s new vision. We have reached the tipping point where we need to focus our efforts in order plan for even greater success in the future. For example, how do we enhance research in the College? One concern is that we might become one of those research universities where students are ignored at the expense of faculty reputations. I believe that our College would reject such a direction and will continue to embrace the concept that research is active learning, and therefore students are an integral part of our research efforts. Programs such as the Undergraduate Research Conference, which originated in our College, and support for students to participate at professional conferences, are just two out of many examples where student learning and research are not mutually exclusive experiences.

We are also planning several new graduate programs, including anthropology, family studies, urban and regional planning, and a doctorate in public policy and administration. Our College has an opportunity to participate with the Idaho National Lab on some very exciting projects involving several departments in the College. These programs will help us meet the need of a growing metropolitan region, enhance our research capacities, while adding to the distinctive mission of Boise State University.

As we commence our third decade of existence, we believe that Boise State University is ascending to a greater role in the Treasure Valley, in Idaho, and beyond. The College is poised to leverage our state-wide mission in public policy, administration, and urban studies to greater levels of success. I hope that you will visit our redesigned Web site at sspa.boisestate.edu to follow our progress and to find ways to be involved in our future.
MEET SOME OF OUR ADJUNCTS

Dr. Stephen Shaw, Chair, History and Political Science Department, and Director, Freshman Honors Program at Northwest Nazarene University, received a Scholar’s Research Grant from the Idaho Humanities Council in October, 2004. The $3,500 award is for his research and writing a book on the U.S. Supreme Court Case of Reed v. Reed, the Court’s first sex-discrimination case in 1971, from Ada County, Idaho.

He also received a $1,000 grant from the Frank Church Institute for research and compilation of speeches of late-U.S. Senator Frank Church of Idaho.


Dr. H. C. Sharon Wei holds a Ph.D. degree in Urban Studies from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley. Wei teaches “China Today” and “China in World Politics.” She visits China and Taiwan regularly. Wei also teaches in the Modern Languages and Literatures Department at Boise State University. Before coming to Idaho, she taught language and political science courses at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. Wei also has experience working with U.S. export companies doing business in the Asia-Pacific region.

Steve Wilson, MPA, was born and raised in Coeur d’Alene, and moved to Boise in 1991. He has been with the Idaho State Tax Commission for 22 years, the last eight of which he has served as the Information Services Manager. In 2001, and again in 2003, Governor Kempthorne appointed him to serve on the Information Technology Resource Management Council, the state’s policy-making body for information technology. Wilson also works on national tax and technology policy issues through the Multistate Tax Commission and the Federation of Tax Administrators. He is a Boise State graduate with an undergraduate degree in General Business Management and an MPA. He’s been teaching and guest lecturing at Boise State for almost five years.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Leslie Alm, Professor, Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Public Policy and Administration, had two articles published this past year: “Science and Policy: The View From the World of Scientists” in the Journal of Environmental Systems and, with co-authors Ross Burkhart, David Patton (University of Utah), and James Weatherby, “Political Culture and Ideology in the Mountain West: Regionalism in the State of Idaho” in The Social Science Journal. Alm continues to emphasize research in cross-border environmental studies, especially as it applies to the Canada–United States relationship. He is currently working on a project with Ross Burkhart involving globalization and environmental policy as viewed from the different world perspectives of Canada and the United States.

This past academic year Alm served as a mentor for the McNair Scholarship Program, and he continues to serve on the university Student Conduct Board, the university Service Learning Advisory Board, and the Idaho State Supreme Court Grants and Special Projects Team.

Dr. Ross E. Burkhart, Associate Professor and Chair, had his article “Political culture and ideology in the Mountain West: Regionalism in the State of Idaho,” co-authored with Les Alm, Dave Patton (University of Utah), and Jim Weatherby, published in The Social Science Journal. Burkhart also had book reviews published in Development in Practice, Journal of Peace Research, and Perspectives on Politics. During the past year Burkhart presented a paper on political trust and migrant seasonal farmworkers in Idaho at the Western Political Science Association meeting in Portland, with Maria Chavez (Seattle University) and Brian Wampler. Burkhart also presented a paper on democratization and infant mortality rates at the International Studies Association meeting in Montreal. Burkhart and Les Alm will present research on Canada-US environmental policymaking at conferences in Albuquerque and St. Louis later this year.

Burkhart served as a chair of a panel on democratization at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. He also served as a panelist judging proposals to the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program in Washington. Burkhart continues to serve on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Political Marketing.

Over the summer, Burkhart participated at the CONNECT seminar in Ottawa, intended to introduce Canada’s capital to scholars of Canada. (Most impressive was the view of Ottawa from the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill, as well as the heaviest 20-minute rainfall he has ever experienced.)

Burkhart was honored by the Boise State Alumni Association with his selection as the Honored Faculty Member by Carrie Humphreys, Top Ten Scholar for 2004, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science (Summa Cum Laude) last May. He also was recognized for Outstanding Faculty Service by ASBSU in January 2005.
Burkhart serves on the Women’s Center Advisory Board and the Bookstore Advisory Board and is co-advisor (with Brian Wampler) of the Political Science Association. He also is the Southwest Idaho regional director of the YMCA Youth Government. More than 150 high school students from schools throughout the Treasure Valley participated in the one-day mock government exercise on the Boise State campus this past January.

**Dr. Patricia J. Fredericksen**, Associate Professor and Internship Director, stepped down as chair of the Department of Political Science in May 2004. This has allowed her to take on new classes for Political Science and Public Policy and Administration such as “Ethics in Government” and “Doing Democracy” (an applied, how-to course in creating policy change). In addition, she continues her research in the area of nonprofit and public sector collaboration with co-authored studies (with Brook Smith, MPA) on neighborhood associations in the western United States and on the civic effect of neighborhood design (with Susan Mason, Todd McDonald, Todd Shallat and Lisa Bostaph). Fredericksen continued work in nonprofit development and grant writing as a reviewer with the Idaho Americorps State Competitive Grants and through conference presentations. A recent article co-authored with Dan Levin (University of Utah) – “Accountability and the Use of Volunteer Officers in Public Safety Organizations” was published in *Public Performance and Management Review* in Fall, 2004. Most importantly, Fredericksen and her husband enjoy the busy lives of their three children.

**Dr. John Freemuth**, Professor and Senior Fellow for the Andrus Center for Public Policy, wrote the Andrus Center white paper, “USDA Forest Service: The Next 100 Years”, gave the keynote address to a joint meeting of the four federal land management bureaus on collaboration and the states, and presented a number of talks and papers, including at the national meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Recently Freemuth was invited to write a chapter in a book to be published by the University of Arizona Press, with Cecil Andrus, on the Secretary’s role in President Carter’s use of the Antiquities Act in Alaska in the 1970s which some have called the largest single act of land protection in U.S. history.

**Dr. Dick Kinney**, Professor, attended the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) annual meeting in March. At the conference, he discussed the findings from his paper on Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne’s revised budget for 2005 and proposal for 2006. During the summer, he will edit the paper and extend the analysis to include the Legislature’s appropriations decisions. The annual proceedings for the WPSA Roundtable on State Budgeting in the Western States, prepared by the Center of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah, will contain his revised manuscript.

As always, Kinney invites his former students and advisees to let him know how they are doing. His email address is rkinney@boisestate.edu.

As the main advisor in the department for the political science-social science-secondary education program, he wants to hear from previous and current students in that program to tell him about their experiences. He encourages current participants to check regularly the bulletin board in the hall outside of PAA-126 and the Political Science website for information about the program.

**Dr. Susan G. Mason**, Assistant Professor, was one of eight moderators for the “PBS Deliberation Day” event in Idaho. She facilitated discussions on key issues to voters in the then upcoming 2004 election. Mason will continue her research on understanding more about factors that affect collaborative behavior in public policy implementation and present conferences papers.

**Dr. Gary Moncrief**, Professor, had three co-authored research articles published during this academic year. Two appear in the *Legislative Studies Quarterly* and one in the *British Journal of Political Science*. In addition, he wrote two book chapters in *Guide to Campaigns and Elections*, to be published this year by Congressional Quarterly Press. Moncrief also gave talks to national and regional meetings of state officials in Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Little Rock, Arkansas and Anchorage, Alaska, as well as to city and county officials in Boise. His latest research project was presented at the Western Political Science Association meeting in Oakland, California in March 2005.

**Dr. Gregory Raymond**, Professor and Director of the Honors College, was named the Frank Church Professor of International Studies. During the past year, he published *The Global Future: A Brief Introduction to World Politics* (Wadsworth Publishers), as well as the following chapters in edited books: “Preventive Intervention and the Transformation of International Legal Norms,” in *Sobre el imperio americano y sus guerras: un debate plural* (Cordoba, Spain: Editorial Almuzara); “International Adjudication and Conflict Management,” in *Sovereignty and Globalization: The Quest for Order in the International System* (Aldershot, England: Ashgate Publishing); and “Francis Lieber and the Exigencies of Military Necessity,” in *Francis Lieber and the Culture of the Mind* (University of South Carolina Press). In addition, he published entries on “bipolarity” and “The Peace of Westphalia” in the *Encyclopedia of International Relations and Global Politics* (London: Routledge).

Raymond also delivered the following research papers: “Imperiled America, Imperiled World,” at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland; “Global Terrorism,” at an international conference held in Salzburg, Austria; “Terrorism and U.S. National Security Strategy,” at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association in Portland, Oregon; and “Presidential Leadership in Times of War,” at the annual Frank Church symposium on public affairs in Boise. In October, he gave the keynote address titled “Herodotus and American Foreign Policy: The Future as History,” at the Southern Regional Meeting of the International Studies Association.

**Dr. Steven Sallie**, Associate Professor, presented a paper, "The Religious Basis of the Capitalism-Democracy Nexus: Cross-National and Comparative-Cultural Analyses," at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Honolulu, Hawaii. Sallie also presented a paper, "The Symbiosis in a Syrian-Israeli Peace Treaty: Security and Well Being Via Political and Environmental Sustainability," at the annual meeting of the International Conference...
on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. He gave a speech on "The Bush Doctrine and the Iraq War," to the Sons of the American Revolution at the El Korah Temple in Boise. Sallie is a member of the Social Science and Public Affairs Curriculum Committee and the Department of Political Science Scholarship Committee. He was also a member of the College of Social Science and Public Affairs Awards Committee and served on the Phi Kappa Phi Writing Award Committee.

Sallie is an everyday volunteer for the Idaho Youth Ranch and a Y-coach for girl's basketball. He was nominated to receive the Faculty Recognition Award last fall.

Dr. Brian Wampler, Assistant Professor, has had enjoyable and productive year. In April and May of 2004, he completed a year-long research project in Brazil that had been conducted with the support of the National Science Foundation. Wampler presented his initial findings at two different events in São Paulo, Brazil. An article based on these presentations was published in a book he edited in Brazil. Wampler also had articles published in Comparative Politics and Latin American Politics and Society in 2004.

In June 2004, Sebastian Perry Wampler was born to Wampler and his wife, Paula. After nine months of hearing Portuguese, Sebastian's English language skills were not in good form although he appears to be an excellent soccer player.

During Fall semester 2004, Wampler presented papers at the American Political Science Association conference and the Latin American Studies Association conference. He is currently revising these papers for possible publication. At Boise State University, Wampler has enjoyed his role as advisor for the Pi Sigma Alpha and as co-advisor for the Political Science Association.

Dr. James Weatherby, Associate Professor and the Director of The Public Policy Center, is also acting Director of the Social Science Research Center. He is coauthor of the forthcoming book: Governing Idaho: Politics, People and Power.

During 2004, he made 49 presentations to a number of local, regional, and statewide organizations including such groups as the Idaho Credit Union League, Idaho Society of Association Executives, Intermountain Forest Association, Social Science Teachers Conference, City Club of Boise, Idaho Business League, and the Idaho Head Start Association.

Weatherby is the chair and facilitator for the Idaho State Planning Committee on the “Help America Vote Act.” He is chair of the Idaho Property Tax Task Force and is a member of the board of directors of Sage Community Resources and the Idaho Tax Foundation.

Dr. Stephanie L. Witt, Professor and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, continues to teach for the Department of Public Policy and Administration in addition to her administrative duties for the university. Witt is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Greater Idaho Chapter of the Idaho Red Cross.

Dr. Scott Yenor, Assistant Professor, aside from teaching, published two articles this year, one is an analysis of hate crimes, while the other concerns the American separation of church and state. In addition, he has two articles under submission, one on Willa Cather's understanding of the decline of the West and the other on David Hume's analysis of religion and the politics of humanity. With Will Jordan, he is authoring an article on Hume's theory of political development and they presented the article in New Orleans in March. He is also administering two large federal Department of Education grants, the purpose of which is to teach high school teachers about American history.

Matt Eames (1983) is the deputy director of congressional and legislative affairs for the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. Previously he served as the chief of Congressional and Legislative affairs for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Brooke Gambrell (1997) is the director of media relations for Shared Hope International, an organization that works to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking women and children around the globe, in Washington, D.C.

Douglas Hendrix (1987) received his Masters of Public Administration from Boise State University in 2004.

Amanda Hoffman (2001) received her Masters of Public Administration from Boise State University in 2004.

Dan L. Irwin (1997) is the McCall city clerk. Previously he served as an information technology specialist and housing programs hearing officer for the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority.

Betsie Kimbrough (2002) is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration Program at Boise State University.
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Jacob W. Motta (2000) is a constituent services representative for the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. He previously worked for a political consulting firm.

Toni A. Orth (2001) is a paralegal with Albertson’s, Inc. Orth earned a certificate of paralegal studies from Boise State’s approved Legal Assistant Program, as well as her CLA certificate.

Francisco Pedraza (2002) is a graduate student in the master of Political Science program at the University of Iowa.

Stephanie Peel (2003) is an international case assistant for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C. She assists in returning children that have been abducted by non-custodial parents across the U.S. border.

Heidi Peterson (1998) left her position as the major gifts officer at Global Partnerships in Seattle to join CARE USA’s Seattle Office. She is now the Director of Development for the Western Region.

Monty Prow (1999) received his Masters of Public Administration from Boise State University in 2004.

Casey U. Robinson (1983) is the Gooding County magistrate judge. Prior to this appointment, he was the Chief Deputy Public Defender for Twin Falls County.

Bradley G. Saito (2002) is an agricultural investigator for the Division of Plant Industries with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). Prior to his promotion as investigator, he was as the field inspector coordinator for the Phytosanitary Certification Program at ISDA.

Natalie Thomas (2003) is an executive assistant at the Carlyle Group in Washington D.C. Prior to this position, she was the Intern Coordinator for Congressman Butch Otter in Washington, D.C.


Rachel Wheatley (2001) is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration Program at Boise State University, where she also serves as a graduate assistant.

DEATHS

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of…..

Larry L. Caudle (1972) died October 2, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska, due to complications from knee surgery. He was 56. He earned his juris doctorate at the California Western School of Law, where he graduated cum laude. Caudle had been an attorney since 1980, and also served on the boards of directors for the Boys and Girls Club and Campfire USA.

Capt. Alan Rowe (1994) was killed in a bomb explosion September 3, 2004, in Iraq’s Al Anbar province. Rowe was the weapons company commander for the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Twentynine Palms, California. He earned numerous awards including a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He had served in Iraq three times in addition to his Gulf War tour. He was a devoted husband and father to his wife Dawn and his two children Blake and Caitlin. He will be missed and remembered for his heroic duty to our country.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Alumni, we would like to include you in this section of the News. Let us know about your past or present education, your career, or any other information you feel would be interesting reading. Please send your contributions to Tricia Trofast at the address below, or fax it to me at (208) 426-4370, or email at ttrofas@boisestate.edu for inclusion in the Spring 2006 edition.

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Unfortunately, our ability to maintain such a high quality program is increasingly threatened. Even as our enrollment is increasing, the budget for higher education in Idaho has decreased. In these fiscally challenging times, gifts of support for the Department of Political Science are more important than ever. Your contribution will enable our outstanding students to join Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, or help deserving students attend conferences so they can present papers. Use the clip out form to the right to make your contribution today. For more information on how to augment the department, contact Rika Clement at the Boise State University Foundation, (208) 426-3276. Thank you!

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