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This issue of Quest focuses on community. I thus thought it well to offer some thoughts on the importance of community in education.

First of all, a robust community outlives all of the individuals who comprise it. We do well when we humble ourselves by reflecting on the perpetuation of community above and beyond our daily trials and concerns. This issue features a profile of Dr. Louie Attebery, a student, teacher, college historian and benefactor who knows more deceased predecessors at the College than most of us know among the living. We are better able to contribute to others whenever the element of humility enters, as it surely does in the person of Dr. Attebery. What is more, as you read about Blatchley Hall, think of the legacy of the selfless family that gifted us this century-old building, a gem of its age resplendent in another.

Second, a community is dynamic and ever-changing, as indicated in the stories of our first-generation Hispanic students. Caldwell and the College must take measure of the growing Hispanic presence in our country. We must produce more Hispanic graduates. Otherwise, we stagnate as a culture and a community. An old Arab proverb says, “The dog barks but the caravan moves on.” A demographic caravan is upon us, and we must join it or waste our energies on ineffectual barking.

Third, a community is less defined by individual talents and traits than by how they are put to use. Rich or poor, wise or foolish, athletic or clumsy — these are traits of individuals that a community must both draw out in some cases and compensate for in others. You will read about our Student Philanthropy Council providing annual grants to worthy organizations that care for our local needy. Our Sustainability Stewards assist us in conserving energy and resources for the common good. By leading these organizations, our students learn as they do well by others — a crucial tie between community and education.

Finally, though a robust community transcends us all, changes with the times and harnesses diverse talents, it likewise expresses values that do not change over time. We prize athletic excellence in our local youth as much as we prize it anywhere and as we have prized it always. We educate for citizenship, a legacy from the days of William Judson Boone to the present, as exemplified by the young civic leaders portrayed within these pages. All this education, all this valuing of community, begins for our freshmen with the McCall orientation. I invite you to enjoy their photos as they are welcomed — once and for all — into The College of Idaho community.
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WINGS TO FLY HIGHER
As a child, Israel Vidales lived in a small apartment off Dearborn Street in Caldwell, Idaho. He remembers walking the city sidewalks with his mother and looking at The College of Idaho campus. No one from the Vidales family had ever gone to college, but something about the school caught Israel’s attention.

“I distinctly remember thinking 'I'm going to go to that college,'” Vidales said. “I didn't know why or how back then, but I did know I wanted to expand my educational horizons.”

Vidales’ dream came true. He worked hard, got good grades and graduated from Nampa High School in 2007. He came to The College of Idaho as a Gates Millennium Scholar, a prestigious honor awarded to 1,000 American students every year. Today, he is a senior studying international business and leadership. Vidales remains a dreamer — he hopes to study in South America next year and eventually earn a doctoral degree in public health — but he has earned the right to think big.

He is a first-generation student, and this trail is his to blaze.

“I have a lot of self-motivation,” Vidales said. “I've watched my family struggle through life. Most of them don't even have a high school diploma. They are still living with my grandma, still making minimum wage. Seeing those struggles makes me want to raise the bar and make something better for myself.”

Vidales certainly is improving his life and the life of his family — his younger brother, Zacharias, is enrolled at College of Western Idaho in Nampa. Unfortunately, stories like Israel's are rare in the Hispanic community. Despite the increasing importance of a college degree in the professional world, many Hispanic teens are not encouraged to pursue an education. The lack of Latino college students is especially troubling in Caldwell, a town with a Hispanic population (28.1 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau) more than triple the state average.

“Most of my friends from high school didn't even apply to college,” Vidales said. “A lot of them didn’t even know how to apply. They just wanted to go to work and support their families because that’s what was expected.”

The College of Idaho is working to change those expectations and open its doors to more Latino students. Leading the charge is Arnold Hernandez, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs at C of I. Over the past 15 years, Hernandez has helped increase the College’s Hispanic enrollment from a small handful to nearly 80 students. Hernandez says strengthening the bond between C of I and Caldwell’s robust Latino community starts with teaching Hispanic families about the benefits of higher education.

“We have to go into the homes of these students and involve the parents,” Hernandez said. “We have to let them know how important it is for their son or daughter to get an education. One of the things we try to instill in their minds is that we aren’t just helping today’s students; we are breaking a cycle.”

Once Hernandez gets Hispanic students to campus, he gets them involved. His biggest tool is ALAS — the Association for Latino Americano Students. ALAS has become one of the most active student groups on campus, organizing a variety of events including leadership conferences for high school students, mentoring for young Hispanics and annual Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Hispanic students also are involved in a wide range of on-campus activities, from the Howlin’ Yotes Speech and Debate team to varsity basketball and soccer. Vidales even started a new student organization, the Campus Food Bank, which distributes extra food from the C of I campus to needy families in the Nampa-Caldwell community.

The more involved the students stay, Hernandez says, the more likely they are to graduate.

“That’s just the way we are brought up,” Hernandez said. “The Latino community is very close-knit. These kids are not going to let each other fail.”

The statistics back Hernandez’s claim: The retention and graduation rates for Hispanic students at C of I are on par with those for the College as a whole. The fact that so many Latinos are staying in school and graduating is a reflection on Hernandez, the College and, most importantly, the students themselves.

“We want to attract good students, regardless of their background;” said Paul Bennion, Vice President for Student Affairs at The College of Idaho. “We reach out to the Hispanic community because it has a lot of good students...
who would — and do — thrive at The College of Idaho. We want to give those students a chance to earn a high-quality education right here in Caldwell.”

The College hasn’t always had such a strong Hispanic community. When Lupe Mesina came to the College in the late 1990s, Hernandez’s efforts were in their fledgling stages.

“I think there were about 10 to 15 of us,” Mesina recalls. “We felt like fish out of water, but we took comfort in being around each other. And Arnold was a godsend. He was a friend, a colleague, someone who was and continues to be an amazing person.”

Mesina is an impressive individual in her own right. Raised by migrant farm workers in Burley, Idaho, Mesina graduated from The College of Idaho in 2001 and went on to attend medical school at the University of Washington. Today, she is a doctor practicing family medicine at Group Health in Tacoma, Washington.

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“There was never a question in my mind I was going to college,” Mesina said. “In my family, we were expected to continue our studies. Our folks made us work hard on the farms, so we knew we either had to work hard in school or we would end up doing the manual labor we hated so much.

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Mesina was fortunate to have parents who understood the importance of an education. Her father, Lionel Villicana, and late mother, Rosario Mesina, steered their children toward college rather than keeping them in the fields.

“When I go back home, most of my friends have stayed in the low-paying, unhappy jobs that are available to them,” Mesina said. “It makes me very grateful for my parents. My mother passed away recently, but she saw me graduate from medical school. It’s nice knowing that I made her proud.”

There are several reasons most Hispanic teens don’t receive the encouragement Mesina did. Cost often is the biggest obstacle — the money required to pay for college can seem too great to overcome, especially in low-income households. Lack of information is another problem, one that Hernandez, Mesina and Vidales all pointed out. Many Hispanic families are unfamiliar with the process of applying to schools, taking entry exams and securing funding through scholarships, grants and student loans.

First-generation students knock down those barriers and become role models to their brothers, sisters and future generations. Such is the case for Roberto Olvera, whose Mexican-born parents and six older siblings did not go to college. Olvera bucked that trend by attending The College of Idaho and eventually becoming a clinical social worker.

“I wasn’t a very good student in high school,” said Olvera, who graduated from Caldwell High in 2000. “And my parents didn’t even go to high school. But they did value education, and I think that gave me a chance to succeed in life.”

Roberto made the most of his chance, but his college experience took some unexpected turns. His original plan was to attend Boise State University on a trumpet scholarship and major in music. It was a chance meeting with Hernandez that changed those plans — and altered Olvera’s life dramatically.

“I had met Arnold at a FAFSA workshop,” Olvera recalls. “But I didn’t think I was good enough to go to The College of Idaho. I was all set up to go to Boise State. Then, one night, my parents ran into Arnold at Paul’s Market. I came home and he was there waiting for me. The next thing I knew, I was accepted.”

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– C of I senior Israel Vidales, a first-generation college student

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Olvera kept his trumpet scholarship and minored in music, but the College’s liberal arts curriculum forced him outside his comfort zone. He studied psychology and earned a bachelor’s degree in 2004, then went on to earn a master’s degree in social work from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Today, Olvera works as a mental health specialist at Lifeways in Ontario, Oregon. He also works part-time at Ashwood Recovery, an addiction treatment center in nearby Meridian, Idaho.

“The College of Idaho has an incredibly special place in my heart,” said Olvera, who also met his wife, Mikako ‘07, and welcomed his first child, Emma, at C of I. “Before college, all I knew about myself was that I was a good musician. Now, I’m in a job where I have the opportunity to help disadvantaged youth. I try to teach them about making college more affordable and realistic, particularly the Latino kids. I tell them that college is not unattainable — you just have to be willing to work hard.”

Lorenzo Olvera followed his elder brother’s path from Caldwell High to The College of Idaho. Lorenzo earned a political science degree in 2007 and was awarded a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellowship, which allowed him to travel to Washington, D.C. and work for Congressman Xavier Becerra (U.S. Representative, California). The youngest Olvera brother, Enrique, earned a degree from Boise State, where he was an award-winning viola player.

“My brothers are really, really smart,” Roberto Olvera said. “They probably would have gone on to college anyway. But I’m glad I was able to take that journey and show my family it was possible.”

C of I freshman Hortencia Flores’ college journey is just beginning. Like so many Hispanic students before her, Flores overcame long odds — she is the youngest of seven children and the first to attend college. Growing up, she was often told she wouldn’t be able to afford college, especially The College of Idaho. And yet here she is, immersed in the new PEAK curriculum with a focus on education and political economy.

“My siblings tease me and say I’m adopted because I’m the only one who didn’t follow the trend,” Flores said. “But my family is behind me, 110 percent. That’s important because I really believe the Hispanic community needs to support each other, not hold each other back.”

Flores is doing her part to encourage her Hispanic peers. As a senior at rural Parma High, she served as President for the Future Hispanic Leaders of America in Idaho. Like Vidales, she is a Gates Millennium Scholar and an active member of ALAS, an organization she calls a “huge support system” for the College’s Latino population. After graduation, Flores hopes to work in education-based politics and help middle school-aged students realize the importance of earning a college degree.

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– Arnold Hernandez, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs

“For a lot of Latinos, after high school it’s just work, work, work,” Flores said. “I want to change that pattern to college, college, college and then work. I have nieces and nephews who are already talking about going to college. I’ve seen it at Parma and other schools in our community as well. We really can change those expectations.”

First-generation college students are the driving force behind such change. These young pioneers raise the bar for future generations by cutting their own paths through tough, uncharted terrain. Lupe Mesina’s path took her from the fields of Burley to a fulfilling career in medicine. Roberto Olvera’s has given him a chance to help struggling teens overcome the same obstacles he and his brothers once faced. For Israel Vidales, Hortencia Flores and countless other first-generation students at The College of Idaho and beyond, the story remains unwritten. But the direction their paths will lead matters little now that the journey has begun.

They are first-generation students, and this trail is theirs to blaze.

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PROGRAMS FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO

• This August, C of I received $20,000 from the Wells Fargo Foundation for first-generation Hispanic student scholarships.

• Every year, the College hosts the Taste of the Harvest fall festival. Proceeds from this event fund scholarships for the children of migrant farm workers.

• In 2008, C of I was selected by the Council of Independent Colleges to receive a Wal-Mart College Success Award. The $100,000 grant helped the College expand programs that encourage enrollment from Hispanic/Latino students who are the first in their families to attend college.

• In 2007, C of I received a $25,000 grant from the Northwest Area Foundation Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation. The money provided 25 scholarships worth $1,000 apiece to low-income Hispanic students in southwest Idaho.

• Arnold Hernandez, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs at C of I, attends the Hispanic Youth Symposium each spring, offering scholarships to Latino students from Idaho high schools.

• Hernandez advises ALAS (Association for Latino Americano Students), an on-campus student organization that promotes education through weekly meetings and special events.
Blatchley Hall casts an impressive shadow on the College of Idaho campus. From its simple white columns to its original stained glass windows, Blatchley Hall serves as an important reminder to The College of Idaho community, representing our humble beginnings and bearing testament to how far we have come in 100 years.

On September 14, 1910, construction on Sterry Hall and Finney Hall was completed. These were the first two College of Idaho buildings to be completed on the land donated by Henry D. Blatchley and his wife, Carrie S. Blatchley. At the same time Sterry Hall and Finney Hall were being built, the Blatchleys were building their own personal residence on the property. This building would come to be known as Blatchley Hall.

Henry Blatchley moved to Caldwell when the town only had one building. He owned one of the leading drug stores in Caldwell in those days. Blatchley bore witness to the growth of the town, as well as to the humble beginnings of The College of Idaho.

“This building memorializes an important individual in The College of Idaho’s history,” said Marv Henberg, President of The College of Idaho. “It was his gift of land that established us in our present location, and for that we must forever be grateful.”

Many people overlook the fact that Blatchley Hall and Finney Hall are named after real people and that the buildings students attend classes in, reside in, and walk by everyday have a history beyond yesterday. Blatchley Hall is not only a beautiful building on campus, but also a monument that speaks to the past, the present and the College’s journey from 1910 to 2010. And over the years, Blatchley Hall has served a multitude of purposes.

Personal residence and the President’s House
In 1916, the Blatchleys donated their personal residence to the College to serve as the home of founder Dr. William Judson Boone and his family. President Boone was the only C of I president ever to reside in Blatchley Hall, but the Blatchley family’s influence extended far beyond the building.

“Without the Blatchleys’ persistent efforts — both were teachers and Mr. Blatchley was a trustee who offered support and heartfelt criticism to President Boone — the C of I as we know it would not exist,” said Jan Boles, The College of Idaho’s archivist.

Blatchley Hall serves as a permanent and symbolic link to the College’s founding generation. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and thus draws attention to the College’s historical roots. Dr. Boone and his family lived in the building until 1928, when a new president’s home was built.

Theater and auditorium
In 1918, an auditorium known as Blatchley Little Theater was added to Blatchley Hall. The theater was part of the building until 1965, when it was converted into an art gallery. To this day, the room is known for its superior acoustics.

In the 1940s, Blatchley Hall also housed the College’s music department, which made frequent use of the auditorium and theater.

Rosenthal Gallery of Art
In 1965, the Blatchley Little Theater auditorium was transformed into an art gallery. But it wasn’t until 1984 that it was fully remodeled into the Rosenthal Gallery of Art. The final gallery renovations, funded by a gift from Mrs. Blanche Rosenthal in memory of her late husband, were part of a series of upgrades to the building in the 1980s.

Today, the Rosenthal Gallery features exhibitions from regional artists, as well as faculty, staff and graduating art majors. Exhibitions featuring the College’s art and ethnographic collections also are held every year. The mission of the Rosenthal Gallery of Art is to expose the community to thought-provoking art, as well as to play a significant role in the education of C of I students.

Residence hall
In one of the most interesting years of The College of Idaho’s history, Blatchley Hall housed half of the female students between 1943 and 1944. The residence halls, Finney Hall and Voorhees Hall, served as quarters for the men of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. These men were being trained on campus, as the College was one of the 281 schools chosen to train aviation cadets.

The presence of the cadets created an unusually high male-to-female ratio on campus. Military rules meant that, officially, cadets were not permitted to speak to civilians. Weekends, according to some stories, were another matter.
Once the cadets left campus in 1944, the female residents departed Blatchley Hall.

Administration building
In 1984, in conjunction with the renovations that added the Rosenthal Gallery of Art, the building was improved to provide offices for various departments, including alumni relations.

In the 1990s, Blatchley Hall housed the President’s Office, as well as the Board of Trustees meeting room.

Informal uses
Students have always been attracted to Blatchley Hall, be it for the art gallery, the homework-friendly solitude of its interior, or other, less academic reasons. According to Boles, “back in the 1960s, the basement was usually left unattended after dark” and many couples found it an excellent place for secret rendezvous.

Is it haunted?
Current students tell stories of Blatchley Hall being haunted. As an older building, it is seen as quiet and spooky, but also as beautiful and serene.

“The light in the back room above the piano has never been turned off and no one can find a light switch for it,” said C of I senior Christeena Sevy. “And lots of people have heard laughter and the sounds of people running.”

The Howlin’ Yotes Speech and Debate Team is headquartered in the basement of Blatchley. Debater Danny Henson says the team has heard humming and the sound of footsteps around them late at night.

Blatchley Hall also is said to be connected to a series of underground tunnels, the existence and purpose of which remain a source of mystery and intrigue.

Blatchley’s Legacy
Blatchley Hall was built as a home. Over the years, it has served that purpose faithfully, housing presidents, teachers, students, paintings, plays, departments and organizations with equal hospitality. And as the College continues to grow and evolve, its building-of-all-trades will continue to fill its new and necessary roles.

And so, on the 100-year anniversary of Blatchley Hall’s construction, we at the College must remember those who came before us. Blatchley Hall is one building that allows us to look back on the history of the campus and appreciate all the hard work and sacrifice that has gone into making The College of Idaho what it is today.

“We are never closer to our roots,” President Henberg said “than we are when we walk into the elegant parlor of Blatchley Hall.”

MICHELLE LOCKE is Quest’s fall intern and a College of Idaho student.
“Hey, Louie, it’s Larry. Don’t you think it’s time we rustle up a bowl of chowder?”

“Larry, it’s Louie, it’s about time we went for some chowder — it’s your turn to choose the restaurant. I’ll see you next week. We have a lot to catch up on.”

So went many of the phone conversations I shared with my friend Louie W. Attebery over the past 47 years. Attebery, a professor emeritus at The College of Idaho, taught at C of I from 1961-1998 and held the Eyck-Berringer Chair of English for 11 years. This past summer, Louie was enshrined in Idaho’s Hall of Fame and also received The College of Idaho President’s Medallion — the College’s most distinguished award next to an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, which was bestowed upon Attebery in 1991.

“Attebery is The College of Idaho in the way that a successor president, Abraham Lincoln, is the United States of America,” said C of I President Marv Henberg. “Yes, William Judson Boone was our true founder, just as George Washington was founding president, and they cannot be overshadowed either by dint of time or in magnitude of contribution. But loving and caring for the College is not a competition. My identifying Louie with the College — and there are only a handful of others besides Boone whom I would put in that category — does not detract from but rather enhances Boone’s accomplishment. Dr. Boone had to trust in the future, trust that he would have successors such as Louie to keep the College alive and thriving.”

Louie acknowledged his latest accolades in typical, self-deprecating form. “I especially appreciate the presidential citation, although I thought President Henberg overdid it a little in his comments,” Louie said. “He was too kind.”

Louie taught high school in small towns across Idaho and Oregon from 1951-55, including Middleton, Nyssa, Oregon and Payette, my hometown. In 1955, he moved his family to Colorado and taught at Denver’s East High, the school that produced children’s author Roald Dahl of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory fame and renowned folk singer Judy Collins. While teaching at East, Louie wrote his dissertation on Folklore of the Lower Snake River Valley: A Regional Study. He received his doctorate from the University of Denver in 1961.

When I met Louie in the early 1960s, we actually started off on the wrong foot. He was the professor, and I was the class-cutting student. Louie suffered little nonsense — Henberg cites his sense of discipline as one of his best qualities. Louie threw down the gauntlet in his Major American Writers class, warning me if I cut class a third time, consequences would ensue. I did, and they did, and that’s another story.

Writing talent seemed to flow abundantly at the College in those days, although some of the finest writers didn’t seem to recognize it then, or...
now for that matter. I remember Nan Amodeo and Robin Gail, the first two editors of the student literary magazine, Prospectus. There was Alan Crooks, who later taught classes at the University at Sea and Boise State University. And me — I chose newspaper writing and worked at the Idaho Statesman and the Idaho Press-Tribune here in the Treasure Valley. More than a few of us were set straight by Louie. My classmate Van Nelson, who later flew U.S. Navy aircraft from carriers during the Vietnam War, recalls laboring under Louie’s watchful eye during his “final” final exam prior to graduating from C of I. Nelson was in Louie’s sophomore English class on account of his late arrival as an English Literature major.

“Whatever I wrote throughout the semester continued to be met with ‘B’ grades from Louie, much to my consternation,” Nelson said. “It was extremely frustrating to me to be unable to figure out just what Louie wanted in the way of essays.”

For the final exam, students were to write about Nathaniel Hawthorne’s The Scarlet Letter.

“I was usually among the first to leave from the class upon any examination,” Nelson said. “Not so this time. My position was that it was the child Pearl who was the cause of all the turmoil in the book. That she was sinful and evil. I was having a ball, writing and writing and writing. My classmates started leaving. I wrote more. Eventually, I was the only person in the room, besides Louie of course. I wrote more. I would glance up at Louie with a manic smile upon my face — he looked extremely puzzled as this reaction was foreign to previous behavior. Time expired for the exam with me still ranting on paper of Pearl’s dastardly behavior.

“When I received my exam back I was stunned to see a grade of ‘A++’. Seems that all Louie had been seeking from me was some original thinking. I still only got a ‘B’ for the course, of course.”

Some 34 years ago, long after our youthful mishaps were buried, Louie and I ventured together into Big Sky country to visit aging but still vital Pulitzer Prize-winning western novelist A. B. Guthrie, Jr. We flipped dry flies into Montana’s famous trout streams, then gleaned a few writing tips from Guthrie, or “Bud” as Louie called him. I was taken aback to learn that Guthrie shuttered himself from his private trout-filled pond with a view of “Elephant Ear Mountain,” working in a windowless “Block House” in order to avoid distractions from the surrounding grandeur. I’ve mused often over the years about that trip to the fringes of Glacier National Park, so as I began to type this story, I stopped to search my bookcase, eventually locating two copies of The Big Sky. Flipping open the cover of one, it not only contained a foreword by fellow Pulitzer winner Wallace Stegner, but a note from Louie, commemorating his gift to me of Guthrie’s novel. In fact, I was honored to facilitate collaboration between Louie and Stegner for a western folklore project in 1977.

Over the years, Louie has shared his love of family, literature, folklore and history not only with me, but also with scores of students, friends, and — through his six books and countless published articles — the public at large. Louie is a longtime member of the Western Literature Association, the American Folklore Society and the Idaho State Historical Society. He also served as an editor of Northwest Folklore for more than 30 years.

“Louie’s eye and ear for precision is well-known to his several generations of students,” President Henberg said. “There is clearly a disciplinarian side to Louie’s zeal for precision, but it is always combined with a smile and genial best wishes for improving the next time around.”

LARRY GARDNER, a 1963 graduate of The College of Idaho, is a retired journalist, free-lance writer and editor. He received a Professional Journalism Fellowship for the academic year 1976-77 at Stanford University.
New faces, new places

Every fall, incoming freshmen at The College of Idaho are welcomed to the C of I community during a weekend retreat. This annual rite of passage allows the students to bond both with each other and with C of I faculty and staff. This fall, the Class of 2014 spent a weekend at Camp Ida-Haven in McCall.

Clockwise from top: Camp Ida-Haven on the banks of Payette Lake; Edie Dull walks the tightrope with the help of Mehrdad Arvin; Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Bennion helps students into a canoe; The Class of 2014; C of I President Marv Henberg welcomes the incoming freshmen.
Clockwise from top: Freshman Erica Martens helps blindfolded classmate Ana Sanchez catch an oncoming ball. Ross Taylor dunks after a boost from classmate Travis Sharp; Education professor Deb Yates shows off her school spirit; Students help each other swing to safety across a "fiery pit of lava"; Canoeing on scenic Payette Lake.
C of I, CWI partner through articulation agreement

The College of Idaho and College of Western Idaho have joined forces through an articulation agreement that provides students with a clear path toward earning a bachelor's degree. The agreement allows CWI students to easily transfer to The College of Idaho and take advantage of C of I's distinctive new PEAK curriculum, which launched this fall.

“This agreement signifies a natural partnership,” said CWI President Bert Glandon. “Beyond the location and curriculum reasons for partnering, CWI and The College of Idaho both share a passion for lifelong learning and community support that is instilled in our students. We are pleased to present our students with this exceptional opportunity toward receiving a bachelor's degree.”

The articulation agreement was authored by C of I Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Smith and CWI Vice President for Instruction Rick Aman. It states that students who earn an associate's degree from CWI will be granted junior standing at C of I, including up to 70 transfer credits. These students will be required to complete one PEAK major and one minor to earn a bachelor's degree at C of I. Also, students who earn 28-59 credits at CWI will be granted sophomore standing and will be required to complete one PEAK major and two minors at C of I.

“This agreement is good for our students,” Smith said. “And it's good for Idaho.”

C of I President Marv Henberg (far right) and student president Colleen Smith (center) celebrate the articulation agreement with CWI President Bert Glandon (far left) and two CWI students.
C of I students work to sustain their community

Sophomores Alli Parrish and Katy Stewart are the sustainability stewards at The College of Idaho. The position, created this school year, provides two C of I students with room and board at a school-owned house nicknamed Gaia (Greek for “Mother Nature”). In exchange, the students tend the College’s organic garden, raise chickens and pumpkins in their backyard and strive to make Gaia as environmentally friendly as possible with energy efficient light bulbs and other appliances.

Parrish and Stewart seek to raise the profile of sustainable living on campus and in the community through a weekly newsletter, a blog and a website. The stewards also have organized several on-campus events, including a cooking contest and a field trip for elementary school students.

Stewart hopes their efforts encourage more C of I students to get involved in the community. “C of I is a big part of the Caldwell community,” Stewart said. “I think it is important for us as students to give back to a community that is so accommodating to us.”

The field trip was a big step toward strengthening the bond between the College and the community. Parrish and Stewart hosted 24 first-grade students from Van Buren Elementary in Caldwell and, with the help of volunteer students and staff, taught the children about sustainability. The children met the chickens, learned about worm composting, made finger paintings of the plant cycle, participated in games and picked their very own pumpkin to take home.

“Educating youth about sustainability encourages them to reflect on their lifestyles at an earlier age, before their habits are fully formed,” Parrish said. “If we don’t strive to educate children, they will be less prepared to deal with these issues in the future.”

Added Stewart: “It was great to see the looks on the kids’ faces. It was a very rewarding experience.”

Rochelle Johnson receives Idaho Professor of the Year Award

College of Idaho professor Rochelle Johnson has received the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Idaho Professor of the Year Award. Every year, the foundation chooses a winner from each state based on scholarly achievement, innovative teaching, community and professional service and recommendations from colleagues, alumni and students.

“I think the award helps the College advertise what we all know to be true: we have a very productive and dedicated faculty doing innovative work pedagogically as well as in community outreach,” Johnson said. “Those are things we do well here. This award reminds students, alumni and the community that we live what we say we are.”

Dr. Johnson hopes that her award will draw attention to the College in a positive way, one that will acknowledge the dedication of the administration, faculty and staff as a whole.

“I’m really grateful to all the people who helped support my application,” Johnson said. “If I didn’t have the support of the administration and my colleagues here every single day, I wouldn’t be able to achieve what I have as a teacher and a scholar.”

Johnson came to The College of Idaho in 1999 and has helped develop the environmental studies program. She also teaches courses in writing and American literature. Johnson studied English at Bates College and Claremont Graduate University. She and her husband, C of I biology professor Don Mansfield, live less than a block from campus in Caldwell.

The Idaho Professor of the Year award now has gone to a College of Idaho professor three times in the last five years. Dr. Kerry Hunter won it in 2008 and Dr. Jim Angresano won in 2006.

REMODELED BOONE HALL REWARDED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The College of Idaho’s newly remodeled William Judson Boone Hall Science Center reopened for fall classes with updated research labs, a freshened interior look and new operating systems that vastly improve the building’s energy efficiency.

In recognition of these improvements, The College of Idaho received a $97,860 check from Idaho Power during the Boone Hall rededication ceremony in September. The funds are a rebate for the energy costs the College will save through the updates.

“We are pleased to partner with Idaho Power to do the right thing for the planet,” College of Idaho President Marv Henberg said. “Our estimated energy savings are projected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions akin to taking 192 cars permanently off Idaho highways.”

During the remodel, C of I worked with Musgrove Engineering and Idaho Power to identify energy-saving opportunities. The engineers estimate savings of more than 800,000 kilowatt hours per year through upgrades to lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems as well as the building envelope. The upgrades will save the College approx-imately $40,000 in electric bills per year — enough to power about 60 average-sized homes for one year, according to Idaho Power.

The energy system upgrades were made possible in part by a $1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The NSF funds completed a $6.5 million “first phase” renovation of Boone Hall. A second phase is planned to update teaching laboratories in the 42-year-old building.

Dr. Sara Heggland, chair of the biology department at C of I, served as the Principal Investigator on the NSF proposal that helped secure the grant.

“Saving money and having a greener building is better not only for the College, but also for the people who use the building,” Heggland said. “We are already feeling the benefits of having a cleaner, brighter, safer building in which to work.”
An Egyptian education

Three members of The College of Idaho community had the opportunity to travel to Egypt this summer. Jan Duffy, an Archaeologist and curator at the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History, was part of an excavation project near Luxor. Meanwhile, students Keats Conley and Casey Mattoon traveled to Cairo on a $10,000 “Davis Projects for Peace” grant. Their experiences follow:

Jan Duffy
Uncovering the history of ancient Egypt is a passion of mine. Ever since I was a little girl, I studied Egyptology and knew one day I would work there. This past summer, I had the privilege to work on a tomb site in the Luxor area.

Working on the West bank of the Nile was very rewarding. Our work area was at the beginning of the great Valley of the Kings and the Asasif area, a very important site containing tombs from the New Kingdom as well as the 25th and 26th Dynasties. They are examples of the earliest known Kushite tombs in the necropolis, built about 75 B.C. These temple tombs reflect Old Kingdom iconography and art of a later period. Our three-tomb complex will eventually be opened to the public. Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, has announced one already — the tomb of Karakhamun, TT223. The chamber is in very good condition with beautifully painted scenes.

What impresses me most about Egypt is the bond with the people. Having a foreigner uncover their antiquities could be a reason for discontent, but I have never felt animosity. I am also amazed that the lifestyles, dress and work ethic in certain areas seem almost unchanged from what they must have been in ancient times. In some villages, people still live in mud brick homes and carry their crops on donkey carts. Sometimes I would stand and look around at my surroundings — the ancient tombs, the temples, the architecture — and realize I am standing on a site that was inhabited 3,000-5,000 years ago. I wonder what it looked like back then.

Casey Mattoon
I spent six weeks of my summer 6,956 miles away from Idaho near Cairo, Egypt. While I was there, that distance felt colossal. Now that I’m back at home, it still does.

Sweating in the heat and contemplating the miles separating me from home, I thought about familiar things. If I was hungry, I thought of my favorite Mongolian BBQ. If I was sad, I watched videos of my family and friends. Keats and I even had a board on which we kept track of the number of days until we came home.

These simple things made me feel more connected to my life at home, which wasn’t too surprising. What was surprising to me was that after I came home, it became apparent I was now 6,956 miles away from another home.

The Boys Recycling School in Egypt became a second home to me. The weeks we spent there saw laughter, tears, exhaustion and exuberance. I miss the amazing students and teachers, using body language for communication, even the heat. Now, I find myself doing things to stay connected to Egypt. When I miss the people, I watch the video footage I took there. When I miss the heat, I throw on a sweater, even in 89-degree Idaho weather.

Keats Conley
I spent part of my summer in Mokhattam, Egypt, a slum neighborhood on the outskirts of Cairo. During that time I saw four crows, a few sparrows and thousands of plastic bags. Egypt’s “national bird” is worse than any of the starlings we so frequently complain about in Idaho. The bag birds swarm in the gutters, lift into the air with the wind of passing cars and when they die — if they ever die — we won’t be around to feel the satisfaction.

Casey and I flew to Egypt to help renovate the only school in Mokhattam, the Boys Recycling Center. BRC is a one-room, warehouse-style building. But in many ways, BRC bears surprising resemblance to American schools. Teachers work at round tables, books in hand, drawing their pointer fingers across pages and sounding out words as the students watch.

The BRC provides education for children of the Zabbaleen, a culture of recyclers who hand-sort trash and reuse 80 percent of what they collect. The Zabbaleen used to function as Cairo’s primary waste collection system, but that role has been taken over by private companies who dump most of their collection into landfills. The Zabbaleen lifestyle, known for its strong sense of community pride and contribution to environmental welfare, is in jeopardy.

Poverty abroad does not exist in an isolated sphere; our consumption as Americans has direct consequences that extend beyond our borders. The average American produces a staggering 4.6 pounds of trash per day. An American city of 4.5 million, then, produces the same amount of trash as the 175 million people of Cairo. I worry that soon the plastic bag may not be the Egyptian, but the global bird.

To learn more about Keats and Casey’s project, visit www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/projects/node/1118
Student Philanthropy Council continues giving tradition

The College of Idaho Student Philanthropy Council celebrated another year of giving this summer, gifting money to four local organizations. The SPC gave $1,000 grants to the Idaho Botanical Garden and Baby Haven, a program run by the Salvation Army. The council also gifted $500 to The Mentoring Network and Habitat for Humanity.

“We are really happy with this year’s gifts,” said C of I student Michelle Wooten, chairperson of the SPC. “We looked for sustainability and how many people the money would impact, and we also looked for organizations that were local.”

The SPC was successful in keeping its efforts local. All four grants went to Caldwell-based organizations, a trend the SPC hopes to continue in the future.

“For the last couple of grant cycles, the Philanthropy Council has focused on providing help to groups involved in community development in Caldwell,” said Barry Fujishin, Director of Development at C of I. “The students have seen the connection between a better Caldwell and a better College of Idaho experience.”

The SPC’s efforts have not gone unnoticed. The council this month was recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Idaho Chapter as the winner of the 2010 Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award. The SPC was honored at the National Philanthropy Day awards breakfast November 16 at the Stuekle Sky Center on the Boise State University campus.

“We are really excited to receive such an honor,” Wooten said. “And I personally am excited to see how we can develop as a council in the coming year.”

The Student Philanthropy Council was formed in 2006 when The College of Idaho received a $30,000 grant from the Seagraves Family Foundation in Twin Falls. The grant was matched with another $30,000 from C of I donors, primarily parents, for a total endowed fund of $60,000. The SPC spends the annual interest – about $3,000 – on grants to charitable organizations each year.

Student literary magazine makes a comeback at C of I

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

For seven years, The College of Idaho was without a student literary magazine. But in 2009, three avid C of I writers — Adam Nunez ’10, Sarah Rose ’09 and Daniel Thrasher ’10 — revived the on-campus writing club and brought the magazine back to campus, complete with a catchy new name: Naked Street.

“We decided to bring back the literary magazine because we wanted to showcase the excellent writing that was going on in the English department and elsewhere on campus,” Nunez said.

“It seemed like too exciting an opportunity to miss.”

The process wasn’t an easy one. The club that had published the College’s last literary magazine, Chasing Clairvoyance in 2002, had long been inactive, leaving the magazine with no budget and no student support. But Nunez, Rose and Thrasher overcame those hurdles, and, in 2009, Naked Street was born.

With a new writing club called the Writers Company in place, Naked Street’s founders wanted to ensure the magazine remained a fixture on campus. Naked Street has been published in each of the past two spring terms, and continued interest from incoming students points to a bright future for the magazine.

MICHELLE LOCKE is Quest’s Fall Intern and a C of I student. She also is the editor of Naked Street.
Lady Yotes set to defend conference hoops title

BY MIKE SAFFORD

For the second consecutive season, The College of Idaho women’s basketball team has been picked to win the Cascade Collegiate Conference title. The Lady Yotes, who have won the past two regular-season crowns, captured their first CCC Tournament championship last year. The squad is gunning for another trip to the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, where the Coyotes suffered first-round defeats in 2009 and 2010.

“Our expectations are high,” said 10th-year coach Reagan Rossi. “But we have several players coming off injuries right now, so our primary concern is getting everyone healthy. It might take a little while to get back to where we were last year, but we are looking to win a lot of ballgames.”

Rossi will look to senior guard Nicole Gall (pictured) to anchor the squad, particularly in the early going. Gall, a Borah High product and two-time NAIA All-American, was named the conference’s preseason Player of the Year. She is coming off a junior campaign in which she averaged 17.9 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game, scored a school-record 43 points in a win over Whitworth and set a C of I season record with 111 steals, helping her earn CCC Defensive Player of the Year honors.

“Nicole is doing a great job,” Rossi said. “She has improved every year, and she’s showing a lot of leadership this year. The seniors have a sense of urgency — they know this is their last go-round and they want to have a great season. Nicole is definitely our leader in that aspect.”

Joining Gall on the preseason All-Conference team is 6-foot senior post Nicole Bruce, who earned CCC honorable mention honors last year after averaging 9.3 points, 5.5 rebounds and a team-best 1.2 blocks per game. Bruce is working her way back from an injury.

Rossi will have to replace All-Conference forwards Whitney Owen and Katie Strunk along with four-year point guards Kayla Isham and Katee Rodriguez. The veteran coach will look to sophomore Katelin Shannon and newcomers Diamond Mitchell and Acura Holt in the backcourt, while returners Meghan Hughes and Marquina Gilliam-Hicks and freshman Dayna Drager will handle the duties on the wings.

Veteran forwards Brianna Hansen, Tyra Rickman, Rachel Rasmussen and Kathryn Beus also return, giving the Coyotes size and depth on the block.

C of I opened the 2010-2011 season on November 5. The Yotes host the Caldwell Best Western Inn and Suites Lady Yote Classic tournament November 26-27 and open conference play December 17 at Oregon Tech. The CCC Tournament runs February 22-28, followed by NAIA Nationals on March 9-15.

This year’s conference schedule has been altered. The women play the late game (7:30 p.m.) of doubleheaders for the first half of the schedule and switch to the early game (5:30 p.m.) during the second half, starting in late January. For the latest news and notes on the Coyotes, visit the C of I women’s basketball web page at www.collegeofidaho.edu/athlete.

Cross country teams on the rise at C of I

One of the newest sports on The College of Idaho campus is earning high praise as the cross country program continues to climb the NAIA ladder. Both C of I teams have been ranked in the Top-10 of the NAIA Coaches’ Poll this fall, with the women climbing as high as No.5 and the men reaching No. 8.

Coach Pat McCurry, who reinstated the program in 2004, has built a team primarily of Idaho runners. The men are led by sophomore Greg Montgomery, a Boise High product who led the Coyotes to victory in a dual with NCAA Division I Idaho State. Senior Paul Sartin (Bishop Kelly High) and sophomores Andrew Hugill and Dominic Bolin (Payette) also have enjoyed outstanding seasons.

The C of I women are as talented as any small college team in the Northwest. Led by seniors Stephanie Helm (Challis High) and Kristine Smith (Meadows Valley), the team has nine runners who can finish in the top five of any given race. Senior Colleen Smith (Boise), junior Kayloni Jones, sophomore Kaitlyn Gerard (Kimberly) and freshmen Sora Klopfenstein (Meridian), Sarah Johnson, Myja Maki (Capital) and Hillary Holt (Mountain View) also are threats.

The NAIA National Championships take place November 20 in Vancouver, Washington. Last year, the women placed seventh and the men were tenth at nationals.
Idaho does not produce many Division I college athletes. Thanks to its sparse population and off-the-beaten-path locale, the state often is overlooked by major programs. As a result, many of Idaho’s top athletes end up staying close to home. Nowhere is this more apparent than at The College of Idaho, where 64 percent of the scholarship athletes are homegrown.

“Certainly, local athletes have many reasons to come here,” said C of I athletic director Marty Holly. “But I think the No. 1 reason is the great athletic family we have at C of I. The kids see that friendship and support and they want to be a part of it, so much so that kids are choosing us over Division I schools, which was unheard of 15 years ago when I was coaching.”

C of I had a great athletic program then — Holly coached the men’s basketball team to the NAIA National Championship in 1996 — and the infusion of local talent continues to serve the Coyotes well. Make no mistake, Holly says: local athletes aren’t just here to sell tickets.

“These are really, really good athletes,” Holly said. “Izaac Garsez, he’s going to play in the big leagues. Matt Ballenger was heavily recruited out of high school and played two seasons of Big 12 football. These are legitimate kids.”

Ballenger, a junior basketball player, was a star at Skyview High in Nampa, where he scored 1,994 points and led the Hawks to two 4A state titles. He played football at the University of Colorado for two seasons before transferring to C of I, where he averaged 12.6 points per game last year.

“It’s been great,” Ballenger said. “I love how my family can come see every home game. I’ve had a lot of support at The College of Idaho and basketball is my first love when it comes to sports, so I definitely feel I made the right decision to come home.”

Senior volleyball standout Madison Machurek took a more direct route to C of I. She joined the Coyotes straight out of Eagle High, where she was a state champ and 5A Player of the Year. Machurek, who played club volleyball for Coyotes coach Liz Mendiola, chose C of I because it gave her a chance to play setter, the position she excelled at in high school.

“Most schools wanted me to play libero,” Machurek said. “I wanted to be a setter, and C of I gave me that opportunity.”

Four years later, Machurek is one of the most accomplished setters in C of I history with more than 2,400 career assists.

“I love it here,” Machurek said. “My family has come to every one of my games my senior year. It’s been an honor to play for Liz and to play with such great teammates. I’ve just enjoyed a lot of success here.”

Soccer player Chelsea Heffner also has enjoyed great success at C of I. A product of Mountain View High in Meridian, Heffner was the Cascade Conference Newcomer of the Year as a freshman and an All-CCC selection as a sophomore. Now a junior, Heffner enjoys playing on a squad that features 14 local players, including her high school teammate Kelly Hardegree-Ullman.

“Most of us played with or against each other during high school,” Heffner said. “So when we came in, we already knew each other and that definitely helped our team chemistry. Kelly and I graduated together, so it was great to have someone here that I was already friends with and familiar playing with.”

And then there is Garsez, a star outfielder/pitcher for the C of I baseball team. Holly’s prediction that Garsez will play Major League Baseball isn’t as bold as it sounds — the junior had nine scouts show up to watch him on the Coyotes’ pro day after hitting .387 with 32 extra-base hits as a sophomore. The Caldwell High product also throws a 92 mph fastball.

Garsez chose C of I largely because of his older brother Jacob’s experience at the College.

I love how my family can come see every home game. I definitely feel I made the right decision to come home.

—Basketball player Matt Ballenger, who transferred to C of I after two years of football at the University of Colorado
College of Idaho alumni give back as civic leaders

The College of Idaho has a long history of producing civic leaders. From former Idaho Governor Robert E. Smylie ’38 to current Governor Butch Otter ’67, the College has a proud tradition of graduates who work to improve their surroundings through political service, community activism and other civic duties. Here is a look at three young alumni who are striving to build stronger communities right here in Idaho:

Megan (Reinschmidt)

Ronk ’01. Ronk is the Executive Director of the Idaho Meth Project. Since 2007, Ronk has raised over $6 million for the program, which aims to reduce first-time methamphetamine use among Idaho teens and young adults. Ronk heads all media, community awareness, public relations and public policy activities for the Idaho Meth Project.

“When I worked for (former Idaho Governor) Dirk Kempthorne, some of my responsibilities focused on criminal justice policies,” Ronk said. “Methamphetamine was an overwhelming theme. I was shocked to learn what a huge problem we have in Idaho.”

When Otter took over as Governor, he launched a campaign to proactively address meth awareness. Ronk took the reins and has helped build a successful program.

“Our research indicates significant shifts in attitude about how young people perceive this drug,” Ronk said. “According to national statistics, we saw a 52 percent reduction in teen meth use between 2007 and 2009. Most campaigns are driven by statistics, but in our case, the statistics are human lives. It’s rewarding to know we are making a difference.”

John Reuter ’06. Reuter is President of the City Council in Sandpoint, Idaho. He works as the managing publisher of the Sandpoint Reader, a free weekly newspaper he founded in 2004. Reuter was appointed to the City Council in 2008 at the age of 24, making him the youngest member in Sandpoint history.

“I was asked to serve by the mayor, and I said ‘OK’,” Reuter said. “It’s not a very glamorous story — most things about city council aren’t glamorous. But the decisions we make have a big impact on about 8,000 people who live in Sandpoint.”

Reuter was re-elected to a two-year term last November. Some of his recent projects include creating a parks, recreation and trails master plan, overseeing the construction of a $17 million water treatment plant and redoing the zoning for the city.

“I am attracted to opportunities where what you do makes a difference,” Reuter said. “I don’t see myself doing this forever, but I saw this as an opportunity to have a positive effect on the community and I wanted to be a part of it.”

Ryan Blick ’06. Blick is the Mayor of Castleford, Idaho, a small town of about 275 near Twin Falls. He was elected to the City Council last November and appointed mayor in June after the former mayor stepped down. Blick also was appointed to the 5th District Magistrates Commission by Governor Otter this summer. Blick says he is happy to serve the community in which he grew up.

“Castleford is such a small town that you feel connected to everybody,” Blick said. “I wanted to give back to the community that has given so much to me.”

Blick also works for Gary Blick Trucking, a farming company that has been in his family for three generations. He is considering a career in politics but hasn’t decided yet. For now, his focus is on Castleford.

“We are on a pretty small scale, but we have the same projects and problems that bigger cities have,” Blick said. “We recently put in a multimillion dollar water treatment plant, and we have plans to renovate the sewer system as well. We don’t have a lot of money, so sometimes it’s a big challenge.”

Retired teachers build a legacy of education

College of Idaho alumnus Roy Kapicka and his wife, Chris, have dedicated most of their lives to education. Roy, a 1966 graduate with a master's degree from Florida State, taught math for 35 years at Boise High School and five more at C of I. Chris earned degrees from Boise State (bachelor's), Washington State (master's) and Nevada-Reno (doctorate) and then taught science and nursing in the Treasure Valley for nearly 30 years at West Junior High, Boise High and Northwest Nazarene University.

In 2008, the Kapickas gave C of I $25,000 to establish the “Roy and Chris Kapicka Scholarship Fund.” This year, the couple made another generous donation that will benefit C of I students for years to come, pledging 10 percent of their estate to the College.

“I just have a love for this school,” Roy Kapicka said. “I owe something back. Somebody built this school so I could go here. Somebody helped me, so now it’s my turn to pay it forward and help the future generations.”

The Kapickas’ scholarship is awarded to junior and senior students studying math education, mathematics, computer science or physics. The Kapickas’ future pledge — which today is worth more than $800,000 — will be added to the endowed “Roy and Chris Kapicka Scholarship Fund.”
College recognizes outstanding alumni

The College of Idaho honored the 2010 alumni award winners during Homecoming week. Here is a rundown of this year’s recipients:

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

**David Dawson Weaver, ’61.** Dr. Weaver is a longtime professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He specializes in molecular genetics and has established and directed multiple programs in that field. Dr. Weaver has described 17 new birth defect syndromes, including four which have been named after him.

**Alumni Service Award**

**Rebecca Constantino, ’85.** Constantino is the executive director of Access Books, a non-profit organization that provides books to inner-city libraries. She coordinates about 25 book drives each year and has distributed more than one million books to school and community libraries. Constantino is recipient of the Oprah Winfrey Use Your Life Award and has appeared on Oprah.

**Family Heritage Award**

**Iseri-Simpson Family.** This family has made many contributions to The College of Idaho, including the Iseri Family Scholarship, established in 2008. Among those included in this award are: Dr. Oscar Iseri ’45; Dr. Marc M. Iseri ’68; Margie Iseri Anderson ’69; Patty Sakahara Iseri ’70; Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Iseri Simpson ’72; Janet Iseri Homestead ’75; Dr. Timothy Iseri ’90; Marlene Bivins-Iseri ’90; Dr. Aimee Betts ’96; Alexander J. Pierce ’96; Kelly S. Anderson ’99; Patrick Anderson ’03; and Thomas J. Simpson ’05.

**Young Alumni Awards:**

**JW Robinson, ’00.** Robinson is a forensic scientist with the Montana State Department of Justice.

**Andrew Young, ’00.** Young is a professionalserials and reference librarian for researchers of the United States Treasury’s Departmental Office.

**Special Awards**

**Jesus DeLeon, ’75 and Yolanda DeLeon, ’76.** The DeLeons are recognized by the education department for outstanding achievement in education. Both are longtime educators in the Caldwell area.

**Dr. Rob Dayley.** Dr. Dayley is recognized by the National Alumni Board for his commitment to the liberal arts. Dayley, a professor of political economy at C of I, is the primary architect of the PEAK curriculum.

**New members of the National Alumni Board**

**Kyle Sales ’03; Jennifer (Vroman) Sampson ’96; Jenni Carrier ’99**

To nominate someone for an alumni award, call (208) 459-5770 or email alumni@collegeofidaho.edu
Amarillo, Texas.
at Sam Houston Middle School in
an 8th grade guidance counselor
is working as
Erik buzzard ('83)
1980s
through Pony Club.
in equestrian and advising youth
summer for their involvement
Idaho. The couple was profiled
own a horse farm in Northern
Dr. Richard Neher ('71)
husband
Marcy Neher ('70)
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and Regulatory Oversight at
appointed Director of Contracts
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art jewelry.
Ellen Crosby ('70)
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bachelor's degree in art metals
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Ralph Bunche Elementary School
Kevin Holsinger ('84)
what he hopes will be his 12th patent
relating to lasers and their control as
part of a product development team
at Newport/Spectra-Physics. On
evenings and weekends Holsinger
works on music, practicing his
harp, composing, conducting or
recording. He has recorded five full-
length CDs for clients, and hopes to
make a CD of his own music soon.
J. Scott Smith ('85)
joined Meyers Nave's Sacramento office
as a member of the firm’s writes and
appeals litigation practice group.
Smith, an appellate specialist, has
more than 19 years of experience in
civil appellate and trial litigation.
Kristine Adams-Wannberg ('95)
has earned her certification to be
a certified internal auditor from
the Institute of Internal Auditors.
Adams-Wannberg works as a senior
management auditor for the City of
Portland Auditor’s Office. In June,
Adams-Wannberg gave birth to twin
sons, Andrew and Matthew. Kristine
and her husband, Jeffrey Wannberg,
also have a daughter, Allison.
Jessica Evett ('98)
is excited about
accepting a new job as the Executive
Director of Friends of the Dillon
Ranger District, an organization
that promotes stewardship of the
White River National Forest in
Colorado’s Summit County through
partnerships, volunteer service,
education and support.
April Nelsen Morean ('99)
and her husband TJ Morean recently
welcomed a new baby girl, May
Rose Morean. May Rose weighed
7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 ½
inches long with a full head of
black hair.
Leah Provencio ('99)
and her husband, Kristofer, celebrated the
birth of their daughter, Ruby Grace,
on August 10. Ruby Grace weighed
7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 ½
inches long.
Sara Beitia ('03)
recently published her first book, a noir thriller entitled
The Last Good Place of Lily Odilon,
through Flux Publishing House.
Molly Maas Bruins ('04, MAT '05)
and her husband, Brett Bruins ('04)
are teaching English in China.
Stephanie Burke ('09)
presented at
the National Association for Single
Sex Public Education Conference
in Las Vegas. Burke, an MAT
candidate, works at Middleton
Heights Elementary School.
Nick Collias ('01)
recently published a book entitled John
Collias: Round About the Boise Valley.
The book is a collection of more
than 200 cartoons, posters, pinups,
murals and landscapes painted by
John Collias – Nick’s grandfather
between 1936 and 2010. The
book, released in August, includes
a proclamation by Idaho Governor
C.L. “Butch” Otter ('67).
Alexis Contos ('02)
was named
the Sacajawea Elementary School
Teacher of the Year for going above
and beyond during the past school
year. Each principal in the Caldwell
School District selected one of their
teachers for the award.
Caitlin Copple ('04)
joined Montana Innocence Project staff
as the associate director in July.
Copple has set up Facebook,
LinkedIn, and Twitter pages for
MTIP, and she is developing an
annual fundraising plan.
Emily Dickerson ('09)
has begun
naturopathic medical school at
Bastyr University in Seattle. Bastyr
is a respected leader in natural and
health sciences. Dickerson was one
of 122 students admitted out of
more than 4,000 applicants.
Martin Fujishin ('00)
has been hired
as a full-time viticulture instructor
at Treasure Valley Community
College in Ontario, Oregon.
Fujishin has worked in the wine
industry for several years and runs
his own winery.
Genny Gerke ('08)
is in graduate
school at the University of Idaho,
studying bioregional planning and
community design. Gerke spent the
summer working at ZooBoise in the
Simplot Education Center.
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the National Association for Single
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in Las Vegas. Burke, an MAT
candidate, works at Middleton
Heights Elementary School.
April Nelsen Morean ('99)
and her husband TJ Morean recently
welcomed a new baby girl, May
Rose Morean. May Rose weighed
7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 ½
inches long with a full head of
black hair.
Leah Provencio ('99)
and her husband, Kristofer, celebrated the
birth of their daughter, Ruby Grace,
on August 10. Ruby Grace weighed
7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 ½
inches long.
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Alexis Contos ('02)
was named
the Sacajawea Elementary School
Teacher of the Year for going above
and beyond during the past school
year. Each principal in the Caldwell
School District selected one of their
teachers for the award.
Caitlin Copple ('04)
joined Montana Innocence Project staff
as the associate director in July.
Copple has set up Facebook,
LinkedIn, and Twitter pages for
MTIP, and she is developing an
annual fundraising plan.
Emily Dickerson ('09)
has begun
naturopathic medical school at
Bastyr University in Seattle. Bastyr
is a respected leader in natural and
health sciences. Dickerson was one
of 122 students admitted out of
more than 4,000 applicants.
Martin Fujishin ('00)
has been hired
as a full-time viticulture instructor
at Treasure Valley Community
College in Ontario, Oregon.
Fujishin has worked in the wine
industry for several years and runs
his own winery.
Genny Gerke ('08)
is in graduate
school at the University of Idaho,
studying bioregional planning and
community design. Gerke spent the
summer working at ZooBoise in the
Simplot Education Center.
Ralph Bunche Elementary School
drive that collected 5,000 books for
libraries. She is also the winner of
the 2010 College of Idaho Alumni
Service Award. Constantino’s
foundation recently led a book
drive that collected 5,000 books for
Ralph Bunche Elementary School
in Carson, California.
1990s
Kristine Adams-Wannberg ('95)
has earned her certification to be
a certified internal auditor from
the Institute of Internal Auditors.
Adams-Wannberg works as a senior
management auditor for the City of
Portland Auditor’s Office. In June,
Adams-Wannberg gave birth to twin
sons, Andrew and Matthew. Kristine
and her husband, Jeffrey Wannberg,
also have a daughter, Allison.
Jessica Evett ('98)
is excited about
accepting a new job as the Executive
Director of Friends of the Dillon
Ranger District, an organization
that promotes stewardship of the
White River National Forest in
Colorado’s Summit County through
partnerships, volunteer service,
education and support.
Team supporting the NATO mission in Afghanistan.

**Cynthia Hand (’00)** recently signed a book deal with Harper Collins for three books. The first book, which comes out this winter, is a young adult fiction book entitled *Unearthly.*

**Christine Hanzlik (’04)** has accepted a job as a math teacher at Sparks Middle School in Reno, Nevada.

**Angela Harris (’05)** graduated from the University of Notre Dame in July and moved to McLean, Virginia to begin a job as the Coordinator of Children’s Ministry at Saint Luke Catholic Church.

**LaDonne Harris (’03)** has been hired as an engineer at Murray, Smith & Associates, a Pacific Northwest consulting engineering firm based in Boise. MSA specializes in public infrastructure engineering. Harris, who also has a degree from Rowan University in New Jersey, will work on water planning and design projects.

**Luke Howarth (’09)** is enrolled in law school at the University of Idaho. Howarth also was Idaho’s candidate in Cosmopolitan magazine’s ‘2010 Bachelor of the Year’ contest.

**Andrea Lindberg (’05)** is working for the City of Beaverton, Oregon, managing housing and community service programs. Lindberg works with federal grant funding in the development of affordable rental housing, public service, housing rehabilitation, and other community programs.

**Conlyn McCain (’00) and Stacy (McCarthy) McCain (’99)** welcomed their daughter, Callie Anna, into the world on August 15th. Conlyn is a QA Engineer at IT TradeNetwork and Stacy is an HR Business Analyst at Micron Technology, Inc. Callie Anna is their first child.

**Jenna (McCLean) Mejia (’08) and Matthew Mejia (’09)** celebrated their wedding on August 14. The couple lives in Ontario, Oregon, where Jenna works as a psychosocial rehabilitation specialist and Matthew works as an accounting assistant for the City of Ontario.

**Lupe Mesina (’01)** is practicing family medicine at Group Health in Tacoma, Washington.

**Michelle Mills (’00)** is practicing as a doctor of pediatrics at Bend Memorial Clinic in Oregon. Mills received her medical degree from the University of Utah and previously worked at The Children’s Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

**Sara K. Packebush (’09)** was accepted into the Peace Corps in July. She will serve for two years in Malawi as a Secondary Education Peace Corps volunteer and will teach high school level science classes. Packebush received a biology degree from C of I and previously worked at Blayney Veterinary Clinic. She is one of 150 volunteers working in Malawi and one of 42 Idaho residents serving in the Peace Corps.

**Mellisa Paul (’01)** is working as a broadcaster at KXTV News 10, an ABC affiliate in Sacramento. Paul does the midday weather report and occasional morning shows.

**Bill Punkoney (’05) and Sarah (Goodsell) Punkoney (’04, ’05)** are living in Tampa. Bill recently passed the Idaho State Bar Exam and is working at White Peterson law firm. Sarah is teaching a course in art education at The College of Idaho.

**Rebecca (Barnard) Rynearson (’06)** is working at Washington Elementary School in Caldwell. She recently helped the school receive a $10,000 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) grant from Idaho National Laboratory.

**Justin “J.D.” Smith (’03)** and his wife, Chrissy, welcomed their first child, Alan Jeffrey “AJ” Smith this past December. Smith is running his own appraisal business.

**Ciara Tippin (’07)** recently gave birth to her first child, a healthy baby boy.

**Jessica Tollestrup (’06)** is working as an analyst at the Congressional Research Service. The position is through the Presidential Management Fellowship. Jessica and her husband, Jason Tollestrup (’05), relocated to Washington D.C. this summer.

**Cassandra Painter (’10)** has received a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, a prestigious award for students of superior academic ability. The fellowship allows students to undertake study at the doctoral or master of fine arts level, mostly in fields of arts, humanities and social sciences. The award can be worth up to $45,000 per year. Painter is currently enrolled in a doctorate program in history at the University of Rochester in New York.

**Ali Rabie (’10)** is at William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia. The former C of I student body president is one of 237 students to be accepted into the Class of 2013 out of more than 6,200 applicants.

Send class notes by mail to 2112 Cleveland Boulevard, Caldwell, Idaho 83605 (Attn. Alumni).
The following alumni and friends of the College have passed away. When you learn of the death of a College of Idaho alumni, please email the information to alumni@collegeofidaho.edu.

Warren Barr Knox, who served as The College of Idaho’s sixth president from 1964 to 1973, passed away Saturday, August 14, 2010 in Boise. Knox was 84. During his tenure, Knox helped establish several landmarks that distinguish the C of I campus today, including Boone Hall science center, Hayman Hall dormitory, Terteling Library and the President’s Home. The son of LaVerne and Bertha Knox, Warren Knox was born in 1925 in Whittier, California. Knox’s wife, Nancy, passed away in 2003. Knox is survived by his sons Charles ’72 and John, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1930s
Marjorie Lue (Ward) Dresser (’39)
Paul E. Hayman (’37)
Harry A. Wade (’37)

1940s
Katharine B. (Tuller) Chronic (’42)
M. Ted Dixon (’42)
Harold “Doc” E. Hammerquist (’47)
Inez C. (Ingersoll) Hultz (’41)
Bernice M. (Stang) Johnson (’47)
Audrey May (Smith) Kaylor (’49)
Anna Montgomery (’40)
Dr. Leslie Montgomery (’44)
Ralph Smeed (’44)

1950s
Diane E. (Reeder) Conrad (’58)
Kathryn (Kerrick) Dille (’51)
Horace E. Dresser (’59)

1960s
Nancy Jean Amodeo (’62)
LeRoy Abe (’67)
Frank Charlton (GD ’68)
Charles F. Evans (’66)
Bruce E. Fox (’61)
William E. Gilliam (’61)
Charles R. Hagler (’61)
William Lankford (’68)
Lynn Michael Neher (’62)
Polly Parmalee (’63)

1970s
John R. Grainger (’74)
Clifford Northway (’74)
Catherine D. “Kay” (Peters) Oswald (GD, ’75)

1980s
Inga Christine Espe (’86)

1990s
Michael L. Trunnell (GD ’91)

2000s
Andrea R.M. Hunter (’00)
Autumn R. (Klink) Sutton (’00)

FRIENDS
Philip Eldredge
Virginia Gabbard

GD denotes graduate degree

Eric Yensen ’66

Distribution, Ecology, and Conservation of the Medium and Large Mammals of Bolivia
Foundation Simon I. Patiño
Edited by Robert B. Wallace, Humberto Gomez, Zulia R. Porcel and Damian I. Rumiz. [Book is in Spanish; title is translated here.]

This book treats the distribution and ecology of Bolivian large and medium-sized mammals. Bolivia is a large country located in the Amazon River Basin of South America. Yensen, a professor of biology at The College of Idaho, coauthored five chapters of the book: Chapter 16 on Mustelidae (weasels and relatives); Chapter 17 on Mephitidae (skunks); Chapter 25 on Sciuridae (squirrels); Chapter 27 on Caviidae (guinea pigs and relatives); and Chapter 26 on Caviidae (guinea pigs and relatives). Yensen has been to Bolivia eight times, including once as a Fulbright Scholar and once as part of a National Geographic Society exploration. His wife, Teresa Tarifa, a research associate of the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History, is a Bolivian mammalogist who authored or co-authored seven chapters of the book (chapters on armadillos, anteaters, weasels and relatives, skunks, chinchillas and relatives, guinea pigs and relatives, and rabbits).

Mary Laura (Knapp) Gore (’58)
Donald L. Hamblin (’55)
Maurice R. Hamby (’59)
Neil A. (Pierson) Iddings (GD, ’58)
Richard E. McIntyre (’50)
George S. Nakano (’57)
Charlotte (Graham) Silver (’50, GD in ’65)
Ray Vern Steele Jr. (’57)
Lloyd E. Whelchel (’51)

1980s
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2000s
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Diane Raptosh ’83

The Prose Poem Project
Equinox Publishing

The Prose Poem Project is an online and print magazine devoted to poetry. Raptosh, a professor of English and creative writing at The College of Idaho, has new poems appearing in both the Summer 2010 and Fall 2010 issues. Raptosh has published three books of poetry and has appeared in over a dozen poetry journals and publications. She also is a winner of the 2009 Tribute to Women in Industry Award, the 2008 International Canadian Studies Institute Fellowship and three Idaho Commission on the Arts Creative Writing Fellowships. The Prose Poem Project can be read online at www.prose-poems.com/index.html.

Robert Dayley

“State-Led Economic Development” and “Trade Diplomacy” in The Encyclopedia of Political Science
Congressional Quarterly Press

The Encyclopedia of Political Science is a new comprehensive, five-volume reference work of 1,500 A-Z interpretive essays and articles that trace the evolution of political theories, concepts, and research methods in the field. Dayley, a professor of political economy at The College of Idaho, published two articles in the encyclopedia upon invitation of the American Political Science Association.
Enjoying Life while Battling Cancer

BY HOWARD BERGER

Well, I have it: cancer. But except for my missing class and the pain from the surgery, it is not a big deal. I know I will beat this thing. But when these things happen, how are we to feel? What is the proper response to upheaval?

Every morning, I open my Siddur to begin Morning Prayer. After a few poems written in the Middle Ages, there is the story of the Akeidah taken from the 22nd chapter of Genesis. It is the story of God demanding Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah. Why is that story there? Why should that story be read early in the morning? It is there to tell you that harsh demands will be made on you — maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, maybe not next year — but some kind of financial, emotional or physical upheaval IS COMING and you have to find the inner strength or courage to deal with it. And no one can find that strength for you. You have to find it and act on it. I know how I find it.

In the 13th chapter of Deuteronomy comes the most important of all Biblical commands: “Choose Life!” I do not see Life in this sense as just the proper working of my organs. I see life as that which makes our days, months and years meaningful and, most importantly, enjoyable. When the radiologist told me “You have a malignant and aggressive cancer,” my first response was to ask myself what I would miss most in life if I died tomorrow. That is how I know how to live TODAY!

First of all, I will spend lots of time with the people I love most — my friends. That means superb dinners with vintage wines, finished off with vintage ports and cognacs. It means more trips to great casinos and restaurants in Las Vegas. It means traveling to distant places to have great dinners with former students and not worrying about the price!

Secondly, it will mean making my classroom experiences even more dynamic and pleasurable (once my bandages come off). Even more than the pain after the painkillers wear off, missing class is THE most difficult part of this experience for me. It means standing up to cancer will make me an even better professor and friend. I will end the Fall Semester with a bang and I am working now to make sure my winter and spring courses are just plain knockouts!

Thirdly, it means that I must work harder than ever to realize my legacy — the first Chair of Judaic Studies in the Intermountain West. And this work, meeting donors and praising the College, is wonderfully meaningful and exciting!

Fourthly, it means making plans NOW for great things to come. Even now, my next trip to Jerusalem is on my mind. Staying at better hotels in Tel Aviv and Eilat this summer can be expected. Even now, as a few people know, I am planning the BIGGEST, GRANDEST EVENT at The College of Idaho for next spring!

My bout with cancer is simply an unpleasant, but absolutely temporary interruption in my very, very good LIFE! This is why it was wise of the ancient rabbis to insert the Akeidah, the binding and near murder of Isaac on Mount Moriah, at the beginning of the Siddur. The story teaches so many, many things and one takes from the story many, many things, depending on one’s life at the moment. The Jewish Tradition has always taught that Life is immensely difficult and that even the high and mighty must “walk through the Valley of Death.” And often it teaches that the “good die young” and that “the wicked prosper.” The Jewish Tradition offers absolutely no guarantees about anything. My job — my responsibility — as a tiny particle swimming in that tradition is to face upheaval with — for lack of a better term — balls! Everyone faces upheavals and some can claim they have faced more than others, but that doesn’t matter. Today, this is the one I have to confront. And so into battle I go. I choose from the many weapons that my Jewish Tradition provides to arm myself with pleasure and joy as I battle this cold and impersonal threat. I will arm myself with my wonderful plans for the future, shouting to cancer, “You will not interrupt even ONE of them!”

So I share with all of you what I would tell these perverted cancer cells that enter my body like Al-Qaida terrorists: “There you guys are, thinking you rock me with fear, and here I am overflowing with great plans for my classes, for next summer and for a GREAT SPRING EVENT, and here I am bursting to try new wines and cognacs with great friends! Do I really have to say WHICH OF US WILL PREVAIL? You guys are going to hit the curb hard!!”

DR. HOWARD BERGER is a history professor at The College of Idaho. He is working toward establishing a Chair of Judaic Studies at the College, which would be the first of its kind in the Intermountain West. Next time you are on campus, look for Dr. Berger on his famous shaded bench outside Hendren Hall.
Neva Geisler finds her calling giving back to the community through her work at United Way. Here she talks about the important role of service and volunteerism in the Treasure Valley:

**Quest: What made you decide to get into volunteer work?**
I always wanted to make positive change in the world. I thought I would be doing that through politics, but for me, community engagement has been very rewarding. I grew up in Boise and went to college in Caldwell, so this is my community. I am really vested in it and I really care about the Treasure Valley.

**Quest: Were you involved in any volunteer work when you were at C of I?**
I interned for the Idaho Women’s Network, which worked on issues relating to equal pay and education for women. I was also an active member of 4H until I aged out of it. But I would say the education I got at the College played a pivotal role in my life. I wouldn’t be doing what I’m doing had I not gone to C of I.

**Quest: What kinds of community projects have you worked on through United Way?**
Traditionally, United Way raised money and gave it back out to the community through grants. But six years ago, a volunteer component was added. I was fortunate enough to be the first person in that position here in the Treasure Valley. I’ve had the opportunity to create a searchable online database of volunteer opportunities. We’ve created DIRT (Direct Impact Response Team), a once-a-month volunteer program that tackles dirty or undesirable projects. We have the United Way Junior Service Club, which involves junior high kids engaging in service learning. We launched a hunger awareness program called Hunger Bites this past spring. We partnered with One Stone to create an alternative spring break for high schoolers called Breakthrough, a two-day local service project. We’ve started corporate volunteer programs. There really are a lot of ways people can get involved.

**Quest: How important is volunteer work in our local community?**
There is a tremendous need, especially in Canyon County. Eighty percent of the children in the Caldwell school system live in poverty. We are doing a lot of work in Caldwell to improve the school-readiness of kids, the graduation rate and the college-going rate. I would encourage people to volunteer! No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

**Quest: How strong is the connection between C of I and the Caldwell community?**
It’s growing, and I think that’s so positive because the community has so much need and the College is a tremendous resource of talent. I brought the Junior Service Club to C of I to see what service looks like at the college level and the kids got to talk to professor Diane Raptosh and student Keats Conley. We are launching a DIRT program in Caldwell this month, and the College has been really helpful in getting that up and running. C of I also is hosting a poverty simulation, which is an eye-opening experience. And we are working together to organize a Martin Luther King Day service project in Caldwell. I think the developing relationship is really exciting.

Want to get involved in the community? Join the Alumni Volunteer Corps from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on December 9 at the Boise Rescue Mission. For more details, contact the alumni department at (208) 459-5770 or alumni@collegeofidaho.edu.
For a complete schedule of events, please visit www.collegeofidaho.edu and go to Alumni Calendar. Event times and dates are subject to change. For more information, email alumni@collegeofidaho.edu or call (208) 459-5770.

**NOVEMBER**

18  Magic Valley Alumni Event hosted by Ryan & Arlena Blick ’06 (Buhl)
    Alumni Book Club featuring Dr. Robert Dayley (Boise)
    Alumni Volunteer Corps, Hope’s Door (Caldwell)

22  North Idaho/Spokane Alumni & Admissions Event hosted by Bob & Leslee Hoover (Coeur d’Alene)

**DECEMBER**

1   Holiday Baking Class hosted by Justin Waldron ’04 (Boise)
7   Men’s Basketball Game at Northwest Nazarene University
8   Ada County Luncheon (Boise)
9   Family Day at the Nutcracker with Caldwell Fine Arts (Campus)
    Alumni Volunteer Corps, Boise Rescue Mission (Boise)
11  Family Event: North Pole Express (Horseshoe Bend)
14  Half-Century Luncheon (Campus)
16  Alumni Book Club holiday party hosted by First Lady Laurie Henberg (Caldwell)
19  Holiday Casino Party (Boise)

**JANUARY**

12  Ada County Luncheon (Boise)
15  Coyote Connections (Campus)
16  Ski & Snowboard Team Welcome Event (McCall)
18  Half-Century Luncheon (Campus)
20  Alumni Book Club featuring Dr. Kerry Hunter (Nampa)
21-22 Sundance Film Festival Weekend hosted by Tom Keene ’80 (Ogden, Utah)

**FEBRUARY**

1   Business Occupations Happy Hour (Boise)
4   Eastern Oregon University Fun Bus (men’s basketball at Eastern Oregon)
8   International Student Organization Alumni Cooking Class (Boise)
9   Ada County Luncheon (Boise)
10  Health Care Occupations Happy Hour (Boise)
16  Volunteer Corps Veteran’s Home Bingo (Boise)
17  Alumni Book Club featuring Dr. Rick Williams ’74 (Eagle)
22  College of Idaho Day at the Capitol (Boise)
    GOLD Happy Hour (Boise)
25  National Alumni Board Meeting (Campus)
    Campaign Kickoff and Black Tie Scholarship Gala (Boise)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- **March 9-12**  USSCA Ski and Snowboard Nationals hosted by The College of Idaho at Sun Valley Resort
- **May 19-21**  Decade Reunions for Class of 1941, ’51, ’61, ’71, ’81, ’91, ’01 (Campus)
- **May 20**  Class of 1961 Golden Jubilee Luncheon (Campus)
- **May 21**  Commencement (Campus)

You can make a lasting difference at The College of Idaho with a bequest directed to student scholarships, faculty support and other priority projects and programs. Make a bequest today and become a member of the Legacy Society. To learn more, contact Chuck Knox ’72 at (208) 459-5405 or through email at cknox@collegeofidaho.edu.
Built in 1912 as the College Heights Station on the electric trolley line known as the Boise Loop, “The Hat” is the fourth-oldest structure on The College of Idaho campus. It was originally enclosed, as shown in this photo taken by C of I founder William Judson Boone. The warming hut was converted to four pillars in 1918. Since the trolley’s demise in 1928, “The Hat” has served as a bus stop. The College and the Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission completed a restoration of “The Hat” in autumn of 2010.

**Remembering When** features images from the collections of the Robert E Smylie Archives.