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A sought-after spokeswoman and TV personality, Bobbie Thomas '97 is parlaying her psychology degree and life lessons into a profession helping others bloom – despite their potentially difficult beginnings.

**On the Cover:**  
Bobbie Thomas poses for photos to promote her new book, "The Power of Style: Everything You Need to Know Before You Get Dressed Tomorrow."  
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# From the President



Generations have known that a University of Idaho education provides a launching pad for careers and opportunities. For some, more than others, this has proven to be literally true.

In this edition of Here We Have Idaho, you'll meet alumnus Tom Mueller, whose teachers inspired him to leave his small logging town to pursue an engineering degree. Today, he's vice president of propulsion engineering for SpaceX, the privately funded company that designed and launched the unmanned spacecraft that resupplied the International Space Station last year.

Also in this issue, you'll read about Bobbie Thomas. Her career among the stars – in this case, of the cultural variety – took off after she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Idaho. Today, she orbits around cultural luminaries as a well-known style maven.

You'll also read about one of our faculty stars – Professor Daniel Bukvich. A Vandal legend for three

decades, he continues mentoring thousands of music students while promoting music education around the globe.

He's recognized as one of the 50 most influential band composers of the 20th century and was honored among our inaugural class of University Distinguished Professors.

The stories of these and the many other Vandals in this issue underscore our legacy of leading our nation, our state and our world.

With the launch of 2013 – ripe with challenges and opportunities – we're focusing on an ever-brighter future. We're making progress in our \$225 million capital campaign, Inspiring Futures: Invest in the University of Idaho. It will help us reach the stars as a 21st-century land-grant research university – your university.

*M. Duane Nellis*

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# Research News

## New Research Clearinghouse Pools Water Data in Coeur d'Alene

Coeur d'Alene



From its Coeur d'Alene center on the banks of the Spokane River, the University of Idaho is joining a consortium of partners to establish and operate a new center aimed at harnessing and making publicly available an ever-growing flow of water research information.

The new Community Water Resources Center – housed at the university's Coeur d'Alene site – is designed to become a trusted clearinghouse of scientific findings for such entities as the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, city planners, teachers and community organizations.

"We've modeled the center to engage the broadest range of stakeholders," said Charles Buck, associate vice president of the U-Idaho's Coeur d'Alene center.

"Our goal is to provide a continuous, open forum for discussion on how best to preserve and protect the abundant and beautiful water resources that grace our state and beyond. The center is a resource for crucial data in support of these efforts," he said.

It draws on existing resources such as the Northwest Knowledge Network (a complex data management system) and the collective research, data and intellectual property of all partners, allowing them to share vital information among themselves and with the public.

Additionally, the center supports such U-Idaho initiatives as the Back to the Earth program, which teaches culturally relevant environmental stewardship to American Indian students; the Master Water Steward program, which trains citizen scientists to become effective stewards of local streams; and programs for the Upward Bound Math Science program, which aims to bring STEM education opportunities to high-achieving low-income students.

For information about joining the partnership or using the center contact: Ashley McFarland, IDAH2O program coordinator and UI Area Extension Educator, at [ida2o@uidaho.edu](mailto:ida2o@uidaho.edu) or (208) 292-1287.

~ Donna Emert

## Symposium to Help Communities Tackle What to Do With Waste

Boise



Wastewater treatment and solid waste management are critical concerns for today's city planners, commercial developers, elected officials and facilities operators nationwide.

These leaders will find support from professionals and peers at the upcoming University of Idaho's President's Sustainability Symposium.

The March 20 event — Community Stewardship for Economic Benefits: Wastewater Treatment and Solid Waste Management — will be offered concurrently in two locations, with experts at each who'll be linked up with both audiences through video teleconferencing.

Attendees will gather at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene and the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Focusing on sustainability from the perspective of cost-savings and economic development, the symposium will showcase cost-saving practices, scale-appropriate technologies, economic development opportunities and case studies from Idaho communities.

College and university students may attend a student forum at either location on March 19. Student sessions will focus on trends in community sustainability, campus sustainability success stories, student advocacy and networking. A career reception will wrap up the day and give students an opportunity to talk with professionals working on these issues around the greater region.

The March 19 event for students will take place in the afternoon. Admission is free but registration is required.

The daylong March 20 event for professionals is \$75. Register online at:

[www.uidaho.edu/president/sustainability-symposium](http://www.uidaho.edu/president/sustainability-symposium).

The symposium is being organized through the University of Idaho's Office of Community Partnerships: [www.uidaho.edu/communitypartnerships](http://www.uidaho.edu/communitypartnerships).

~ Amanda Cairo

## Campus Memories, Moments Preserved on Library Website



The University of Idaho Library has added two new ways to look back at school history without leaving home. Digitized collections of Vandal videos and Gem of the Mountains yearbooks are now available online.

The Vandal Video Collection, which spans 1925 to 1997, includes films of exciting athletic victories. Some of the earliest footage shows Moscow, the campus and a leather-helmet football game between U-Idaho and USC.

The athletic department and Vandal Boosters transferred the originals of 160 historic Vandal football and basketball training and scouting films to the library between 1984 and 2000. The library digitized them in 2010 and 2011.

Non-professional cinematographers shot the footage, so none included audio. Each video is identified by game date, just as the originals were identified. Some recorded only portions of a game, such as special teams' plays.

The newly digitized Gem of the Mountains Yearbook Collection showcases downloadable versions of each issue of the university's yearbook from 1903 to 2004.

The yearbooks contain a wealth of U-Idaho history. The early volumes feature stories and photographs of long-forgotten traditions, such as an annual sophomore-freshman fight that took place each St. Patrick's Day, the Homecoming bonfire and the Gem Beauty Queen awards, which in 1948 were judged by Bing Crosby.

All issues can be viewed on both desktop and mobile devices and browsed in a magazine-like format. The entire collection is full-text searchable, allowing users to search for any alumna or alumnus.

Browse the Vandal Video Collection by date, location and/or team at [www.lib.uidaho.edu/digital/vandalvideo/](http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/digital/vandalvideo/).

View the Gem of the Mountains Digital Yearbook Collection at [www.lib.uidaho.edu/digital/gem](http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/digital/gem).

~ Nancy Nilles

## New Computer Apps May Soon Help U.S. Cut Energy Use



Hospitals, schools, malls, homes and commercial buildings devour nearly half of all energy consumed in the United States. Most of it goes to heat, ventilate and cool buildings, said University of Idaho's Milos Manic, an associate professor and director of the computer science program at the Idaho Falls center, and a researcher at the nearby Center for Advanced Energy Studies, or CAES.

Large buildings may soon use significantly less energy thanks to a pair of new computer applications Manic (pronounced MAHN-yich) and his team have created.

One app is for building occupants, the other for building managers.

Here's how they work: the first app allows occupants to send brief updates by smartphones or computers on whether their work spaces are comfortable and if not, why. That's coupled with readings from self-powered sensors – also designed by Manic's team and placed inside the building.

Building managers then use touch-screen tablets to pull up the aggregated data – displayed as illustrations of conditions building-wide. Data in hand, managers could adjust systems, predict building usage patterns and quickly hone in on problems like clogged ductwork or system failures.

"Each building is a living organism," Manic said. "With these tools we can illustrate how and when buildings are being used and easily identify problems with indoor temperatures, lighting and other anomalies.

"Just as importantly, we've concentrated on writing intuitive software that's easy for everyone to use," he said.

CAES is funding the research. Oversight comes from the Idaho National Laboratory's Raymond Grosshans, deputy director of the CAES, and Craig Rieger, technical primary investigator on the project.

The Center for Advanced Energy Studies:  
[tinyurl.com/caes-energy](http://tinyurl.com/caes-energy)

~ Paula M. Davenport

A photograph of a rocket launch. The rocket is ascending vertically, leaving a large plume of white and orange smoke and fire at its base. The sky is a clear, bright blue. A large, bright sun is visible in the upper right corner, creating a starburst effect. A tall, thin tower structure is visible to the right of the rocket. The word "VIRGINIA" is visible on the side of the rocket.

# Launch Pad for Success

Engineering Alumnus'  
Dreams Lift Off

By Amanda Cairo



“There's so much more I want to do though, as we work toward manned missions.”

For Tom Mueller '85, shooting off hobby rockets in his grandfather's field was just a fun way to pass the time as a boy growing up in a small logging town. He was expected to follow his father and become a logger in St. Maries, Idaho.

As he watched those models zoom into the sky, the boy never imagined that one day he'd be sending real rockets into space. The rockets are bigger now, and Mueller's long fascination with jet propulsion has fueled a career that's now helping supply the International Space Station. Mueller is vice president of propulsion engineering at Space Exploration Technologies Corp., or SpaceX, which made history in October by completing the first commercial cargo mission to the space station.

“I couldn't have even imagined the possibilities as I was standing in that field,” Mueller said in a recent telephone interview from his California workplace. “I've gone far past my wildest dreams back then. There's so much more I want to do though, as we work toward manned missions.”

Mueller's trajectory began after he showed mechanical aptitude on a middle school career test, and a future as an airplane mechanic came up. It was his high school geometry teacher,



Mr. Hines, who took Mueller aside and encouraged him to do more.

“Mr. Hines asked me if I wanted to be the guy who fixes the airplane, or the guy who designs them,” Mueller recalled. “No one had asked me that before. I'm really grateful he saw something in me.”

Mueller took a long, hard look around St. Maries, population 2,500, and set his course to follow in his uncle's footsteps, heading to the nearby University of Idaho to pursue

Photo inset: Tom Mueller stands with the Merlin rocket engines at SpaceX's headquarters.

The SpaceX Dragon commercial cargo craft is grappled last October by the International Space Station's robotic arm. It was NASA's first contracted cargo delivery flight, designated SpaceX CRS-1, to the station.

his mechanical engineering degree. He spent summers working alongside his father, who was a log truck driver. The hard days sawing and sweating in the woods paid for his education, and strengthened his resolve to graduate.

"Logging is hard work, and I knew it wasn't for me," Mueller said. "Working those summers with my father made me more determined to finish school."

While his high school had a good science program and he'd earned his way into national science fairs, Mueller was excited by the technology he found at the university and the level of freedom he had in the lab. He soaked up everything he could.

"I liked the hands-on lab work, the projects we were doing and the resources and equipment we had access to," he said. "I certainly learned a lot from my professors, so I felt prepared after I graduated."

Diploma in hand, Mueller took a risk. He passed up regional job offers and headed to California with his wife to be part of the aerospace epicenter. There, he attended a job fair and came away with three interviews.

"It was a good experience for me. My résumé wasn't impressive, but in person, my passion and drive really helped," Mueller said.

He landed his first job in satellite design, but remained more interested in the science of jet propulsion. Soon, he was developing liquid

rocket engines. As Mueller delved further into his research, he was drawn to California's amateur rocket club scene, where he learned from other enthusiasts on the weekends. He also pursued a master's degree at Loyola Marymount University.

In 2002, Mueller was introduced to Elon Musk, who was in the process of taking his company PayPal public. Their conversation focused on what it would take to develop a low-cost, reliable launch vehicle and send it into space. After many more introductions and planning meetings, Mueller eventually became SpaceX's first hire.

"It was definitely a high-risk move," Mueller said. "There were a lot of people who were trying to do this, but we had the right mix of ideas, people and capital."

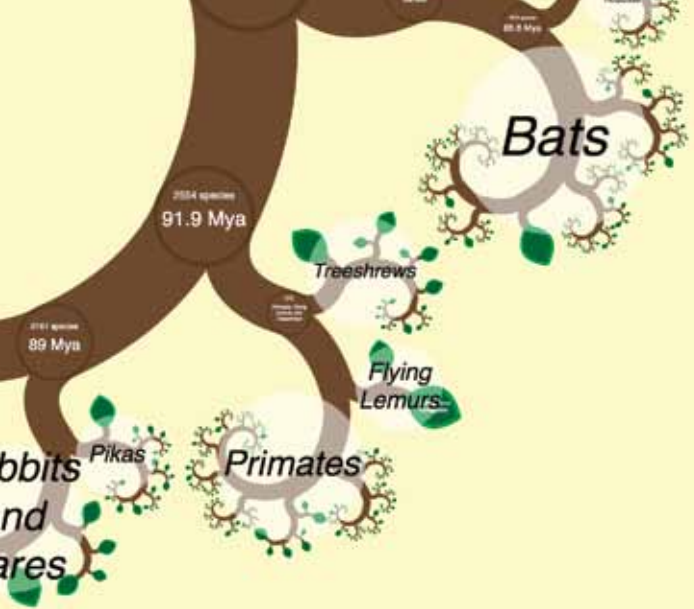
While SpaceX is flying unmanned missions to supply the International Space Station, Mueller is still looking forward to crewed space flight. From his first introduction to rockets, it's always been at the heart of his dream. That dream got closer to reality in January, when SpaceX announced that it hopes to launch astronauts into orbit as early as 2015.

"It's such an exciting time in rocket development," Mueller said. "We've come so far in our research, and I look forward to where we can go from here. There were a lot of naysayers in the beginning; people who said 'you won't be able to do that.' But we did." ■





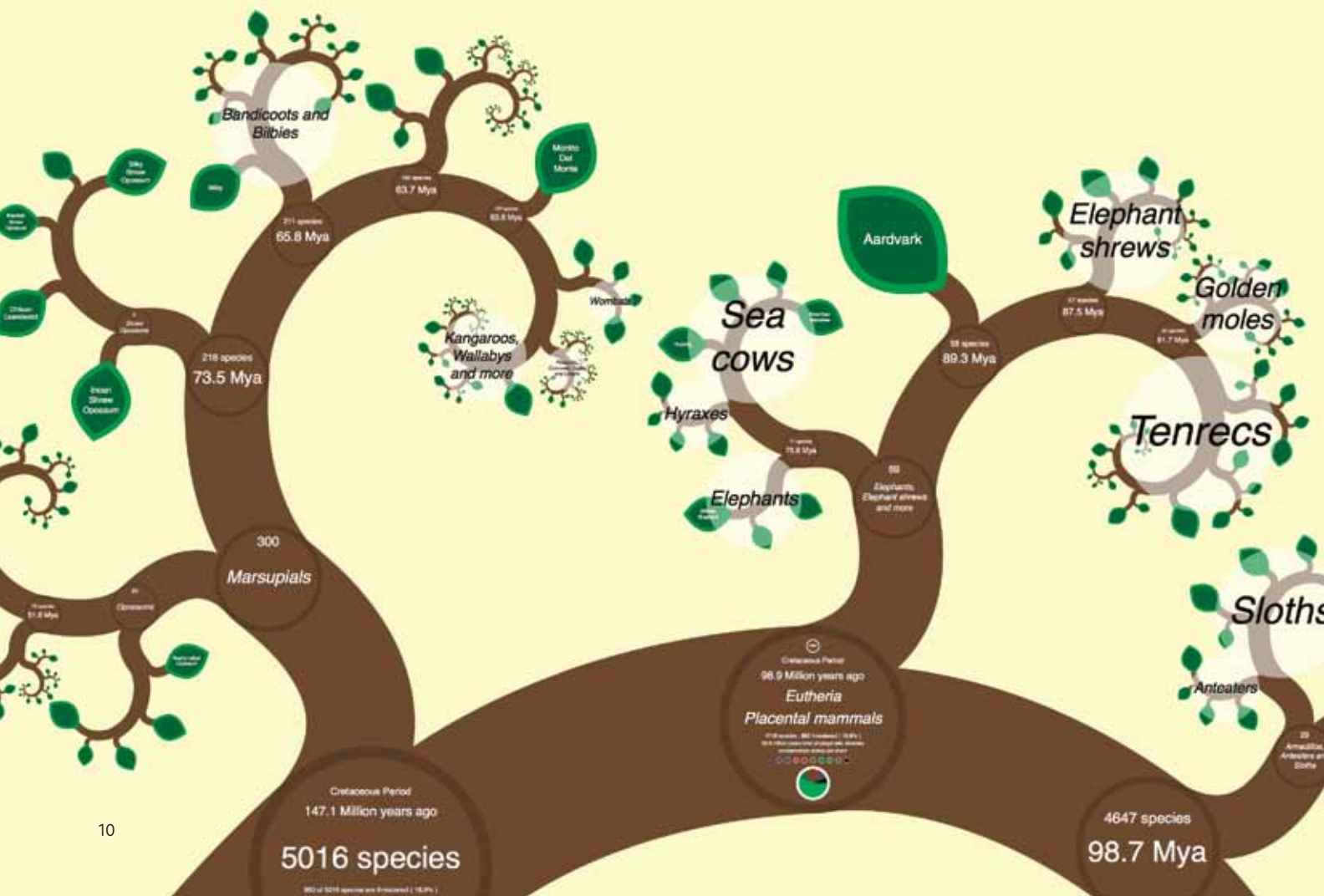
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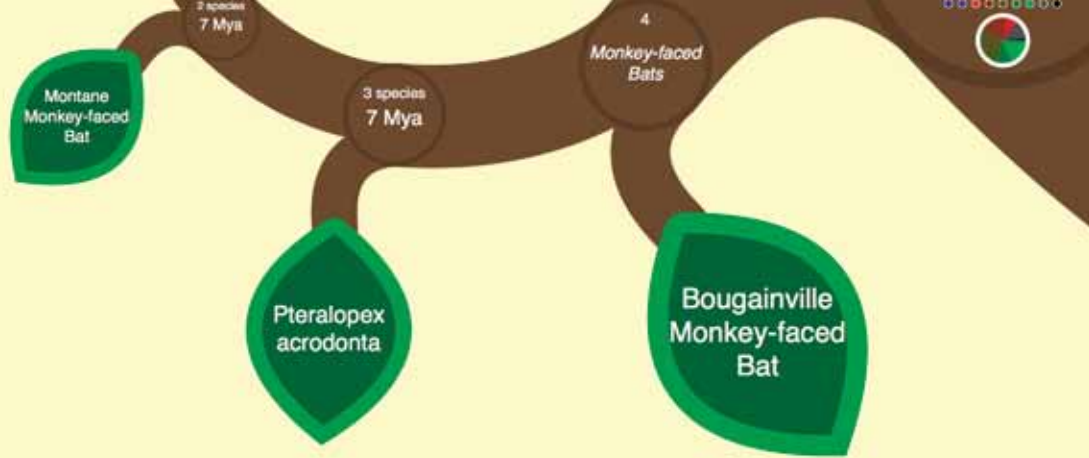


# Visualizing a Vast World

By Tara Roberts

Professor helps develop website that brings the tree of life to life





Earth is home to more than two million known species, interconnected across millions of years of evolution.

To map the relationships among these species, biologists build elaborate phylogenies, which are sort of like family trees. Now a new website aims to visualize these millions of connections in a way that's accessible for even the nonscientists among us.

OneZoom turns a simple illustration of the tree of life into an interactive interface, where users can explore by zooming deeper into the branches to reveal greater detail. The tree's branches represent evolutionary connections through time, while its leaves show identified modern species. The site's three trees represent mammals, birds and amphibians, with reptiles coming soon.

"If you look at a document, you're seeing a one-dimensional story," OneZoom creator James Rosindell says. "What OneZoom gives you is the ability to explore interactively."

Rosindell, a research associate at Imperial College London, worked as a visiting postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Idaho in the

laboratory of Luke Harmon, an associate professor of biological sciences. Harmon's research and support have been vital to the OneZoom project.

Harmon studies phylogenies at U-Idaho and is principal investigator on the \$4 million National Science Foundation project "Arbor: Comparative Analysis Workflows for the Tree of Life." The Arbor project is creating software to help researchers analyze trees of life to better understand topics such as extinction rates, why some animal groups are more diverse and why some groups evolve more quickly.

Data from Arbor and other tree-of-life projects will eventually make OneZoom even more informative. Right now, each species' leaf includes information about population and conservation status, as well as a Wikipedia link. Rosindell says the

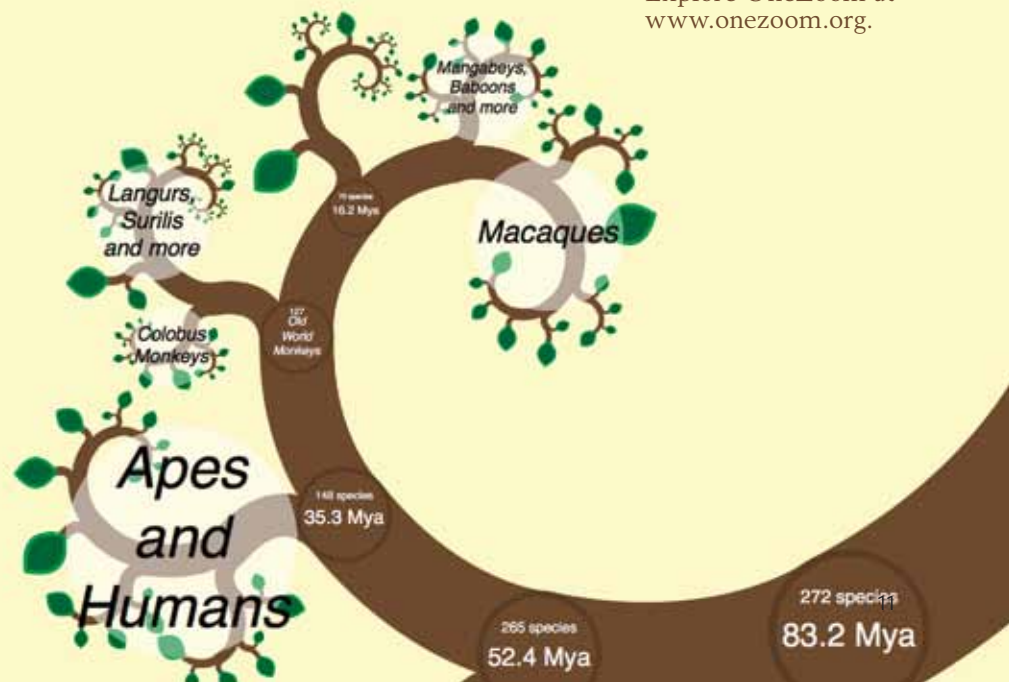
site plans to add "microdots," encompassing embedded text, photos, maps or even whole books of information, which users can access when they zoom in for more detailed views.

While everyone can now explore OneZoom online, Rosindell and Harmon envision zoos, aquariums and museums one day using the information-dense website to help teach their visitors.

Harmon says projects like OneZoom can help people better understand how evolution works and appreciate how it affects such areas as medicine, engineering and industry. For example, studies of antibiotic resistance rely heavily on evolutionary information about bacteria.

"Evolution's not just some kind of abstract idea," Harmon says. "It's just another example of science making people's lives better." ■

Explore OneZoom at [www.onezoom.org](http://www.onezoom.org).



# Inspiring Futures

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Kim Barnes  
Faculty  
English Department

Alumni and friends of the University of Idaho continue to inspire the futures of students, faculty and staff through their generous support of the Inspiring Futures: Invest in the University of Idaho capital campaign.

As of Dec. 31, funds raised toward the \$225 million goal reached 80 percent. That's \$180 million pledged or received.

The last few months of the year are a time of giving, and in 2012, generous alumni and friends showed their support of the university with significant contributions.

Among those, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation announced a \$3 million gift to the College of Education to establish the Doceō Center for Innovation and Learning.

Seattle philanthropists Tom Alberg and Judi Beck donated \$3.3 million to establish the university's first fully funded endowed chair, a pair of graduate student fellowships and a faculty excellence fund, as well as to support the construction of a new classroom building at the university's Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery in Moscow.



## J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation – \$3 million Gift will establish Doceõ Center for Innovation and Learning at College of Education

“The collaboration between the Albertson Foundation and the University of Idaho to enhance existing pedagogy is indicative of our mission as a national research university,” said M. Duane Nellis, president of the University of Idaho.

“The research findings we anticipate as a result of this partnership will enable teachers and students to make the best choices in how we, as a state and nation, embrace technology in the classroom well into the 21st century,” Nellis said.

The Doceõ Center will be launched in the spring of 2013 and will encompass the latest hardware and software available to educators.

Corinne Mantle-Bromley, dean of the University of Idaho’s College of Education, said the centers will help Idaho

and other states gain a much deeper understanding of technology’s influence on student learning.

Research and evaluation of research findings will help inform the education community and contribute to the most effective strategies for blending technology into teaching, Mantle-Bromley said.

“What makes this funding so important is the research function that it supports. We will constantly be studying new, emerging technology tools. It will provide classroom teachers and school administrators with powerful information and findings on best practices. We will have the opportunity to partner with teachers as we study technology and its impact on P-12 student learning,” she said.



Anthony S. Davis with Pitkin Forest Nursery staff and students



Anthony S. Davis



Tom Alberg and Judi Beck

## Tom Alberg and Judi Beck – \$3.3 million Gift will fund endowed chair, graduate fellowships and more

“This generous gift from Tom and Judi is a landmark moment for the University of Idaho,” said M. Duane Nellis, president of the University of Idaho. “Their philanthropic kindness and engagement in our continued vision as a national research university is inspiring.”

The recipient of the new Tom Alberg and Judith Beck Chair is professor Anthony S. Davis in the College of Natural Resources, or CNR. Davis directs the college’s Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling Research in Moscow. He is a professor of native plant regeneration and silviculture in CNR’s Department of Forest, Rangeland and Fire Sciences.

“Having a named endowed chair allows the University to attract and retain the finest faculty members to our university and programs,” said Nellis. “Anthony Davis is a leader in his field and a leading faculty member in his department and the college.”

In addition, the Oxbow Graduate Fellowships will enable the college to attract top-tier graduate students whose educations will include first-hand experience with the commercial side of their profession, said Kurt Pregitzer, dean of CNR.

The donors said one reason they chose to give to the university is because they appreciate the quality education their son, now a senior, has received at the University of Idaho.

Here’s the breakdown of how their gift will be distributed:

- \$2 million will fund the endowed chair in perpetuity.
- \$1 million will fund two new graduate fellowships for a 10-year period: Each fellow will spend one year in residency at the Oxbow Center for Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment, a nursery in Carnation, Wash., and a second year of residency on the Moscow campus. Funding will also support research expenditures, faculty advising and travel.
- \$225,000 will cover costs associated with constructing a new classroom building at the Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery to support research, teaching and nursery operations.
- \$100,000 will create an endowed faculty excellence fund in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The Inspiring Futures campaign aims to bring in \$225 million by the end of 2014, the 125th anniversary of the university’s founding. Of the \$180 million in gifts received or pledged, \$58 million is going toward students or scholarships; \$43 million for faculty support; \$49 million for academic programs and \$30 million for facilities.





## Inspiring Futures

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# New IGS State Map

A boon to economy

By Paula M. Davenport

Map enthusiasts, geoscientists and resource managers recently welcomed the Idaho Geological Survey's first release in 35 years of an all-encompassing geologic map of the Gem State.

Geologic maps – in addition to showing regular features such as mountains, rivers, plains, towns and roads – include details on the distribution, nature and age relationships of rocks, faults and strata.

A hydrogeologist could consult the map, for example, to determine the type of substrate in which a region's water is developed. Conservation biologists might refer to it for information on wildlife habitats. The Idaho Transportation Department

would find valuable specifics about road construction materials and highways that are most likely to experience geologic hazards such as dangerous washouts and landslides.

This new state map can help guide resource management and development for minerals and energy resources at a regional scale. The compilation map will guide the users to additional, more detailed references.

The Geologic Map of Idaho is the culmination of 10 years of painstaking data compilation, cartography and digitization – and countless hours of labor by a dozen experts, said Roy Breckenridge, the state geologist who directs the Idaho Geological Survey,

or IGS, based at the University of Idaho.

Drawn from nearly 100 sources, the vibrant, computer-generated masterpiece is rendered in both print and GIS formats, the latter of which will let online users query the map's database to locate such features as active faults and specific types of rocks. A booklet of explanatory information accompanies the map and includes an index of its many sources, which users can consult for more detailed geologic information.

IGS geologist Reed S. Lewis headed the project and created six cross sections as schematic diagrams – also shown on the map – that help illustrate the upper 15 kilometers of



the earth's crust, telling the story of Idaho's geologic history from 2.7 billion years ago to today.

"This new map updates our understanding of Idaho geology. It makes a great addition in K-12 and college classrooms. It really makes Idaho's geology accessible to the general public," Paul K. Link, an Idaho State University geosciences professor who played an instrumental role in bringing the map to fruition, wrote in an email.

Loudon R. Stanford, a geologist and digital cartographer at IGS, manipulated the map to highlight the surface features of the state and allow consistent portrayal of surficial deposits across Idaho.

Seed money from an Idaho State Board of Education Technology Incentive grant and the National Science Foundation helped jump-start the project, said ISU's Link, recipient of the grants.

Jack McIver, U-Idaho's vice president of research and economic development, said long-term partnerships and collaborations like this one demonstrate their value and importance to industry, commerce, government, environmental stewardship and education.

The J.R. Simplot Co., Midas Gold Inc., the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Thunder Mountain Gold Inc., Intermountain Gas Co.,

TD Well Service LLC, the University of Idaho Geological Sciences department and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management are among the project's additional sponsors. **I**

Maps may be purchased on the IGS website. Cost is \$20, plus any shipping and handling if mailed.

For more information send email to [igs@uidaho.edu](mailto:igs@uidaho.edu) or call (208) 885-7991.

Order online at:  
[www.idahogeology.org](http://www.idahogeology.org).



# The Power of Lipstick

'TODAY Show' style editor  
Bobbie Thomas weaves  
psychology, style into career

By Amanda Cairo

When Bobbie Thomas '97 arrived at the University of Idaho on a snowy January morning with a suitcase full of sandals and sundresses, cold reality hit hard: She wasn't in Southern California anymore. It wouldn't be the last jolt she'd face in Moscow.

After her boyfriend proposed in December, Thomas, who'd been majoring in communications at a California university, agreed to leave family and friends behind and abruptly moved with her fiancé to his new school more than a thousand miles away — in the middle of the school year, with no classes scheduled at an unfamiliar campus.

"We drove from L.A. to Idaho over the holiday break," said Thomas, who'd packed only a few sweaters. "I

was thinking 'how am I going to survive?' It was quite a culture shock."

She's done more than survive. Thomas is now style editor on NBC's "TODAY Show," and her first book, "The Power of Style: Everything You Need to Know Before You Get Dressed Tomorrow," comes out April 23. Her time at U-Idaho set her on a path toward empowerment and self-awareness that would ultimately shape her career.

After arriving on campus, Thomas found sanctuary in the psychology department, where she'd wandered looking for someone to sign her class registration form. What she found instead was the department chair, Steven Meier, who took her under his wing and enrolled her in classes.



Bobbie Thomas, style maven and "professional girlfriend," bundles up for a winter day in Manhattan. Photo ©Brian Harkin

“It was one of those life-changing moments,” said Thomas, who broke down crying in Meier’s office. “Without saying so much, he calmly drafted a schedule and put a plan into place. He understood what I had yet to realize, and I walked out of his office a psychology major. He had a plan, and looking back ... I’m thankful he did.”

Immersed in her plan, Thomas excelled in the classroom, but her personal life began to unravel. Her romantic relationship grew emotionally abusive and, ultimately, physically abusive. With help from her academic mentor and friends she made in Moscow, Thomas left her fiancé, found a safe place to stay and finished her degree off-campus through video technology.

“I learned a lot about myself,” Thomas said. “My two and a half years in Idaho helped to shape who I am. Professor Meier gave me the opportunity to understand myself, build internal self-worth and see the many future possibilities.”

She went on to pursue a master’s degree in counseling at California State University Northridge and was determined to contribute to her community. “I felt so fortunate that I had a strong support system around me,” she said. “I didn’t ‘get away’ from a person, but I got out, broke the cycle. I wanted to help others.”

Thomas began working at the Valley Trauma Center, a rape crisis facility, as a counselor and advocate for survivors. During an overnight shift at the hospital, she watched as a survivor opened a care package that included fresh clothing, toiletries and some cosmetics. As the woman turned to the mirror and timidly applied some lipstick, the moment hit Thomas.



“I realized the power of lipstick. It validated her — I could see the spark in her face. She felt worthy of self-care. We all have the right to feel good about ourselves, and deserve to be valued,” she said.

That philosophy would become the cornerstone of Thomas' career. Everyone gets dressed, and their clothing affects every aspect of their lives, she said.

“What we wear is a visual expression of who we believe we are. Before you just put ‘something’ on, it’s important to understand first who you are and what you want to say. It’s one of the first decisions of your day and it’s one of the most important. From your love life to your career, and the less obvious moments in between, the way people see you will filter your opportunities. Ultimately, what they see is what you get,” she said.

Before her book, before “TODAY,” Thomas was on a traditional path cultivating her academic career as a grad student. Then one day she tagged along with her then-boyfriend, an up-and-coming singer, to a photo shoot for a teen magazine. She thumbed through the publication

and was disappointed to find a picture of Britney Spears with the words “fake or real?” plastered on her chest.

“I kept thinking, what an opportunity this magazine had to reach young women, to show them that confidence is sexy, not a boob job,” she said. When she mentioned that to the magazine’s editors at the photo shoot, they invited her to write a column for the publication.

And so she did. “I saw this as an opportunity to step out of academia and help young women develop healthier self-perceptions through popular media,” Thomas said.

“Dear Bobbie’s Buzz” paired her with celebrities such as Spears, Jessica Simpson, Pink and members of ‘N Sync to offer advice to teen girls. “It was a way to connect the dots for 15-year-old girls reading the magazine,” Thomas said. “We talked about real issues with pop stars who these girls admired.”

The column saw several incarnations in print over a decade and led to a call from the “TODAY Show,” where Thomas has been a contributor for the past seven years, reaching out to a larger, more diverse audience.

Bobbie on the "TODAY Show" set.



"Ironically, leaving a big city for a small college town added to my world view. Stepping outside of my comfort zone gave me character and formed skills I still use today. I'm proud to share that U of I, and Moscow, were part of my journey."

With her book, she hopes to reach even more people with her philosophy. For Thomas, style goes far beyond fashion and beauty. "It's a powerful way to tell others who we are and attract what we want. In fact, your 'style-speak' is a louder voice than anything you might scream from a rooftop."

She added, "There is often so much focus on the outside that we forget to step back, and understand that style really starts inside."

It's the little things that are often overlooked, Thomas said, like when her female friends would go from work straight to a date in their power suits, which could be misread as serious or stuffy outside the office. "Switching into something more relaxed such as a cardigan or adding a soft, colorful scarf can look more inviting or approachable," she said. This is what Thomas means by "style-speak."

Her book begins with the "inside," offering insight into the psychology of style, before moving on to the "outside" with a guide to finding your most flattering colors and how to balance your body type. It also features an illustrated shopping list of your

best silhouettes, advice on how to edit your closet, style sessions to sort through what you wear and why, and tips to build a better wardrobe for your needs.

Thomas hopes the book will help women understand that style isn't about how much they weigh, how much they spend on clothes or how they fit in. She wants women to own a truly powerful style that celebrates and supports each individual's message.

The text is meant to feel like a conversation between friends, sisters or even mothers and daughters. In fact, Thomas describes herself as a "professional girlfriend," cheerleader and style therapist.

For Thomas, the fundamental lessons she learned at the University of Idaho still hold true today as she continues to give back, working with organizations such as Step Up Women's Network, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the United Nations Foundation. While Thomas is courted by many brands, she highlights only those that she believes in.

In today's competitive job market, Thomas said she had to stand out

and her U-Idaho psychology degree helped her do that.

"Ironically, leaving a big city for a small college town added to my world view. Stepping outside of my comfort zone gave me character and formed skills I still use today. I'm proud to share that U of I, and Moscow, were part of my journey." Although Thomas hadn't intended to study psychology before meeting professor Meier, she said, "You have to think outside the box. My education gave me the tools to do more than the obvious, but it was up to me to find out. And I did. Understanding human behavior has helped me both personally and professionally."

Her advice to students? "Don't stress about curriculum minutia, but rather pursue a passion. Learning about something you love will never fail you."

View past segments of "Bobbie's Buzz" on the "TODAY Show", check out her fun new finds, style tips, DIY projects and more on her website, [bobbie.com](http://bobbie.com). Connect with her at [Facebook.com/BobbieThomas](https://www.facebook.com/BobbieThomas) and [@BobbieThomas](https://twitter.com/BobbieThomas) on Twitter. **1**

# Students' Styles

If all the world's a stage, then all its clothes must be costumes. "It has long been known that 'clothing affects how other people perceive us as well as how we think about ourselves,'" said Adam D. Galinsky, a professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, in a New York Times story on the topic last year.

Clothing styles on campus are in constant flux. No doubt you remember what was popular in your day. Here are some styles now popular with students, who explained their tastes in apparel.

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Chelsea Gaylord  
International Studies

Her outfits are "easygoing, casual, comfortable and still stylish."





Chelsey Caldwell  
Music Education

"I love mixing colors.  
It definitely conveys  
my creativity."



Kadin McGreevy  
Theater

"My style is a version  
of your grandfather's  
shoes, glasses and  
cardigan because I'm  
a bit of an old soul."

Idaho's clothing, textiles and design program offers undergraduate degrees with specialties in either apparel design or fashion merchandising.

It's housed in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

[uidaho.edu/clothing-design](http://uidaho.edu/clothing-design)



Jade Elizabeth Madsen Watkins  
Engineering

"I blend a bit of modern with vintage and a twist. It's fun to be a little bit quirky."



Shaheer Khan  
Civil Engineering  
Pakistani exchange student

"I dress in a business casual style to reflect my serious attitude towards my studies."



Max Holley  
Theater

"I'm known for my scarf collection. I like to feel that I have the world at my feet and command attention through my clothes."



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J. Robert "Bob" Jackson knows his way around the investment world. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Idaho in 1950 and returned to earn his MBA degree here in 1982.

Bob's substantial gifts to the university over the years are a testament to his belief that a college degree from Idaho is one of the surest investments one can make.

Thanks to the support from him and his late wife Bonnie, students of modest means will be able to attend the university now and in the future. Vandal athletes, business majors, the Vandaleers and countless others at Idaho have already benefitted from the Boise resident's generosity.

But he has not stopped there. As a legacy donor and member of The Heritage Society, he has made a future commitment through planned gifts to the strategic initiatives and goals of the university through student scholarships and support for faculty, facilities and technologies.

Bob's education helped him achieve his dreams. He created his own investment-counseling firm and taught business classes for six years in the University of Wisconsin system. Along the way, he was accepted into the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Idaho Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Management Accountants.

Bob, your success inspires us all. Thank you for investing in the future success of the University of Idaho.

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# Rolling with the Rhythm

Campus collaboration gives marching band a robotic drum set

By Tara Roberts



The University of Idaho's newest marching band member has three legs, 30 flashing LED lights and an electronic brain.

The Human-Assisted Robotic Drumset, nicknamed the Band-Beesten, is the newest star of the Sound of Idaho. It's a joint project between students and faculty in mechanical engineering, computer science and music – and there's nothing quite like it anywhere else in the world. The drum set walks with its drummer.

"This is a one-of-a-kind, brain-child type of thing," says mechanical engineering graduate student Dan Mathewson, who leads the team that developed the Band-Beesten, which is named in reference to a Dutch inventor's walking robot.

When Sound of Idaho director Spencer Martin was introduced to the Band-Beesten over the summer, he couldn't pass up the chance to add this rare robot to his band.

"Done right, this really could revolutionize what marching bands are doing at all levels," he says. "That's the goal – getting on the forefront of

this and doing something unique and different."

The idea for a robotic drum set began with a chance meeting between faculty members Dan Bukvich of the Lionel Hampton School of Music and Edwin Odom of the department of mechanical engineering.

As Odom recalls, Bukvich mentioned he would like to have a big set of moving drums on the field.

A group of engineering students took on the idea. But their first few prototypes had wobbly wheels, made awkward turns and couldn't support the unwieldy drums. They had to make the set as agile as the band member playing it.

Odom, Mathewson and a team of senior engineering students – Chris Ohlinger, Steven Watts and Travis Doerzaph – found the solution: a recently developed kind of robot known as a ballbot.

Rather than moving on legs or wheels, a ballbot balances on top of a sphere. So the engineers balanced the Band-Beesten atop a common basketball fitted with three motors,

enabling the robot to move in any direction.

Mathewson and his team built the 'bot from the ground up. They even fabricated its circuitry and circuit boards in university shops, which Mathewson called an invaluable experience.

"When we walk out of the university, we'll know more about hands-on building, machining and tooling than people at just about any other university," he says.

But even a robot needs a buddy. Band-Beesten relies on the motions of its human drummer for direction. Sound of Idaho drum line captain Mat Schaefer wears a typical marching band drum harness that attaches to the set. A small computer reads his movements and tells the ballbot which direction to go.

It's like a power-steering system, Mathewson says.

"You control it, but the motors take over the load," he says. "That's the fundamental concept behind this."

The Band-Beesten allows Schaefer to play a five-piece drum set while



Drumline captain  
Mat Schaefer  
keeps the beat

marching, turning and even doing 360-degree spins in a way that could never be accomplished with typical marching drums. Schaefer says playing the Band-Beesten is more complicated than playing a stationary drum set, but he appreciates the range the set offers.

“I love the fact that it spins and is mobile,” he says. “There is a history of flying and moving drum sets that traces

all the way back to Buddy Rich, and for good reason: Audiences love it.”

To top off the Band-Beesten, computer science students added high-powered LED lights that flash through the drums’ transparent sides. They also built hardware for the lights and programmed the software that synchronizes them.

“I think it’s crucial for our students to get out of their world of computer



science to see where some of the information they’re learning has application in the real world,” department of computer science faculty member Bob Rinker says.

The engineers and the Sound of Idaho unveiled the Band-Beesten during a recent halftime show at a Vandal home football game. Band-Beesten project members believe this is just the beginning.

“In the future this thing is going to expand and get much, much larger,” Mathewson says.

Martin envisions using the same type of system to create marching xylophones, marimbas and huge drum sets – which will revolutionize his band’s capabilities.

“That’s one of the greatest things about being at the university,” he says. “Being able to collaborate with all these different departments, being able to do things that aren’t being done anywhere else.” **I**

See it in action at [youtube/NngaQTGajeQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNgaQTGajeQ).





# Feats with Beats

Despite his many accolades and accomplishments, music professor Dan Bukvich insists he learns as much from his students as he teaches them.

He's won more awards than he has wall space. He's composed and arranged hundreds of pieces of music that are performed worldwide by symphonic bands, marching bands, jazz bands, wind ensembles, choirs and symphony orchestras. In the past few months alone, he has taught in China and composed an orchestral and vocal composition for a third Edgar Allan Poe poem, "The Raven."

No wonder he's a legend! He's University of Idaho's Dan Bukvich — a musical genius in the Lionel Hampton School of Music. There he runs the percussion studio, teaches jazz theory, freshman music theory and aural skills, and directs jazz choirs and the Dancers Drummers Dreamers ensemble. He also inspires thousands of young musicians who flock to the university's annual jazz festival. And, let's not forget, he's also the maestro of a wildly popular Christmas concert that's raised the roof of the Kibbie

Dome annually for more than two decades, while allowing hundreds of north Idaho elementary and high school performers to share the limelight with the university's best performers. Their instructors are often former Bukvich students.

Bukvich, originally a drummer and percussionist, is known for taking choreography beyond the marching band and into the auditorium. Student performers enter the theater, stopping alongside rows waving white hankies, shouting, stomping and twirling while trombonists and trumpeters weave through the aisles.

Just last fall, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education named Bukvich to its annual Professor of the Year list, recognizing top talent from universities in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

But the modest Bukvich says he eschews classroom teaching in the traditional sense in favor of leading his students to learning and self-discovery. For 35 years, teaching and learning have gone hand-in-hand for the professor of music. When he shares his inspiring music and talent with students, he becomes the apprentice — learning from his protégés every day.

Music theory tops the syllabus for any of Bukvich's courses, and students verify he holds them to professional standards. He expects them to be as passionate about their craft as he is. Thousands of graduates rave about Bukvich's influence on their musical abilities and their careers.

Bukvich is reticent to talk about himself, so it was a coup when "Here We Have Idaho" magazine persuaded him to give an interview. The conversation centered on his methods, philosophies and musical motivations.



## Here's what Bukvich had to say about:

### Why he uses choreography and movement in concerts:

"All concerts are theatrical, aren't they? We don't typically think of that in music, but when you go to a concert, that whole visual part of it is huge. It's important. Since I've been working with retired university dance professor Diane Walker and had collaborated with my now late colleague and professor of dance Greg Halloran, I've become even more aware of the energy and interaction amongst our various performers as a result of including movement with our music. Perhaps the epitome of this combination is Dancers Drummers Dreamers, our student dance/percussion/performance group.

"It's unique to the University of Idaho. No one else is crazy enough to do this!"

### What he considers when planning a concert:

"I can put myself in the audience. I can pretend to be that person who doesn't want to go to a concert. Not that I am that guy, but I can imagine being that guy who just hates concerts, but whose girlfriend or wife dragged him to one of ours. I know what he feels like and I love trying to communicate something of interest to that person."

### On his early musical influences:

"I grew up in Butte, Mont., singing in school and listening to my mom's jazz albums — John Coltrane, Elvin Jones on drums. Some were on old 78s or on early LPs. My mother also was a huge Lionel Hampton fan. She loved the music so much that in 1938 she caught the train in Butte and rode three days to hear the Benny Goodman band play Carnegie Hall.

"She gave me a pair of bongos when I was 7. I can remember as a little boy listening to the Cuban Fire! album (one of the most influential Latin jazz recordings by Stan Kenton and his orchestra) and thinking 'this might be kind of fun to play along with.'

"I was a freshman in high school when I got interested in writing music. I played drums in the marching band. Our high school drill team director, Jane Pascoe, loved doing half-time shows to live music at basketball games. She asked me to help connect the numbers the squad performed by writing some percussion ensemble music — that was when I started composing. It was fun."

### Why he includes nontraditional percussion instruments in his choirs' concerts:

"While I was in high school, my band director, Ray Sims, asked me to write a piece of music for drums. It was pretty straightforward. It was just drum music. After Jane Pascoe

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Visit the Lionel Hampton School of Music at [www.uidaho.edu/class/music](http://www.uidaho.edu/class/music).

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heard it, she visited the band room and pointed to the tubular bells. She asked me if I'd ever use those in a drum piece. 'Oh no, I'd never do that,' I said. Her reply? 'That's exactly why you should.' It was a huge lesson. I think of it as 'permission to safely experiment with music.' We encourage our students to do that at the University of Idaho. In fact, my early Idaho mentors William Billingsley and Robert Spevacek used to say: 'Find out what all the other universities are doing. DON'T do that!'"

### How Idaho's music program differs from some others:

"I've visited many universities that are incredibly limited by fancy new buildings and equipment. I just think it puts you in a comfortable position that you shouldn't be in. I think music professors should be challenged by their surroundings to do creative and fun things. For instance, we have one rehearsal room that turns over every hour.

"On a typical afternoon, there would be jazz band at 1:30 p.m., another jazz band at 2:30 p.m., choir with 170 students at 3:30 p.m., which requires the room be set up differently, followed by a 4:30 p.m. wind ensemble practice for 40 students, a smaller choir at 5:30 p.m., a percussion ensemble at 7 p.m. and the Dancers Drummers Dreamers ensemble at 8:30."

"The energy that it creates to take the room down, put the chairs away, put the stands away and help the next group in is great. The whole process teaches students about professional courtesy, too. The students who show up early for the next session get to hang out in the back of the room and listen to the rehearsals. It's enlightening.

"Idaho's program is different in that we have students who are able to be involved in a lot of different ensembles. It's kind of unusual. I know it helps them out. That's what sets them apart from graduates of other schools: They've had all these different experiences; they've been able to sing in choirs and play in orchestras and bands."

### What he emphasizes in his music classes:

"I find it interesting and challenging to teach fundamentals, and that reminds me how confusing they can be to our music students. But fundamentals are super important. I think at the undergraduate college level, not many places focus on them like they should. The world's greatest musicians are practicing fundamentals on a daily basis. Since most of our students are going to be teachers — many of whom are going to work with elementary kids or have private studios — we make sure they know their basics and can teach them creatively."

### What he tells potential students about Idaho's music program:

"I highly recommend it to those who want to get challenged on a regular basis and be put out of their comfort zone. If they're willing to give it their all and admit they don't know everything, then we'd love to have them."

### What's kept him at Idaho:

"Idaho's just a great environment. I get invited to conduct at a lot of different places on a fairly regular basis. Lots of times I'll have friends teaching there. I've learned that we're all dealing with the same problems everywhere. I really like learning, and I'm constantly surrounded by people at Idaho I'm learning from, so why would I leave? The grass isn't greener." **I**



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## I Want to Shake Your Hand



When we Vandals rally for Education Week at our state capital each January, we paint Boise in silver and gold.

Events that week involve our students, faculty, staff and President M. Duane Nellis. Special celebrations this year included the Silver and Gold Awards reception honoring Tim Woodward '71 and Brent Keeth '82, '96, both of Ada County.

I was delighted to see among the more than 200 guests one of our finest Vandals, Alan Gumersall '80, the 2007 recipient of our annual Jim Lyle Award.

Known as "Gummy" to his friends, he graduated from the University of Idaho's College of Business and Economics. Shortly after, he became active with the Vandal Scholarship Fund.

Also a vital force in the Vandal Boosters of Ada County, he has also served as president of the National Board of Vandal Boosters, president of his county's Vandal Booster Board and a long-time committee member of the successful Governor's Gala.

He strongly supported the creation of our Vandal Athletic Center, home of the Norm L. Iverson Strength and Speed Center. Facilities and programs such as these are crucial to the success of our Vandal student athletes.

Through the years, Gumersall has also assisted with the Vandal Scramble golf tournament in the Boise area, which also benefits student scholarships.

It was a pleasure to shake his hand and thank him again for his continuing service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven C. Johnson".

Steven C. Johnson '71  
Executive Director of Alumni Relations

## 50s

**James Russell '56** has been appointed to the board of directors for CleanTech Biofuels Inc.

## 60s

**Mary Gentry '65** has been selected for a 12 month term as one of two community representatives on The Olympian's editorial board. The Olympian is one of only a few newspapers that include community members in the opinion-making process.



**Lula Myrtle Alexander Leef Schroder '65**, after graduation, taught for one year at Nevada Southern University, which was to become the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She then was hired as an Assistant professor of Education at Eastern Washington University (EWU) in Cheney, WA. After 20 years she retired from EWU as a full professor and was awarded Professor of Emeritus rank. She worked for another five years for EWU as Supervisor of Student Teachers in the Spokane, WA area. She fully retired in 1992 and is living in Gifford, WA where she and her husband enjoy watching the wildlife in the area and pursuing the hobby of genealogy. She has written two family history books as a result of her extensive research and travel, detailing the history of her father's Alexander family from Ireland and her mother's Evans family from Wales.

**Jerry Aiken '66** has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Passport Potash Inc.

**Dwight Horsch '68**, Aberdeen farmer and former state legislator, has been appointed by Idaho Governor Butch Otter to the Idaho Transportation Board.

**Martha Underwood '69** was appointed to a four-year term as a trustee for Central Carolina Community College. The college's 17 trustees have the responsibility to establish the mission and goals of the institution, ensure it is well managed, approve the budget, obtain adequate physical facilities, and advocate for it.

**David Westbrook '69** was appointed by South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard to the State Department of Labor and Regulations Workforce Development Council.

## 70s



**Nick Vlachos '72**, MD, is Medical Director at West Georgia WORX in LaGrange, GA. He is also a playwright under the name Nikos Vlachos.

**Rick Waitley '73** has been named Executive Director for City Club of Boise. Many U of I Alumni are active members and participants in City Club activities. Waitley owns and operates Association Management Group in Meridian, Idaho.

**Mick Sandine '74** retired after 34 years of service to our country. After obtaining a Masters in Entomology, he started as a Nebraska Extension Agent and then on to a unique job as the Chief Entomologist for the Air Force Strategic Air Command. He then began work as the U.S. Army's Missouri

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River Project's Natural Resources Manager. Here he helped develop natural resources restoration plans in conjunction with the bordering state's Game and Fish Departments on 25,000 acres of new mitigation ground along the river. He was honored by fellow professionals to receive the multi-state Missouri River Natural Resources Committee's, Missouri River Champion Award for his efforts to promote restoration of the Missouri River System.

**Kris Hearn '75** is the recipient of the Henry Louis Award of Excellence from the Kansas City Kansas Community College. Hearn is completing her ninth year as Coordinator of the Early Childhood program at the college.

**Julie Russell Stanaszek '76**, senior civil engineer with MWH Americas, has been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to perform dam safety inspections, only the third woman in the United States to achieve such a distinction.

**Charles "David" Teeter '76** was appointed to the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission. This commission preserves and promotes the legacy of the Underground Railroad's Freedom Trail in Michigan.

**Steven Broadbent '78** has been named chief operating officer for the Critical Path Institute, a non-profit drug research institute.

**Jim Duff '78** has been appointed to the Alabama Graphite Corp. board of directors. Jim retired as Chief Operating Officer of Minera Andes Inc. prior to its merger into US Gold which created McEwen Mining. He continues to consult for McEwen Mining on some of its projects.

**J. Walter Sinclair '78** was appointed lawyer representative for The United States District and Bankruptcy Court, District of Idaho. He will serve a three-year term.

**Melvia Hasman '79** retired from the Foreign Service in the Department of State after serving in Washington, DC and at US embassies in Mexico, Senegal, Guinea, and Brazil. Prior to this, she taught at the University of Kuwait and at universities in the U.S. In 1988-89 she was a Fulbright Fellow at the Autonomous University of Honduras in San Pedro Sula.

**Dennis Johnson '79**, president and CEO of United Heritage Life Insurance Company, is the 2012 recipient of the American Council of Life Insurers Forum 500's Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to an individual whose work has greatly contributed to the life insurance industry.

**John Jordan '79** joined Hecla Mining Company as Vice President of Technical Services with responsibility for mining engineering, geotechnical engineering, metallurgy, feasibility studies, and continuous improvement.

**Jeff Osterkamp '79** has been appointed vice president for engineering for Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation.



**Lee Ostrom '79 and Cheryl Wilhelmsen '02, '06** had a book entitled "Risk Assessment Tools,

Techniques and their Application" published by John Wiley and Sons. Dr. Ostrom is the Director of the Industrial Technology Program at the University of Idaho in Idaho Falls where Ms. Wilhelmsen is an instructor.

## 80s

**James Heid '80** has been named to the American Society of Landscape Architects Council of Fellows for 2012. This recognizes his contributions to his profession and society at large based on his works, leadership and management, knowledge, and service.

**William Knowles '80** was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Trusts & Estates and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (Copyright 2012 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, SC). He also has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer" for General Litigation, Personal Injury Plaintiff: General and Estate & Trust Litigation by New England Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

**J.R. (Ron) Langrell III '80, '81, '84** has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Washington.

**Russ Girsberger '81** has co-authored a book titled "Insights and Essays on the Music Performance Library" which gathers articles on providing sheet music to music performing ensembles. Forty authors from the Boston Symphony to the U.S. Marine Band contributed to this project. Russ currently works as librarian for the U.S. Navy School of Music.

**Ken Paul '82**, Director of Evrim Resources Corp., has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the company.



**Charles Christopher '84** has been awarded the American Advertising Federation's Silver Medal. The award is presented annually by the Idaho Advertising Federation to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to advertising by furthering the industry's standards, creative excellence and responsibilities in areas of social concern.

**Brant Hinze '84** has been appointed President and Chief Operating Officer for Kinross Gold Corporation.

**Andrew Pooler '84** has been appointed as the new CEO of Pan-Terra Gold Ltd. In this role he will manage operation of the company's Las Lagunas gold/silver project in the Dominican Republic in addition to the expansion of the company's management and development of new projects in Ecuador, Dominican Republic, and Peru.



**Linda Maloney '86** has published a book titled "Military Fly Moms" that is a biographical coffee table book with stories

and photographs by women who were or are military and also mothers. It is a collection of heartwarming and inspirational stories and includes 75 color photos. It can be purchased at <http://shop.tannenbaumpublishing.com>. Enter promotional code MFM2012LHM25 to save \$15 on the book.

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**Brian Stone '87** has accepted a senior vice president and area manager position at Alliance Title & Escrow in Boise.

**Suresh Gopalakrishnan '88, '90** has joined AMD as corporate vice president and general manager of its server business. In this position he will be responsible for driving the end-to-end business execution of server solutions worldwide.

**Kelli Kast '88** has been appointed as Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Secretary for Rare Element Resources Ltd.

**Deborah Rawhouser '88** has been appointed as Associate State Director for the Bureau of Land Management Arizona State Office. She was previously the Associate Director of the BLMs National Operations Center in Lakewood, Colorado.

**John Shovic '88**, chief technology officer of Coeur d'Alene based InstiComm LLC, was honored by the University of Idaho with the Outstanding Alumni Innovator Award.

**Susan Buxton '89** was appointed by Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter to the Region 3 seat on the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board.

**Sally Burton-Hoyle '89**, associate professor in Eastern Michigan University's special education department, has been named to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee that deals with efforts concerning autism spectrum disorder.

**Margaret "Peggi" Moxley '89** has been elected President for 2012 of the Washington Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (WAELA).

She has served on the board for the last five years. WAELA is the state chapter of the national organization known as the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). Both WAELA and NAE-LA are non-profit associations that assist lawyers and other professionals who work with older clients and their families. She previously served on the Board of the Elder Law Section of the Washington State Bar for three years. Attorney Moxley is in private practice in Wenatchee, WA.

## 90s

**Kevin Harrison '90** has accepted the role of VP-CFO Finance for Comcast Cable and will be relocating to the Portland area from Seattle. He will be responsible for all financial operations of this business region.

**Douglas Pilant '90** was appointed General Manager for the Tillamook County Transportation District in Tillamook, OR. He will oversee the district's public transit operations, budget, planning and marketing, public relations, and human resource activities.

**Eric Sandmeyer '90** has been commissioned to compose a major work for the Idaho Dance Theatre's 2013 Winter Performance.

**LTC Kevin McMahan '91, '93** was selected to be a U.S. Army War College Fellow and will conduct his studies at the Scowcroft Institute, Bush School of Government and Public Policy, Texas A&M University. The Army Fellowship Program at the Scowcroft Institute is designed to promote research on topics of strategic relevance to the Army and the Scowcroft Institute, to foster cooperation and

intellectual exchange between the institute and the Army, and to enhance the strategic thinking and research skills of Army officers selected to take part in the institute's Fellowship program.

**Chris Wuthrich '91, '98** has been appointed as the new Dean of Students in the Division of Student Affairs at Boise State University.

**Brian Oswald '92**, professor of fire ecology, has been named the 2012-13 Stephen F. Austin State University Regents Professor. Reserved for exemplary role models to the university community, the title of Regents Professor is the highest honor the university may bestow upon a member of the faculty. The title is held for a full academic year.

**Pat Saffel '94, '95** was named Outstanding Fisheries Professional for 2011 by the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Saffel currently serves as Fisheries Program Manager for Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Region 2.

**Clint Stein '94** has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Columbia Bank.

**Darrel Hammon '95** has written his first children's book titled "Christmas Beneath the Lake: From the Adventures of Bob the Bullfrog." This is a tale of how one child's belief in the magic of Christmas can bring hope and joy. It can be purchased on Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

**Gabor Komaromy-Hiller '95**, executive director of PPD global central laboratories, has been named to R&D Directions

magazine's 2012 list of notable people in research and development.

**Christine Anne Hall '96** was selected as one of 39 teachers in the US for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange this year. She will be teaching at Boghall Primary School in Bathgate, Scotland for the 2012-2013 school year. Normally she teaches first grade in Kuna, ID.

**Clyde Northrup '96, '98** has published 3 books to e-reader format. "Words Fail: Confessions of a Incurable Romantic" is a collection of romantic poems, "Stones in the Stream: Reflections on Matters of the Spirit" is a collection of spiritual poems, and "Chosen of the One" is the first in an epic fantasy series titled "The Redemption." For more information, see his website: <http://clydebnorthrup.webs.com>.

**Kevin Carson '97** won the Non-Fiction Book Award for "The Long Journey of the Nez Perce" and also a Top Ten Authors in Idaho award at the 2012 Idaho Book Extravaganza awards in Boise, ID.

**Megan Griffiths '97** directed and co-wrote an independent feature film titled "Eden." This is based on the true story of Asian-American teenager Chong Kim, who was kidnapped and forced into the U.S. sex slave trade for two years before she escaped. This film won an audience award and Griffiths won an emergent narrative woman director award. Three more awards came at the Seattle International Film Festival – filmmaking, best actress and the movie rated highest by audiences that was directed by a woman.

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**Kristen Keifer '97** has passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam, gaining her license in Civil Engineering. She is a project engineer for R&M Consultants, Inc.

**Eric Swenson '97, '03** was elected to serve a two-year term on the National Board of Trustees for Business Professionals of America.

**Todd Mordhorst '99** joined the staff at Sacramento State University as a Writer/Communications Specialist. He lives in Auburn, CA, with his wife Mary and children Jonas, 4, and Emmy, 1.



**Rebecca Weeks '99** graduated with a Masters in Chinese Medicine and Herbal Formulas from Colorado School for Traditional Chinese Medicine in April 2012. She opened Aina Lani Acupuncture and Herbs LLC in Denver, CO.

## 00s

**Janelle Baker '01, '03, '12** was named Principal of Prairie View Elementary in Post Falls, ID.

**Julee Leavitt '01, '06, '07** is the new Director of Human Resources for the Lyon County (Nevada) School District. She has worked for more than 10 years at the Idaho National Laboratory and is a faculty member at the University of Idaho, Idaho Falls.

**Bennet Morris '01** was appointed by Colorado Governor John Hickmlooper to serve as a Montrose County Court Judge. Prior to this appointment, since 2003 he was Senior Assistant City Attorney for the city of Montrose.



**Jonathan Parker '02** has joined the Boise office of Holland & Hart as a non-lawyer lobbyist where he will serve as the director of government affairs and public relations.

**Bob Stout '02, '04** is the new development director at UC Davis MIND Institute.

**Dustin Miller '03** was appointed to the position of administrator at the Office of Species Conservation (OSC) by Governor Butch Otter. OSC is an agency that coordinates efforts to control Idaho's own destiny on endangered species issues. Previously he was natural resources field coordinator for Senator Larry Craig and a regulatory affairs specialist and issues advocate for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.



**Jana Beth Gomez '04, '09** clerked for the Honorable Judge Thomas Nelson, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, upon graduation.

She then joined the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where she has been a Deputy Prosecutor in the Civil Division since March 2010. She is also the proud mother of a Boise-born Vandal, Mia Isabella Gomez.

**Brian Lindgren '04** is the offensive coordinator for the San Jose State Spartans.

**Darron Rock '04** has been named to the prestigious ranks of premier professionals in Stanford Who's Who (a business social network). This addition is a result of his exceptional effort in the healthcare industry. Darron

currently serves as a Provider Services Executive with LifeNexus Inc.

**Joe Coleman '05** has been nominated for the 30 under 30 award by Inc.com. Joe along with 2 others founded their company, Contently, that offers an online platform that matches qualified journalists with media outlets and companies that are willing to pay them a fair wage for well-written and researched content. Joe also has another startup company called CashCrate.com which pays people to take surveys and rate products.

**Peter Stegner '05, '07** is Idaho Senator Mike Crapo's new Legislative Assistant for environment, natural resources and other issues related to Crapo's membership on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.



**Darren Teal '05** has joined SPVV Landscape Architects of Spokane, Washington as a landscape architect. Teal obtained his license in 2010. He will be responsible for creating conceptual designs, generating planting and irrigation plans, estimating, and managing the development of landscapes for governmental, commercial and educational commissions.



**Omar Gomez '06** has been working his way up the ladder at Lowe's since February 2010 where he is now a Department Manager. He loves spending time with his own little Vandal, Mia Isabella Gomez.

**Wei Wei '05, '07, '08** was appointed assistant professor for the Metropolitan State University College of Arts and Sciences in Minnesota, Mathematics Department. Wei teaches statistics and related mathematics courses, and engages in scholarship, advising and service.



**Brady Wilhite '05** has been appointed as vice president and commercial relationship manager for Home Federal Bank. Based in Meridian, ID, Wilhite is responsible

for developing and managing commercial relationships in the Treasure Valley.

**Christy Castro '06, '12** is the new superintendent for the Troy (ID) School District.

**Christopher Meade '06**, an assistant professor of management in George Fox University's School of Business, received the school's Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Teaching. He is also president of LeadershipAlive.com, a nonprofit organization that helps inspire and coach emerging leaders, teams and organizations. In addition, he started three small businesses and is the founder of Grace Chapel, a multicultural church located in Boise where he served as senior pastor for 18 years. He is the author of four books and is also a musician/songwriter and motivational speaker.

**Anna Eberlin '07** has been hired by Holland & Hart in the firm's real estate and construction practice group. She will represent clients in state and federal court for construction, real estate, lending, contract and other disputes.

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**Britney Garman '07** and **Andrew Varhley '08** will be tying the knot on August 10, 2013.

**Nic Nelson '07** is the new Development Director for the Nevada Wilderness Project (NWP). The NWP works to conserve critical wildlife habitat, promote responsible clean energy development, and help secure wilderness designations throughout the state.

**Eric Billings '08** is the new Constituent Development Coordinator for the University of Idaho College of Engineering.

**Kimbre Lancaster '08** has made her Idaho Shakespeare Festival debut in *Oded Gross*, director Tracy Young's musical adaptation of Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid", and as Perdita in "The Winter's Tale."

**Pam Nolasco '08** graduated from veterinarian school at Washington State University in May of 2012. She has joined the team at the Bannock Animal Medical Center in Chubbuck, ID.

**Kassi Brown '09** has joined the Boise based PR firm of Ritter Public Relations as an assistant account executive. Previously she was employed as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator at the Clinical Research Association in Washington, D.C.

**Kayla Herriman '09** is the Assistant Manager for the Region 6 Forest Service Seed Extractory in Bend, Oregon.

**Nancy Fair-Szofran '09** has been hired by Community Colleges of Spokane as provost/chief learning officer. She previously served

as an interim library dean and as vice president of research, planning and institutional effectiveness at Mt. Hood Community College.

**Matthew Weibler '09** has become a Certified Financial Planner practitioner. Matthew is one of the youngest financial professionals in the country to have completed the requirement to hold the Certified Financial Planner mark which is a recognized standard of excellence for competent and ethical personal financial planning. Matthew and his wife, **Jackie Weibler '09**, live in Lewiston, ID. Matthew is a Financial Advisor at Weibler Financial & Retirement, a specialized wealth management firm in Lewiston.

## 10s

**Kassi Brown '10** is working for Ritter Public Relations in Boise, ID.

**Megan Mecham '10** graduated from Oregon State University in June 2012 with a Masters degree in Civil Engineering and moved to Miami, Florida.

**Amberly Beckman '11** has joined IdaVend Broadcasting, Inland Northwest Broadcasting and KRPL, Inc. as the new promotions coordinator. She will supervise the promotions department to help improve programs and partnerships for nine radio stations in Lewiston and Moscow, ID.

**Kari Porter McMurray '11** has accepted a full time faculty position as Assistant Professor of Developmental English at Lone Star College – Kingwood (Fall 2012).

**Daniel Garcia '12** has accepted an offer to become an Entry-Level Bank Examiner at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Miami, Florida.

**Ryan Green '12** worked as an intern with Idaho Senator Mike Crapo's North Idaho office in Coeur d'Alene, ID for the summer of 2012.

**Ameilia Hall '12** is serving an internship in Idaho Senator Mike Crapo's office.

**Julie Rae Lilienkamp '12** joined Palisades Christian Learning Center in Feb. 2012 as a Lead Teacher, but had been promoted as an Administrative Assistant and helps with teaching in the classroom and as a substitute. She has published her first book, "Clips in Time," and is working on two others, "Sapphire" an historical fiction and "Daisy Tails" a children's book, scheduled for release in 2012

## Marriages

**Devlin Cate '08** to  
**Russell Flamm '09**

**Allegra Grace Higer '01** to  
Michael Lawrence Thompson

**Candace Lowe '10** to  
**Matthew Aramburu '09**

**Samantha Perez '12** to  
**Stephen Parrott '12**

**Brittany Stewart '05**  
to **Dan Hunt '05**

**Jonna Urbahn '08** to  
**Clinton Holthaus '99**

**Carly Wood '07** to  
**Gregory South '08**

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## Future Vandals



1. Jackson John, son of Phil '05, '07 and Joyce Rudeen '03 Arpke, grandson of Kent '74 and Francine Ames '74 Rudeen, great-grandson of Francis Ames '50 and Mary Lou Jones '45 Rudeen, great-great-grandson of Victor Jones '16
2. Grace Elizabeth, daughter of Robert '07 and Stephanie Warmbier '07 Cox, niece of Paul Warmbier '11
3. Easton Morgan, son of Jeremy and Hillary Pruitt '09 Darty, grandson of Ron '92 and Myra '92, '95 Darty, nephew of Nicole '08 Darty
4. Henry Joe Pannell, son of Travis Pannell and Chanelle Denman '10
5. Maya, daughter of Brett and Nicolle Jones '01 Gleason, granddaughter of Ilene McCall Jones '74 and Greg Jones '74
6. Clara Christine, daughter of John '04, '07 and Regan Boyd '05, '08 Jameson
7. Anna Sophia, daughter of Todd '03 and Christin Johnson
8. Collin Ford, son of Kyle '03 and Anna Van Dyke '03 Johnson
9. Zacharias Demetrius, son of Demetrius and Christina Ryan '02 Karanikolas
10. Katelyn Jean, daughter of Rob "Bubba" '05 and Sandy Stafford '07 Krels
11. Hailey and Olivia, daughters of Shaun and Erin Nelson '99 Laughlin
12. Carter John, son of Marshall '97 and Amanda Law
13. Jillian, Aubree, and Avery, daughters of Marty '96 and Jennifer Schafer '97 Lux
14. Emily Kaye, daughter of JD and Susan Woolf '00 McPherson
15. Oliver William, son of Charlie '04 and Andrea Gibbs '04 Nyara
16. Lydia, daughter of Kevin '01, '03 and Emily Organ
17. Quinn Harvey, son of Matt '97 and Abbie Severa '02, '07 Quesnell
18. Elliot Joseph, son of Timothy '06 and Kristin Pecka '04 Reichstein
19. Thatcher Don, son of Josh '04 and Cassie '04 Royse
20. Brooklyn, daughter of Jeremy '01 and Vickie Freeman '01 Staab
21. Amelia Grace, daughter of Troy '00 and Amelia Schaeffer '96 Stansell
22. Susan Carol, daughter of Jared '05 and Leeann Staples
23. Tristan Blake, son of Shawn and Michelle Kalman '06 Tucker and grandson of Ric '77 and Kaye Farnsworth '77 Kalman
24. Natalie Ann, daughter of Matt '04 and Kim Benzel '04 Valley
25. Audun and Henry, sons of Nicolas '00 and Tricia Knoll '03 Vieth
26. William Waylon, son of Justin '07 and Christy Attebery '08 Wall
27. Cole Henry, son of Mark and Janna Kellas '02 Williamson

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## In Memory

The University of Idaho extends its condolences to the family and friends.

### 30s

Carolyn Wysong Carlson '39, Bellevue, WA, Aug 26, 2012

Marjorie Lester Christopher '39, Tampa, FL, Jul 2, 2012

Loyd Coleman '39, Melba, Oct 9, 2012

Richard Schumacher '35, Tucson, AZ, Apr 14, 2012

Maria Raphael Smith '39, Mount Vernon, WA, Jul 26, 2012

Timothy Vaughan '38, Spokane, WA, Jul 4, 2012

Patricia Kennard Watson '34, Goldendale, WA, Nov 10, 2011

Marie Haasch Whitesel '38, Coeur d'Alene, Nov 23, 2012

Bernie Zamzow '39, Boise, Sep 11, 2012

### 40s

June Gee Aasrud '47, Hermiston, OR, Nov 4, 2012

LeRoy Anderson '48, Lakewood, WA, Sep 11, 2012

Mary Bockman Brannan '47, Nordman, Jul 19, 2012

Margery Hutsell Bush '44, '48, Albuquerque, NM, Sep 2, 2012

Mary Bales Charamuga '42, Lafayette, CA, Jun 15, 2012

Wendell Christensen '49, Nampa, Nov 9, 2012

Betty Buck Cloninger '42, Livingston, TX, Jul 30, 2012

Gordon Collett '44, Boise, Sep 1, 2012

Dorothy Moulton Curtis '48, Portland, OR, Oct 18, 2011

Eugene Davidson '40, Moscow, Nov 10, 2012

William Dingle '47, Dayton, WA, Jun 22, 2012

Xavier Durant '47, Lewiston, Aug 18, 2012

Ronald Eggart '47, Kellogg, Jul 2, 2012

Eda Hillman Eidson '41, San Diego, CA, Aug 28, 2012

Carl Eisinger '49, Kirkland, WA, Aug 28, 2012

Virginia Young English '43, Spokane, WA, Jun 29, 2012

Verna Greenlee '47, Redwood City, CA, Jan 26, 2011

Ladd Hamilton '46, Clarkston, WA, Oct 28, 2012

Lois Hansen '42, Boise, Jul 18, 2012

Frederick Harris '41, Coronado, CA, Jul 6, 2012

Roy Hoelke '48, Heron, MT, Jul 16, 2012

Paul Hunt '48, Roanoke, VA, Aug 13, 2012

Geraldine Stephenson Jacobs '47, Rexburg, Oct 21, 2012

John Kirkwood '49, Montesano, WA, Jun 16, 2012

LaVerne Dixon Kruse '48, Boise, Aug 29, 2012

Charles Lame '49, '51, Lewiston, Nov 15, 2012

Clyde Littlefield '44, Sandpoint, Jun 22, 2012

Dorothy Huddleston Loe '47, Las Vegas, NV, Sep 11, 2011

James McKahan '47, Coeur d'Alene, Aug 27, 2012

Howard Monks Jr. '42, '51, Sandpoint, Oct 9, 2012

Carolyn Cleare Palmgren '47, Boise, Jun 1, 2012

Max Ririe '49, Ammon, Sep 2, 2012

William Robinson '48, Bountiful, UT, Jan 8, 2012

James Roper '45, Burley, Sep 11, 2012

Ray Short '44, Califon, NJ, Aug 1, 2011

Ruth Boyer Streib '42, Gainesville, FL, Feb 18, 2011

Charles Sutherland '48, '54, Corvallis, OR, Oct 15, 2012

Marjie Leichter Sweetwood '45, Boise, Sep 28, 2012

Elvin Taysom '40, Tempe, AZ, Oct 6, 2012

Albert Weaver '41, Tucson, AZ, Oct 24, 2012

Helen Sandquist Williams '49, '50, Coeur d'Alene, Nov 10, 2012

Blaine Wishart '43, Kelseyville, CA, Jan 13, 2011

Joe Zaring '42, Washington, D.C., Sep 17, 2012

### 50s

Ardell Aman '50, Kennewick, WA, Oct 15, 2012

Laverne "Andy" Anderson '55, Lewiston, Oct 6, 2012

Harvey Armintrout '54, East Wenatchee, WA, Feb 29, 2012

Robert Backus '52, Reno, NV, Aug 21, 2012

Jack Barraclough '51, Idaho Falls, Jul 24, 2012

Vernon Baxter '51, Spokane, WA, Jul 25, 2012

Jerry Bellon '57, Loudon, TN, Jul 23, 2012

Kenneth Bergquist '50, Boise, Jul 2, 2012

Claude Bermensolo '52, Mountain Home, Aug 29, 2012

Clarence Bernard '50, Nampa, Jul 11, 2012

Alice Graham Blake '40, Rexburg, Jul 17, 2012

Audrey Bahl Boardman '54, Everett, WA, Jul 2, 2012

Harry Brizee '54, Annandale, VA, Sep 24, 2012

Joseph Butkus '51, Indianapolis, IN, Jun 29, 2012

Glenn Button '57, Kent, WA, Nov 6, 2012

Jesse Chaves '53, Westminster, MD, Nov 27, 2012

Herbert Cheeley '58, Coeur d'Alene, Oct 21, 2012

Robert Christensen '51, Mesa, AZ, Jun 26, 2012

Eugene Collinsworth '51, Memphis, TN, Sep 1, 2012

Donald Cushing '59, Walnut Creek, CA, Oct 8, 2012

Winthrop Dale '50, Afton, WY, Oct 23, 2012

Lon Davis '57, '59, Eagle, Nov 13, 2012

Colleen Hinchey Demick '54, Yakima, WA, Jul 30, 2012

Jerry Diehl '50, '73, Idaho Falls, Nov 6, 2012

William Dragich '50, Stella, WA, May 25, 2011

Donald Emory '57, Eagle, Nov 19, 2012

Floyd Fairweather '59, Rapid City, SD, Jul 26, 2012

Donald Finney '51, Ketchikan, AK, Jul 12, 2012

Leslie Foster '56, Seattle, WA, Oct 15, 2012

Jerry Frick Jr. '50, Portland, OR, Oct 18, 2012

George Glarborg '50, Hazelton, Jun 17, 2012

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Shirley Lint Greif '56,  
Uniontown, WA, Jul 17, 2012

Clare Guernsey '54, '61,  
Carmichael, CA, Oct 28, 2012

Marion Haggerty '51,  
Roseville, CA, Jul 8, 2012

Lee Hamilton '52,  
Pocatello, Jul 20, 2012

Robert Hardie '59, Marysville,  
WA, Apr 17, 2012

Don Harris '58, Thatcher,  
Oct 7, 2012

Eugene Heimgartner '58,  
'84, Nampa, Aug 20, 2012

Archie Hess '56, Calgary,  
Alberta, Canada, Oct 24, 2012

Kenneth Hook '56,  
Libby, MT, Jul 3, 2012

Norman Howse '59, '66,  
Sandy, OR, Aug 24, 2012

Paul Hyde '54, Post  
Falls, Aug 17, 2012

Diane Oakley Knox  
'54, Hoffman Estates,  
IL, Aug 29, 2012

Lynn Evans Little '59,  
Boise, Oct 22, 2012

Walter "Jack" Long '52,  
Boise, Aug 23, 2012

David Lowry '50,  
Grangeville, Sep 26, 2012

Marietta Cloos Lynn '54,  
Coeur d'Alene, Sep 14, 2012

Mary Patano Lynn '53, '77,  
Post Falls, Jul 19, 2012

Carolyn Craddock McEntee  
'50, Boise, Oct 21, 2012

Carl Meyer '53, Austin,  
TX, Jun 30, 2012

A. George O'Leary '51,  
Lacey, WA, Jul 11, 2012

James Peterson '50, Peoria,  
AZ, May 10, 2012

Bob Pritchett '50, '58,  
Richland, WA, Nov 18, 2012

Ted Ransom '57, Iona,  
Jun 30, 2012

James Rauch '55, Coeur  
d'Alene, Sep 9, 2012

Everett Rice '51, Boise,  
Aug 21, 2012

Bud Riley '52, Anacortes,  
WA, Aug 4, 2012

Duane Sharp '55, '62, Rancho  
Cucamonga, CA, Sep 30, 2012

Joseph Shoemaker '50,  
Blackfoot, Oct 16, 2012

Harriet Shrontz '54, Mercer  
Island, WA, Aug 3, 2012

Thomas Smith '52,  
Boise, Oct 14, 2012

Wayne Stephens '58,  
Polson, MT, Nov 3, 2012

Suzann Moore Stickney '54,  
Missoula, MT, Jun 26, 2012

Gary Sturman '59, Tekoa,  
WA, Oct 5, 2012

Jack Tsudaka '58, Gig  
Harbor, WA, Apr 15, 2011

James Varley '52, Twin  
Falls, Sep 7, 2012

Carl Weholt '55, Seattle,  
WA, Oct 8, 2012

Sherrell "Willie" Williamson  
'54, Medford, OR, Jul 13, 2012

Floyd Winegar '53,  
Ekalaka, MT, Jul 9, 2012

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## 60s

Dennis Alleman '68,  
Centerville, UT, Jul 14, 2012

Donald Ayers '67, Soda  
Springs, Jul 3, 2012

Rick Baer '67, Seven Bays,  
WA, Jul 14, 2012

Delbert Bennett '67,  
Murtaugh, Sep 5, 2012

George Bertonneau '60,  
Brant Lake, NY, Jan 2, 2012

Tom Birch '69, Meridian,  
Nov 13, 2012

Charles Bovey '61,  
Pocatello, Oct 23, 2012

Gerald Bowers '63, Spokane,  
WA, Sep 15, 2012

Byron Champion '61,  
Payette, Oct 16, 2012

Gary Ferney '60, '62,  
Spokane, WA, Aug 6, 2012

Carol Cegnar Frazier '66,  
Arlington, TX, May 24, 2011

Ronald Gibson '69,  
Rupert, Oct 6, 2012

James Gilbert '69, Richland,  
WA, Sep 8, 2012

Sergio Gossmann '62, Mexico  
City, Mexico, Nov 15, 2012

Charles Hanford '61,  
Boise, Jul 18, 2011

Gayle Dean Hix '61, Salt  
Lake City, UT, Oct 6, 2012

Lorna Yada Hokanson '68,  
Hayden, Sep 1, 2012

Gerald House '63, Hayden  
Lake, Jun 30, 2012

George Hume '60, Newport  
Coast, CA, Sep 9, 2011

George Johnson '66, Las  
Vegas, NV, Jul 14, 2012

David Landon '65, Hermiston,  
OR, Sep 10, 2012

Michael Lemieux '69,  
Blackfoot, Oct 29, 2012

Richard Lindgren '66,  
Vancouver, WA, Aug 4, 2012

Edward Moomaugh '61, Palm  
Springs, CA, Sep 11, 2012

Paul Mumford '62, Westminster,  
CA, Mar 29, 2012

Kenneth Nelson '65, Coeur  
d'Alene, Oct 29, 2012

Richard Nichols Sr '69,  
Caldwell, Oct 3, 2012

Ronald Perry '67, San  
Diego, CA, May 28, 2012

Kenneth Radke '61, Los  
Angeles, CA, Jul 29, 2012

Fred Seipold '69, '73,  
Spokane, WA, Sep 17, 2012

Gordon Stokes '69, Provo,  
UT, Aug 20, 2012

Carole Barrett Stone '69,  
Spokane, WA, Oct 12, 2012

Marian Crowell Thomas '62,  
Kenmore, WA, Jul 16, 2012

David Tusberg '66, Moses  
Lake, WA, Aug 8, 2012

Floyd Williams '60,  
Kellogg, Oct 4, 2012

Leaford Windle '60,  
Belen, NM, Apr 8, 2012

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## 70s

Guy AlLee '75, '77, '80,  
Palmer, AK, Aug 13, 2012

Dwight Blackburn '72,  
Boise, Nov 7, 2011

Darris Bright '71, Teton,  
Aug 30, 2012

Arthur Chubb III '75,  
Sandpoint, Aug 19, 2012

Charles Cressey '71,  
Sandpoint, Jul 30, 2012

Michael Darcy '79, Coeur  
d'Alene, Sep 22, 2012

Shane Docherty '79, Palm  
Springs, CA, Apr 28, 2011

Joe Eld '70, Donnelly,  
Sep 23, 2012

Ervin Erdelt '72, Colusa,  
CA, Jul 14, 2012

Karen Kaiser Falke '77,  
Viola, Aug 1, 2012

Bernard Frymire '71, Coeur  
d'Alene, Jul 20, 2012

Judy Uranga Gross '75,  
Caldwell, Oct 23, 2012

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Marianne Koskimaki Hamilton '73, Pinehurst, Aug 13, 2012

Mike Harker '70, '77, Pasco, WA, Aug 27, 2012

William Humble '79, Moscow, Sep 8, 2012

James Huyck '75, Mullan, Aug 7, 2012

Doris Wilbur Jantz '70, Spokane, WA, Aug 11, 2012

Mark Kerr '75, Cleveland, OH, Dec 18, 2011

Kathleen Bruce Lamm '73, Nampa, Oct 28, 2012

Leroy Leen '72, Las Vegas, NV, Feb 3, 2011

Susan Olsen Mayer '74, Boise, Jul 7, 2012

Pat McConville '79, North Mankato, MN, Aug 24, 2012

Dean Peterson '70, Lewiston, Aug 8, 2012

James Roland '70, Bonners Ferry, Jul 5, 2012

Joseph Schwegmann '74, Manila, The Philippines, Oct 8, 2012

Joseph Smith '73, Mead, WA, Aug 14, 2012

Douglas Strong '72, Seattle, WA, Aug 23, 2012

Gerald Turnbow '70, Hayden, Aug 19, 2012

Harold Walker '79, Bishop, GA, Nov 3, 2012

Emma Saari Weeks '70, Coeur d'Alene, Sep 4, 2012

Thomas Whitford Sr. '78, Appleton, WI, Apr 19, 2011

## 80s

Frank Angele Jr. '81, Laramie, WY, Jun 26, 2012

Donald Armstrong '82, Spirit Lake, Oct 7, 2012

Pamela Welker Austin '88, Issaquah, WA, Sep 1, 2012

Lance Bills '88, Ridgecrest, CA, Nov 1, 2012

David Burger '87, Idaho Falls, Sep 21, 2012

Eric Carlson '86, Idaho Falls, Sep 29, 2012

Roger "Rod" Davidson III '89, Adrian, OR, Sep 26, 2012

Robert Doler '80, Coeur d'Alene, Aug 10, 2012

Jon Grandy '87, '94, Idaho Falls, Jul 19, 2012

Michael Groh '89, Idaho Falls, Aug 30, 2012

Ronald Hanisch '88, Moscow, Sep 2, 2012

Terry Heirstuman '84, Spokane, WA, Oct 13, 2011

Chris Huggins '82, Federal Way, WA, Nov 11, 2011

L. Maurice Huggins '81, Tacoma, WA, Sep 18, 2012

Mary Marsh Jones '81, Leavenworth, KS, Oct 6, 2012

Scott Katz '89, Everett, WA, Jun 12, 2012

Candice Hunter Mabey '89, Bancroft, Jun 24, 2012

Earl McGeoghegan '87, Lewiston, Dec 22, 2011

John Moore '81, Falls Church, VA, Jun 4, 2012

Thomas Munson '81, Boise, Jun 28, 2012

Donald Nickels '89, Moscow, Jul 18, 2012

Mary Eggart Palmer '88, Dalton Gardens, May 5, 2011

Jean Youngberg Parker '81, Lake Oswego, OR, Sep 20, 2012

Steve Pusc '83, Bismarck, ND, Sep 13, 2012

Kathryn Neumayer Rake '83, '86, Lewiston, Jul 5, 2012

Joe Vandal flew to the capital of the Incas, Machu Picchu, with a boost from alumnus and Peace Corps volunteer Christopher Galvin '08 last winter. Joining the trek were Christopher's parents, Michael '83 and Cindy '82 Galvin. "Arriba Idaho," writes Christopher.

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## 90s

Jack Erb Jr. '96, Pullman, WA, Sep 21, 2012

Shelly Barefoot Havlovick '97, Idaho Falls, Sep 21, 2012

James Hicklin '96, Asheville, NC, Jul 31, 2012

Gerald Lutz '96, Kirkland, WA, Sep 8, 2012

Donna Wickline Marvin '93, Spokane, WA, Jul 23, 2012

Matthew May '93, Boise, Nov 7, 2012

Lawrence Orendorff '90, Apopka, FL, Sep 11, 2012

George Reynolds '97, Ammon, Jul 18, 2012

Deanna Pence-Schendel '93, '07, Coeur d'Alene, Apr 18, 2012

John Simonet '96, '11, Coeur d'Alene, Oct 23, 2012

Christopher Wall '96, Florence, MA, Sep 11, 2012

## 00s

Andrew Nelson '09, Spokane, WA, Sep 23, 2012

Jim Schindler '07, '08, Olympia, WA, Oct 28, 2012

Crystal Strobl '02, Prineville, OR, Oct 20, 2012

# Alumni Award Recipients - 2013

The following alumni and friends were selected for honors by the University of Idaho Alumni Association Awards and Recognition Committee.

## Alumni Hall of Fame

*Alumni who have achieved national or international distinction by their accomplishments and leadership*

**John A. Rosholt '59, '64**  
Twin Falls, ID | CBE & Law

**Matt Espe '80**  
Lancaster, PA | CBE/Marketing

*2013 Alumni Hall of Fame induction is set for May 9-10, 2013*



## Silver and Gold Award

*A distinguished record of achievement and service in their specialized area of endeavor*

**Brent Keeth '82 & '96**  
Boise, ID | Engineering

**Tim Woodward '71**  
Boise, ID | L&S/JAMM

**Charlotte Hill '77**  
Pasadena, CA | L&S/Chem



## Jim Lyle Award

*Long-term dedication and service to the university and/or Alumni Association through volunteerism*

**Joy Irving '64**  
Moscow, ID | CALS/Food

**Laine Meyer '72**  
Los Altos, CA | CBE/Acctg

**Ken '55 & Marilyn '55 Hallett**  
Spokane, WA | CALS & Education

**Bill (William K) Frederiksen '71**  
Dubois, ID | CALS

**John '80, '85 & Linda '83 Mitchell**  
Coeur d'Alene, ID | L&S/Law & Engrg



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**Sandy Larsen**  
Boise, ID

**Dick and Barbara Bull**  
Moscow, ID

**Teita Reveley**  
Bainbridge Island, WA

**Lola Hagadone**  
Coeur d'Alene, ID

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# Paul Petrino

## Vandals name new football coach

By Josh Wright

Growing up in a football-mad family in Montana, Paul and Bobby Petrino heard the same message from their father that he told his other players at Carroll College: The game is about discipline and execution.

“Execution is created by constant repetition that creates a conditioned reflex in a given situation,” Paul said. “Anyone that played for my dad can repeat that right now.”

Drilling into his players the importance of the smallest details, Bob Petrino Sr. had gobs of success at Carroll.

The same for Bobby at Louisville and Arkansas.

Now it’s Paul’s turn to try a similar recipe at Idaho.

Petrino was announced as the 33rd head coach of the Vandals on Dec.

3 at a lively news conference at the Kibbie Dome. Greeted by the Idaho marching band, boosters and fans, the 45-year-old former University of Idaho assistant said he had been preparing for this day since he was a boy.

“That’s all I’ve ever wanted to do is be a head coach,” he said after being introduced by Idaho president M. Duane Nellis. “That’s what I’ve trained for.

“A lot of parents take their kids hunting and fishing,” he continued. “Our dad would take us up to the office and first teach us how to play the game, and then teach us how to coach the game.”

Petrino, the younger brother of the prosperous but controversial Bobby, showed a fiery demeanor while laying out his step-by-step plan for

reviving the moribund Idaho program. He takes over after the Vandals fired Robb Akey, who went 20-50 in five-plus seasons as head coach.

Petrino, the former Arkansas offensive coordinator, who also oversaw explosive offenses at Illinois and Louisville, agreed to a three-year contract that will pay him \$390,000 per year and includes two potential extension years based on paid home-game attendance goals.

“We’ve just proven today that we can hire one of the best coaches in the country, one of the most innovative offensive minds in the country,” athletic director Rob Spear said at the news conference.

Spear said more than 50 coaches applied for the job and he had phone interviews with at least 15 candidates.



## 2013 Vandal Football Schedule

|             |   |                    |
|-------------|---|--------------------|
| Sat, Aug 31 | University of North Texas   | at Denton, TX      |
| Sat, Sep 7  | University of Wyoming   | at Laramie, WY     |
| Sat, Sep 14 | University of Northern Illinois<br><i>Military Appreciation Day</i>     | Moscow, ID         |
| Sat, Sep 21 | Washington State University   | at Pullman, WA     |
| Sat, Sep 28 | Temple University<br><i>Homecoming<br/>Golden I reunion-Sept 26-27</i>  | Moscow, ID         |
| Sat, Oct 5  | Fresno State University<br><i>Ag Days</i>                               | Moscow, ID         |
| Sat, Oct 12 | Arkansas State University   | at Jonesboro, AR   |
| Sat, Oct 19 | Bye   |                    |
| Sat, Oct 26 | University of Mississippi   | at Oxford, MS      |
| Sat, Nov 2  | Texas State University<br><i>Dads' Weekend</i>                          | Moscow, ID         |
| Sat, Nov 9  | Old Dominion University<br><i>Leadership Weekend<br/>Senior Weekend</i> | Moscow, ID         |
| Sat, Nov 16 | Bye   | Moscow, ID         |
| Sat, Nov 23 | Florida State   | at Tallahassee, FL |
| Sat, Nov 30 | New Mexico State University   | at Las Cruces, NM  |

He received a call from Bobby Petrino, who recommended his brother for the job, and Paul was quickly on the Vandals' short list.

After narrowing in on Petrino, Spear and the search committee talked with John L. Smith, who was Petrino's boss at Arkansas this season and at Idaho from 1992-94, former Illinois coach Ron Zook, Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long and others. All vouched for the detail-oriented, lifelong assistant.

"I don't know if you can find a better, more knowledgeable coach offensively," Smith said via telephone. "He definitely needed a chance to become a head coach, and this is his opportunity to do that.

"He's going to love those kids. He's going to push those kids. He's going to give those kids the same

tough love that he had growing up. And they will develop that work ethic, that discipline that he has. So I think (Idaho's) getting a steal."

After two years at Illinois, Petrino rejoined his brother at Arkansas in December 2011. A few months later, Bobby was dismissed for having an affair with a former Razorbacks volleyball player whom he had hired as a football department staffer.

Smith took over as interim coach for this season, and Arkansas suffered through a 4-8 campaign.

Long, the Arkansas A.D., told Spear that he would have hired Paul as interim coach if it wasn't for his last name. And Bobby told Spear how much responsibility he put on his younger brother's shoulders when Paul was on his various staffs.

"My understanding (is) that he's

been training for this job since birth," Nellis said.

Regarding Idaho's future without a conference home, he and Spear were firm in their commitment to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

"We want to stay FBS, and that's something we talked about," Paul said. "There's going to be so many conferences moving around that we've just got to go out and put a good product on the field and put ourselves in a great position to end up in a conference." **I**

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