A Few Words From The Chair
By Dr. Ross Burkhart

HELLO! It is my honor to welcome you to this Newsletter. In the following pages, you will learn of our department faculty, staff and students, who continue to be dedicated to intellectual achievement and public service.

On this dynamic campus, things are continually changing. Political Science is no exception. In Summer 2006, we acquired the Canadian Studies program from the Department of Anthropology. Lori Hausegger and I co-direct the program, and have sought to expand both the curriculum offerings and discourse about Canada, as well as raising awareness of the importance of Canada to the Treasure Valley and Idaho. Toward these ends, we presented the first Canada Distinguished Lecture last October, by Professor Roger Gibbins of the Canada West Foundation, lecturing to an audience of 81 strong. Canada Week 2007, during the first week of April, featured the first visit ever to Idaho by a Canadian Ambassador. Feel free to follow our activities on the web, at polisci.boise state.edu/canadian/. We appreciate the support of our colleagues and the budgetary expertise of Tricia Trofast.

We are very pleased to welcome Greg Raymond, the Frank Church Professor of International Relations and Director of the Honors College, back to the department in Fall 2007. Raymond steps down from directing the Honors program for a decade, during which the program grew in prestige and rigor. Some of our best students over the years have been the direct beneficiaries of his mentorship, and the campus owes him a debt of gratitude for his service. Welcome back, Greg!

Our Political Science Advisory Board, headed by Ester Ceja and Andrea Mihm, has raised funds for various political science student scholarships this past year. The Advisory Board is planning fundraising activities for 2007–2008. You will be able to follow these activities on our website, at polisci.boisestate.edu. We will continue to need all the support we can get as we strive to achieve our goals as a department, such as offering a Master’s program. Please consider becoming a member of the Friends of Political Science. Details are on the back cover of the newsletter.

Political Science student organizations provide their own source of inspiration. You will read about their activities, but let me mention how pleased I am by the resurgence of the Pre-Law Society and the civic-mindedness of the Political Science Association.

Sarah Cuellar (student employee), Iana Kingsbury (Office Specialist II), under the direction of Tricia Trofast (Administrative Assistant I), manage the office to the highest professional standards. It is a pleasure to work with them on a daily basis.

We thank our adjunct instructors for their course offerings, which enhance our curriculum greatly. Our 2006–2007 adjuncts are Steve Ackerman, David Christensen, Matt Christensen, Stewart Gardner, Christopher Innes, Xabier Irujo, Bill Jarocki, John Keenan, Carole Nemnich, William Overton, Steve Shaw, Cathy Silak, Bryan Taylor, Sharon Wei, and Steve Wilson.

I hope you enjoy reading about our department.

A Poll Worker’s Story
By Perri Gardner

AS A KID, I ALWAYS WAS DRAGGED DOWN to the polling place on Election Day to “observe democracy” as my parents participated in it. Every so often an election would roll around, and at the school near my house the lobby of the auditorium would be commandeered by a group of elderly ladies in patriotic dress. It was the same group every year and they always brought red, white, and blue sugar cookies.

This type of scene is probably quite familiar to voters everywhere. According to the Election Assistance Commission the average age of a poll worker in the U.S. is 72 years old. It was therefore something of a novelty for voters on November 7th, 2006, when they came to Ada County’s precinct
Student Honors

COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Nick Ludington served as a Marshall for the May 2006 Commencement Ceremony.

FOUNDERS’ LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The Founders’ Leadership Society was established to recognize graduating students for their outstanding leadership involvement, both on campus and in the community. Induction into this prestigious society will provide students with opportunities to mentor other students and to participate in meaningful activities to enhance their personal and professional leadership growth beyond graduation. Criteria for the award include leadership skills, commitment to service, and appreciation for diversity and academic achievement.

Jesse Menlove and Maria Rollins were among 13 Boise State University students inducted into the Society in 2006.

Mallory Atkinson, Audra Green and Jeremiah Hudson are new members for 2007, and will be inducted April 13, 2007.

TOP TEN SCHOLAR

Top Ten Scholars are chosen from among the top 10 percent of Boise State’s graduating class each year. They are selected based on academic performance, recommendation from college deans and extracurricular and research activities. Each student also honors a Boise State professor who was particularly influential to his or her success.

Lisa Burns was selected as a Top Ten Scholar at Boise State University for 2006. Her honored faculty member is Dr. Brian Wampler.

jjust become a brand new American citizen. It was great to see so many new voters. Our precinct registered nearly a hundred new voters!

Working as a poll worker in an election is a great experience and a lot of fun. It is an ideal situation for a student of political science to get an insider’s view of how elections function. More importantly, poll workers are desperately needed in counties all over the United States. Poll workers make our elections possible, but in the 2006 election it was estimated that there was a shortage of nearly 500,000 poll workers. I encourage everyone to explore the possibility of being a poll worker; as students we need to be proactive and involved in the political process.

Perri Gardner is a junior at Boise State University, Treasurer of the Political Science Association, and Secretary of the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Perri Gardner

Jesse Menlove, Founders’ Leadership Society Member

Maria Rollins, Founders’ Leadership Society Member

Dr. Brian Wampler and Lisa Burns, Top Ten Scholar

Dean’s List

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

Spring 2006

Nicolas E. Adams
Damien G. Alambra
Maria G. Alvarez
James R. Bang
Mark G. Bathrick
Morgan E. Bell
Kristof B. Bihari
Kyle G. Boggess
Jordan M. Bradley
Lindsey R. Brockish
David J. Brown
Jennifer R. Burns
Sorina A. Cannon
Jonathan T. Carkin
Christina D. Case
Gregory D. Chaney
Jamie D. Chapman
Justine M. Cook
Benjamin J. Davenport
Jonathan J. Davis
Nicolas A. Diaz
Thomas R. Gabel
Cassandra A. Ganger
Petri Lee P. Gardner
Robert J.I. Green
Tara M. Hasenoehrl
J. Matthew W. Haws
Aaron T. Hofer
Jeremiah Hudson
Jesse A. Jones
Abram R. Lines
Nichalous H. Ludington
Jana Mackova
Scholarships

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 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 ceremony is held at the beginning of the Fall semester to honor the recipients.

The department considers these scholarships an excellent opportunity to recognize our students’ academic excellence, achievements, and other contributions.

The following students were recipients of scholarships for the 2006-2007 Academic Year:

Mallory Atkinson, Willard M. Overgaard Political Science Scholarship
David Brown, Political Science/English Scholarship
Christina Case, Avery F. Peterson Scholarship in Political Science
Nicolás Diaz
Alexis Downs
Kersti Harter (Canadian Studies)
Erik C. Makrush
Johali Muzaliwa
Leigh O’Connell
Beatrice Pesenti
Matthew Purdy
Nolan Wittrock

Kelsey Martindale
Paul M. Maisey
Errol S. Mayer
Daniel S. McAuliffe
Fernando E. Mejia
Jesse R. Menlove
Carley J. Miller
Shannon N. Miller
Megan B. Myers
Johali M. Muzaliwa
Kallie A. Nettleton
Bijoux G. Ngwanda
Stephen C. Nicolaysen II
Paige M. Nolta
William J. Ottinger
Ashley D. Pisani
David G. Pope
Matthew H. Purdy
Rhiana H. Quick
Ann M. Rooney
Nakita J. Santiago
Stephanie F. Schneider

Josh F. Seiber
Craig M. Shaul
Brandon J. Stoker
Brandon M. Storms
Nicolas R. Swanson
Deena M. Tvinveme
Jason D. Wagner
Charles E. Walsh
Jason R. Warren
Katherine R. Wiese
Michael J. Williams
Nolan E. Wittrock
Stephany M. Wright
Joshua L. Zimmerly

Fall 2006

Cody M. Adams
Ahmad Allam
Laura A. Ames
Christopher D. Badejo
Mark G. Bathrick
Morgan E. Bell
Kylie G. Boggess
Danielle M. Boyd
David J. Brown
Jennifer R. Burns
Sorina A. Cannon
Christina D. Case
Gregory D. Chaney
Regan Charlton
Lester E. Connors
Amanda M. Craig
Jason M. Crume
Benjamin J. Davenport
Jonathan J. Davis
Nicolas A. Diaz
Pankhuree R. Dube
Stacy B. Falkner
Cassandra A. Ganger
Perri L. P. Gardner
Samra Hamzic
Alison M. Harry
J. Mathew Haws
Holly C. Hayman
Britton J. Holdaway
Jeremiah Hudson
Claire Ivins
Jesse A. Jones
Katherine Kujawski
Narco M. Lansdown
Larissa L. Lee
Jana Mackova
Jessica S. Martin
Matthew L. Maurer
Matthew R. May
Daniel S. McAuliffe
Ashley McDermott
Fernando E. Mejia
Carley J. Miller
Johali M. Muzaliwa
Barry E. Newell
William J. Ottinger
Christina M. Perry
Hillary D. Peterson
Ashley D. Pisani
Brindee L. Probst

Matthew H. Purdy
Timothy D. Qualls
Jillian L. Rasmussen
Michael W. Reed
Stephanie F. Schneider
Craig Smith
Robert T. Steiner
Brandon J. Stoker
Simon Tu
Calista Utter
Jason D. Wagner
Travis G. Walker
Jason R. Warren
Brandon D. Watkins
Anjuli J. Waybright
Lisa M. Wennstrom
Nolan E. Wittrock
Lindsey Wright
Stephany M. Wright
Joshua L. Zimmerly
Interns

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 2006-2007 academic year.

Summer 2006

Matt Comstock, Senator Larry Craig’s Washington, D.C. office
Chrystal Shoup, Brady for Governor Campaign

Fall 2006

Amy Ankron, Idaho Special Olympics
Kristof Bihari, International Labour Office, Central & Eastern Europe
Benjamin Davenport, City of Boise Planning and Zoning
Jerid Hensley, Congressman Butch Otter’s office
Neal Kaufman, Paul Woods for Ada County Commissioner Campaign
Hanna McGee, Otter for Governor Campaign
Emily Nemore, Green Peace, Washington, D.C.

Spring 2007

Amy Ankron, Minority Caucus, Idaho State Legislature
Mark Bickmore, Senate Legislature Caucus
Cyndi Blue, Senate Legislature Caucus
Jacqueline Blue, Senate Legislature Caucus
Perri Gardner, Idaho State Legislature
James Gould, Idaho Department of Financial Management
Matthew Haws, Senator Larry Craig’s Washington DC Office
Brandi Hissong, Idaho Community Action Network
Aaron Hofer, Idaho Department of Agriculture
Erik Makrush, Idaho Association of Highway Districts
Jessie McLeod, Idaho Senate
Nicole Rodriguez, Idaho State Legislature
Michael Roundy, Idaho State Legislature
Chrystal Shoup, Idaho State Legislature
Robert Steiner, Idaho Volunteer Lawyer’s Program
Aliza Wenk, International Rescue Committee

Dr. Gary Moncrief serves as the department’s Internship Director.
Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society

By Jeremiah Hudson, President

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society, which recognizes the Xi Chi chapter at Boise State University. Every Spring, the Xi Chi chapter co-sponsors the Political Science Recognition Luncheon. The 2007 Recognition Luncheon was very successful. On March 13, 2007, Pi Sigma Alpha, along with the Department of Political Science, and the Political Science Association (PSA), convened in recognition of this year’s Pi Sigma Alpha inductees, PSA members, student interns and intern supervisors.

We were privileged to have Dr. James B. Weatherby attend as a guest speaker at the luncheon. Dr. Weatherby is an emeritus professor of public policy at Boise State University. Along with being a political analyst for KTVB and a commentator for Idaho Public Television, Dr. Weatherby is often quoted by Idaho media, as well as national media, on a variety of important political issues. He has been the Executive Director for the Association of Idaho Cities, a member of the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities, the Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration, and the Director of the Public Policy Center and Social Science Research Center at Boise State University. Dr. Weatherby is also a board member on both the Sage Communities Resource, Inc., and the Idaho Tax Foundation. Dr. Weatherby’s commitment to public service is unparalleled. He has been a great asset to our institution, and we were proud to present him with an honorary membership into the Xi Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha.

Following the speech given by Dr. Weatherby, Pi Sigma Alpha honored its current members and inducted new members. Pi Sigma Alpha inductees include Mark Bathrick, Morgan Bell, Benjamin Brandon, Jonathan Carkin, Christine Core, Benjamin Davenport, Jonathan Davis, Perri Gardner, J. Matthew Haws, Jeremiah Hudson, Larissa Lee, Abram Lines, Heidi Low, Erik Makrush, William Ottinger, Michael Reed, Brandon Stoker, Simon Tu, and Nolan Wittrock. The current officers for Pi Sigma Alpha are Jeremiah Hudson, President; Stephanie Schneider, Vice President; Mark Bathrick, Treasurer; and Perri Gardner, Secretary.

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. Pi Sigma Alpha would also like to thank three wonderful people who have helped to keep our organization running: Dr. Brian Wampler, Advisor; Dr. Scott Yenor, Interim Advisor; and Tricia Trofast, the Administrative Coordinator. These individuals have worked diligently to keep Pi Sigma Alpha running smoothly. For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha, contact the Political Science Department at ttrofas@boisestate.edu or call 426-1458.
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MARCH 13, 2007

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON is an annual event to induct new members into Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society, and pay tribute to our interns and their supervisors, the students in the Political Science Association and Pre-Law Society, as well as members of the Boise State University campus community.

The luncheon is hosted by the Department of Political Science, and sponsored by a grant from the Pi Sigma national office.

Dr. James B. Weatherby, Emeritus Professor of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University was the guest speaker where he addressed 55 attendees. The Boise State University Book Store generously donated Boise State University lapel pins for all those in attendance.

This past year, the Political Science Association (PSA) has remained active in sponsoring lectures, being involved in community service, and providing a social space for the department. The PSA is open to any Boise State University student interested in political science, regardless of their major. We are interested in having diverse points of view represented in the organization as we program events.

Among other activities, the PSA sponsored a lecture last October 11th by Ambassador Herman Cohen, whose lengthy foreign service in Africa was of great interest to the audience. Ambassador Cohen spoke of the challenges in collecting intelligence and utilizing it in foreign policy decision making. The PSA also assisted with staffing a booth at the BSU Majors Fair on November 7th, the first fair of its kind at BSU. Students interested in acquiring a major spoke with the PSA membership at the event about Political Science courses and the department.

The PSA did double duty on November 7th, Election Day, for PSA members also staffed a precinct in Boise as trained poll workers.
This gave the members an opportunity to perform an essential civic duty, as well as to learn some of the technical aspects of democratic life. (Please see the accompanying article by Perri Gardner about the PSA poll workers’ day.)

On the social front, the PSA sponsored two Faculty-Student Dinner events, one on September 28th at Louie’s Restaurant downtown, the other on March 6th at Leku Ona restaurant. Both were well-attended and provided a space where faculty and students could chat in a setting outside the classroom and campus.

The PSA plans to assist at the YMCA Youth Government state session in late April. Some 350 students from high schools throughout the Gem State come to Boise for three days to form their own government, debate legislation, sign it into law (or veto it), and argue court cases in the Idaho Supreme Court. It is an exciting time for the students, the future leaders of this state and country.

I would like to thank this year’s officers for their leadership and efforts on behalf of the PSA. They are: Mark Dillon, President; Greg Funk, Vice-President; Geneva Román, Secretary, and Perri Gardner, Treasurer.

Pre-Law Society
By Erik Makrush, Past President

THE BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY PRE-LAW SOCIETY was founded in 2005. I have had the privilege to serve as the President since January of 2006. Our focus is to allow for the education and encouragement of students who aspire to attend law school upon graduation from Boise State University.

To this end, our monthly meetings have focused on four primary topics: First, application procedures and the life style changes expected as a law school student. Second, potential careers in law and how local legal professionals have chosen their career path. Third, LSAT preparation and preliminary account registration through the Law School Admissions Council website. Lastly, we discussed the financing of the legal education.

In the Spring of 2006, we had the opportunity to meet with Idaho Supreme Court Justices Daniel T. Eismann and Jim Jones at the Idaho Supreme Court for a discussion of career opportunities and general questions and answers about the role of a Supreme Court justice. In addition to our visit to the Idaho Supreme Court, we had numerous visitors to our monthly meetings in round-table discussions. Many of these guests are from the Treasure Valley’s Young Lawyers Association of the Idaho State Bar. The Young Lawyers Association is a group of local attorneys who have graduated from law school within the last three years. They provided valuable insight, and shared their experiences regarding law school and initial career paths.

Other monthly meeting topics involved special panels of guests that consisted of legal professionals who specialize in various fields including: business law, environmental law, public service, real estate, education, and family law. The panel members not only have a variety of interests and experience, but backgrounds as well; one member decided to change careers and attended law school as a non-traditional older student. Additional panel invites included two Boise State professors who chose the career of education after obtaining their law degrees. The wide range of guests provided a broad spectrum and unique experiences to the discussions.

Throughout the Summer and Fall of 2006, our Vice President, Clara Mitchell, undertook the job of putting together a study group for the LSAT test. Her dedication has been tremendous.

The Society’s capstone event was held in the Fall. We had representatives from seven regional law schools attend our second annual law school fair and dinner. The representatives discussed their experience from the admissions and recruiting of prospective students. After the law school sales pitch, the floor was opened for general questions and comments – the Q&A session lasted for over an hour and many insights were gained. The participation for the event was remarkable with over 80 students and faculty in attendance.

On a personal note, I want to express my appreciation to the following individuals who have made this very successful year possible. We have seen the Society grow from an average of 15 members to over 40 this year. I appreciate all who has attended the meetings and hope you have enjoyed the path to pursuing your legal education. I thank our first Pre-Law President whose vision and dedication to establish the society, Mr. Ryan Holloway who is now attending the University of Idaho College of Law. Next, I thank the members of Young Lawyers section of the Idaho State Bar and specifically Matt Christiansen (President) for continued support and dedication to our organization. I greatly appreciate the Executive Committee for their efforts to make this all possible: Vice President Clara Mitchell, Treasurers James Rothwell and Jonny Carlin, and our Member-at-Large Darius (Dj) Rementeria. Several Boise State University faculty members are the true backbone to the Society’s success. We thank them for their dedication to our educational development and their interest in our growth and learning outside the classroom. These individuals are: Dr. Ross Burkhart (Political Science Department Chair) Dr. Jeremy Ball (Criminal Justice Administration), Professor Michael Bixby (College of Business), and Professor Susan Park (Special Lecturer at the College of Business). Finally, my deepest appreciation is extended to Dr. Lori Hausegger. Without her, the Pre-Law Society simply would not exist. Her support and efforts have been critical in advising students and getting the word out through other faculty about our group – THANK YOU DR. Hausegger!!!

Finally, I encourage all who are interested in the study of law to come and join the Pre-Law Society. The new President, Gus Giacalone and his Executive Committee Jonny Carlin, Stacy Falkner, and Heather Wray are natural leaders and will take the society to new high achievements – Good luck to all who endeavor down the path of the study of law and political science. Thank you for providing me with the privilege of getting to know you.
National Model United Nations Conference


More than 3,400 students participated from 240 colleges and universities as delegates to the world’s largest UN simulation sponsored by the National Collegiate Conference Association. The Boise State delegation represented Denmark in the Security Council and San Marino in the General Assembly. Several of the sessions were held in the General Assembly Hall at the United Nations.

This year’s conference, titled “Promoting Peace through Education,” provided a forum for students to propose and debate resolutions addressing regional conflicts, peacekeeping, human rights, economic development and the environment. The conference provided a learning experience for students in multilateral diplomacy and international relations. The students also submitted position papers prior to the conference.

Conference speakers included several ambassadors from UN missions and numerous senior UN officials. The Boise State University delegation also had a special briefing at the office of Permanent Representative of Denmark to assist in understanding the Danish role as an elected member of the Security Council.

The students prepared for the conference this semester in a model UN workshop with Garry Wenske, the Executive Director of the Frank Church Institute, who also accompanied them to New York. This year marked the first BSU delegation to attend the conference in recent years.

Faculty Honors

Dr. Les Alm is the recipient of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs Research Award for 2007.

Dr. Ross Burkhart was nominated for the Faculty Partner Award in October 2006 for mentoring students outside of the classroom. Student Affairs created this annual award in 2005 to recognize faculty members who have served as a strong positive role model and provided support and service to students beyond classroom teaching or research responsibilities.

Dr. Jim Weatherby was the recipient of The Liberty Bell Award in May 2006. The award is given by the 4th District Bar Association to “a member of the community who has worked to educate not only his students but also the citizens of Idaho regarding how the different branches of government have their separate spheres and separate powers, but work together for the common good.” Weatherby retired from Boise State University in June 2006.

Dr. Scott Yenor was promoted to Associate Professor in 2006.
A Norwegian Summer Adventure

By Dr. Ross Burkhart

I WAS VERY FORTUNATE to be named a Visiting Scholar for July 2006 by the Department of Sociology and Political Science at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim, Norway. There, I would write a research paper with my good friend and colleague, Professor Indra de Soysa, and enjoy my first extended visit to Europe.

I successfully uprooted myself from Boise in late June, and in 23 hours (adding in the eight hour time change) I was in Trondheim. While it is a thriving port and university city of roughly 160,000 people, two things about this part of the world were apparent upon arrival. First, the Trondheim region, called Trønderlag, like much of Norway outside of the capital Oslo, is very rural and quite bucolic. Young and old love nature and their bikes and hiking shoes. Second, while the city is the largest in this middle part of Norway, a large number of its residents take July off to head for their mountain cabins and enjoy the short summer sun. To better understand Norwegians, one has to grasp their deep appreciation of their environment.

A third item of notice became evident that first day in Trondheim, when after a pleasant Vietnamese curry dinner with Indra I settled in to watch the sun…never set….In fact, throughout my time in Norway, the sun did not really disappear. It took some getting used to! The language was also fairly difficult for me to pick up, except for a few words like "hei" (no points for guessing its meaning) and "tusen takk" (many thanks). Those basics helped me to make friends and navigate my way through the shops, which had early closing times and a 25% value added tax on everything. A pint of local beer is tasty, but costs $11!

The high prices are balanced by considerable North Sea oil-based wealth. Yet there is little conspicuous consumption, with Norwegians telling me they truly believed in income equality. It was an interesting topic of conversation to me because my research project at NTNU was “Flows or Stocks? Foreign Direct Investment and Democracy, 1980-2003,” with direct application to the wealth of the populace and its political ramifications, a succinct description of my research program.

As you can see from the photos, Trondheim is very photogenic. The imposing Nidaros Cathedral dates from the 12th century and is the second largest in Scandinavia. Trondheim’s importance as a religious center for Norway was secured by King Olav Tryggvason, who founded Trondheim in 997 and converted the country to Christianity. Norway was occupied by other countries for much of its history, most recently during World War II when it was a major submarine base of operations for the Nazis. The massive Kristiansten Festning (fort) overlooking the city was used as an execution chamber by the Nazis. In this context, one of the most moving sights in Trondheim is the rebuilt synagogue, the most northern synagogue in the world. The Bryggen waterfront district, straddling the Nidelva River (great salmon fishing in the city center), boasts beautifully painted wooden townhouses and boutiques and glass-like water headed for the fjord.

This describes the picturesque qualities of the city center. My office was in the ultra-modern greenhouse architecture of the Dragvoll campus of NTNU, five miles south, requiring me to take the daily bus from my apartment in a lovely old Norwegian house in Neufeldsgate. I learned to stretch my arm all the way out to the correct bus as it approached, as if literally grabbing onto the bus, else the bus would not stop for me! For relaxation and a moment away from my reading and model-building, I would walk the copses surrounding the Dragvoll campus. It reminded me of wandering my boyhood home in the mid-Hudson Valley of New York.

Shopping was expensive, but I had orders to bring home the best yarn I could find for various knitters in the States. I had many conversations with shopkeepers who did not mind speaking English (everyone I encountered was very fluent in English) and indulging in my faltering attempts to speak yarnese. I purchased a separate suitcase for the purpose of transporting the precious skeins. Perhaps that is an appropriate export from Norway, along with friendships from a very friendly place.

I cannot imagine a more productive, educational and refreshing month than this one was for me. Tusen takk for teaching me tons, Trondheim!
**Faculty Notes**

Dr. Leslie Alm, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University, and is the director of the Master of Public Administration program. His research interests are in state and local politics in the West, environmental policy making, and U.S.–Canada relations. Alm has recently published articles in *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, *The American Review of Canadian Studies*, *The Social Science Journal*, and *State and Local Government Review*, and his book *Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries: The Role of Scientists in the U.S.–Canadian Acid Rain Debate* was recently published by Praeger Press.

Dr. Ross E. Burkhart, Associate Professor and Chair and Co-Director of the Canadian Studies program, had three papers accepted for publication: (1) “Differences that Matter: Canada, the United States and Environmental Policymaking,” co-authored with Les Alm, in *AmeriQuests*; (2) “Democracy, Capitalism, and Income Inequality: Seeking Causal Directions,” in *Comparative Sociology*; and (3) “National Institutions and Politics in the United States,” in *North American Politics: Globalization and Culture*. Burkhart was a visiting scholar at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway, for the month of July. (Please see accompanying article.) During the past year Burkhart presented a paper on democratization at the International Studies Association meeting in San Diego. He also gave research presentations on U.S.-Canada environmental policy at the University of Arkansas and democratization and globalization at Emory University.

Burkhart served as comparative politics section head for the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Bend, Oregon. He also was a discussionist on an interest groups panel at the International Studies Association meeting in San Diego. He continues to serve on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Political Marketing*.

Burkhart serves on the Women’s Center Advisory Board and is chair of the Bookstore Advisory Board. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Boise Committee on Foreign Relations. He is the faculty advisor to the Political Science Association. Burkhart is also the Southwest Idaho regional director of the YMCA Youth Government. More than 100 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, is engaged in research on interpersonal workplace aggression (AKA - bullies in the workplace) and was on sabbatical leave in Fall 2006 to continue this research. Fredericksen also continues to work with nonprofits and schools in the community.

Dr. John Freemuth, Professor and Senior Fellow for the Andrus Center for Public Policy, continued to serve as Interim Director of the Energy Policy Institute (EPI), a three university/Idaho National Lab consortium. EPI issued the results of its survey of Idahoans attitudes on energy, which was can be found at http://ppa.boisestate.edu/ssrc/. He co-wrote, with former Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus, “President Carter’s Coup: An Insider’s View of the 1978 Alaska Monument Designations” in a book celebrating the 100 anniversary of the Antiquities Act published by the University of Arizona. Freemuth co-edited *Environmental Policy and Politics in the West*, with Zachary Smith of the Northern Arizona University, which will be published in August by the University of Colorado.

Dr. Les Alm wrote the introductory chapter about public policy for the book, while Freemuth contributed a chapter as well. He was the invited speaker to a meeting of Region 4 Forest Service employees in Ogden in February.

Dr. Lori Hausegger, Assistant Professor, is the Department’s Pre-Law Advisor and the Faculty Advisor to the Pre-Law Society. She is also co-director of the Canadian Studies program at Boise State University. Hausegger has begun work on a large project addressing judicial selection in Canada. She and her co-authors presented a first look at their research question at the Canadian Political Science Association meeting in June 2006. That paper has since been accepted for publication at the *University of Toronto Law Journal*. In 2006, Hausegger applied for and received grants from the Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada and the Canadian Embassy. These grants will support the larger project on judicial selection. Hausegger also continues her other research on judicial decision making in Canada and the United States.

Dr. Dick Kinney, Professor, attended the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) annual meeting in March. At the conference roundtable on budgeting in the western states, he discussed the findings from the paper that he and Dr. Greg Hill, Department of Public Policy and Administration, wrote on the first budget submitted by Idaho’s new Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter. They were particularly interested in identifying any new directions that the governor may propose for the state. During the summer, he and Hill will edit the paper and add an analysis of the Legislature’s appropriations decisions, including how they compare with the governor’s recommendations. The Center of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah will include their revised manuscript in the annual proceedings for the state budgeting roundtable.

As the main political science advisor 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. Kinney would like to invite past students who are now American government teachers to come to campus and share their insights with students who are presently completing their degrees.

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

Dr. Susan G. Mason, Assistant Professor, with lead co-author Les Alm will publish the forthcoming chapter “Linear Correlation and Regression” in the *Handbook of Research Methods in Public Administration*, 2nd edition. Mason is also conducting research with Leslie Martin, Roy Rodenheiser and Todd Shallat, as well as several Boise State graduate and undergraduate students. The research project focuses on mobile home park residents concerns and identifying mobile home parks that are at high risk for re-development. This study is being conducted on behalf of the Boise State College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, the Public Policy Center and the City of Boise. Mason presented a paper she co-authored with Patricia Fredericksen “Neighborhood Stability: Evaluating the Promise of New Urbanism,” at the the 36th Annual Meeting of Urban Affairs. In September Mason gave a presentation on housing and transportation planning and community design for an aging population as part of a panel at The Governor’s Summit on Aging: The Coming of Age. Mason continues to serve on the Demographic Advisory Committee for the Community Planning Association of Southwest. She is also on the Advisory Board for the Canadian Studies program.

Dr. Gary Moncrief, Professor, published a research article, “Full-Time, Part-Time and Real Time: Explaining State Legislators’ Perceptions of Time on the Job” in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. He is also the western regional editor for a new *Encyclopedia of American States* to be published next year by Congressional Quarterly Press. He has resumed duties as the Internship Director for the Department of Political Science. Moncrief also gave workshops on state legislatures in Boise and Colorado Springs.

Dr. Gregory Raymond, director of the Honors College, published two books this year: *After Iraq: The Imperiled American Imperium* (Oxford University Press, 2007) and *The Global Future*, 2nd edition (Wadsworth, 2007). In addition, he delivered the following research paper presentations at professional conferences: “Hegemony and Preventive War in International History” (Oxford, England), “Preemption and Preventive War (The Hague, Netherlands), “Justice and Expediency in Statecraft” (San Diego), and “International Law and Military Preemption” (Chicago). Raymond also gave several lectures to community groups in Boise, including “Back to the Future: Herodotus and the Bush Foreign Policy” (Boise State International Connections Lecture Series), “The Trojan War and the Future of American Foreign Policy: A Cautionary Tale” (Renaissance Institute), and “The Long-Term Impact of the Iraq War” (World President’s Organization). As part of a program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department
of State, he lectured to academic and foreign ministry officials from 16 countries on the influences of liberal and neo-conservative thought on the formulation and conduct of America foreign policy. Beginning in the Fall 2007 semester, Raymond will move from his current position as the Director of the Honors College to the Department of Political Science, where he will hold the Frank Church Chair in International Relations.

Dr. Steven Sallie, Associate Professor, taught a new course, American Politics, Ideologies, and Popular Culture during the Rock Era, which was evaluated very favorably by most students. He reviewed three articles for the International Journal on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability. He hosted a question and answer period for Hans Blix, the former head of the International Atomic Energy Commission and that of the UN Weapons Inspection team in Iraq, during his International Law and Organization course. Sallie is currently working on articles about neoconservative thought and the influence of the pro-Israel lobby on American foreign policy with respect to the Arab-Israeli and Persian Gulf conflicts. Sallie chairs the Social Science and Public Affairs Curriculum Committee and is a member of the University Curriculum Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Department's Scholarship Committee and the Phi Kappa Phi Writing Award Committee. He is also an everyday volunteer for the Idaho Youth Ranch. Sallie always finds time to play chess, as well as discuss salient political and philosophical issues with students in his office and off campus.

Dr. Brian Wampler, Assistant Professor, is spending the Spring semester in Madrid, Spain as a faculty member teaching in the University Study Abroad Consortium, of which Boise State University is a member. Madrid is a fantastic city. Wampler is teaching two new courses on Spanish politics to U.S.-based students who are spending a semester or year studying abroad in Madrid. An unexpected research bonus is that the Brazilian political institution (Participatory Budgeting) studied by Wampler has now been adopted by 15 Spanish municipalities, thereby allowing for him to conduct comparative research. Wampler traveled to Spain with his family, including children, Ginger Catalina who was born in August 2006 and Sebastian.

On the publishing front, Wampler had two peer-reviewed articles accepted for publication, and one book chapter published by the World Bank, and another book chapter published in Spanish. Wampler's book on Participatory Budgeting is finally due to be published in Fall 2007. Be sure to order your advance copy through Amazon when you order your copy of the final chapter of the Harry Potter saga.

Dr. Scott Venor, Associate Professor, continues to teach political philosophy courses and to write on David Hume and other sundry topics. He is currently writing a book manuscript on the family in modern political thought, based on a course he taught last summer and will teach again this summer. Venor also coached football for his son Jackson (11) and baseball for his son Travis (9) this past year, with mixed success. His daughter Sarah (6) has taken ill with cancer, while Lumpy (5) dreams of a career in the monster car business.
Major Vaughn Ward on the Euphrates River in Iraq

members of the Iraqi police and army. Ward’s tour began in March 2006 and concluded in October 2006.

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