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is offered as an electronic
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copies for the Varsity B members
who do not have email. We believe
that this format will actually better
serve the membership as we can
add more information without
incurring significant printing costs.

Let us know what you think by
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comment on the Varsity B
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When I think of the first line of the
chorus from Daughtry’s country western
song “Home,” it clearly reflects how I felt
upon my return to a BSU homecoming in
over 10 years. As I walked into the Caven
Williams Sports Complex to the All-Sport
Reunion sponsored by the Varsity B Club,
I knew I was home.

This particular homecoming was
especially meaningful not only for me, but
hundreds of past Maneline Dancer alumni,
as it was a time to honor the retirement
of our beloved coach, Julie Stevens. Julie
coached a plethora of girls over her 30
years of tireless service to the Broncos.

We were able to gather together
Friday night for a retirement party held
in the Student Union Building. We were
well represented with over 100 Maneline
alumni attending and were able to give
Julie a hug and thank her for all she has
done for us, the Maneline program and
Boise State. Maneline dancers are like a
sisterhood and we will always support
our Maneline program past, present and
future. I will be coming back in December
to choreograph Maneline’s National
Competition routine and am excited to
meet the current Maneline dancers and
their new coach, Tobruk Blaine.

Saturday was a busy day for home-
coming attendees with a parade, the
All Sport Reunion, the game against
University of Nevada (yes we won!) and
of course the fabulous half time!

I’m so grateful that although I gradu-
ated 25 years ago, I know I still have a
home to go to where alumni can gather
together and celebrate many memories,
reconnect and of course cheer on our
Broncos.

— Go Broncos!

VARSITY B MOMENTS:
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LEFT: Julie Stevens enjoyed seeing the Maneline and cheer alumnae at the Varsity B all sport
tailgate before the homecoming game vs. Nevada. RIGHT: The Friday evening Maneline and
cheer Julie Stevens retirement celebration was well attended and of course, Julie Stevens
was right in the middle of it!

“I’m going home, back to the place
where I belong…”

By Laila Henson Hardman (Maneline 1984-1989)
Welcome Back Bryan Harsin!

DECEMBER 11, 2013, Christmas came early for the Varsity B and Bronco Nation; Boise State announced the hiring of former Bronco football student-athlete and coach Bryan Harsin (1995-1999), as the next Bronco football head coach. The Varsity B wholeheartedly welcomes Coach Harsin and his family back to Boise State. The Varsity B Club looks forward to supporting our football student-athletes as they are led by Coach Hars to even more greatness.

— Go Broncos!

Bleymaier Football Center Creates Recruiting Advantage for Boise State Football

THE BRONCO FOOTBALL VARSITY SQUAD moved into the new Bleymaier Football Center in August of 2013. The new football center is 70,000 square feet of locker room, strength center, training room, recruiting lounge and various team meeting rooms. Fundraising efforts to make this new facility a reality started well before the ground was broken (April 2012), and efforts are still on-going. So far, Bronco football alumni have donated a staggering $1.8 Million towards the $22M facility. The locker sponsorship program, which was reserved exclusively for football alumni, is completely sold out!

Thank You Varsity B!
—Athletes Helping Athletes. — Go Broncos!
Catching up with...  
BRANDY MAMIZUKA  
VOLLEYBALL 1995 TO 1999

HOMETOWN: (Where did you grow up and where do you live?) I was born and raised in Hawai‘i. I grew up in Kahuku on the North Shore of O‘ahu. I currently reside in Boise, Idaho.

DEGREES: Bachelor of Business Administration, Masters of Business Administration (BSU).

FAMILY: I was raised in a big family. I am one of five kids, and we’re all very close. I have 10 nieces and nephews, so family get-togethers are crazy and fun!

JOB: I’ve been at Micron for about 14 years now. I’ve been in various roles over the years but I’m currently in a business development role. In this role, I get to travel the world and visit places that I would not otherwise get to visit.

Micron is an excellent company to work for, and there are some really great things going on right now in terms of company transformation and new product innovation. It’s an exciting time to be working for the company.

FONDEST MEMORY AS A STUDENT: I had such a great time living in the dorms as a freshman. There was always something exciting going on, and it enabled me to form close friendships. Moving out of the dorms was great too. One year in the dorm was plenty!

FONDEST MEMORY AS A BOISE STATE STUDENT-ATHLETE: I have so many fond memories as a student-athlete. I loved our pre-game locker room ritual. To get hyped up for games, we blasted music (sometimes inappropriate music) while we jumped around. I’m sure this is a pretty common ritual. Fun times.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: As a student, my favorite place on campus was the volleyball court in the Pavilion (Taco Bell Arena).

HOW HAS THE UNIVERSITY AND ATHLETICS CHANGED SINCE YOU LEFT? There has been a significant amount of growth in both the academic and athletic programs since my years at Boise State. The recent addition of the Venture College program to foster entrepreneurship and innovation is yet another example of what makes Boise State great. I think that this investment in fostering the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders will help take Boise State, and our city, to the next level.

In athletics, the addition of women’s programs is also very exciting. With volleyball being near and dear to my heart, it’s great to see the addition of the women’s sand volleyball program in 2014.

THOUGHTS ON COACHES: From my experience, coaches have the ability to make an enormous impact on a student-athlete’s experience. Not only are they responsible for developing a player to reach his or her fullest athletic potential, a coach is also responsible for guiding and influencing the athlete’s life in general. A coach is a mentor, a friend, a supporter, a motivator and a disciplinarian, among many, many other things.

Nelson Mandela made very powerful statements about sport in one of his speeches. He said, “Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand.” I wholeheartedly believe that all of this is true. I also believe that coaches are the vessels that make all of this happen.

LIFE AFTER BOISE STATE? One of my passions is traveling, and I’ve been fortunate enough to have traveled all over the world. I’ve made it a goal to visit at least one new country every year and so far I’ve been able to make it happen. I’d like to get to the South Pacific in the next year to two.

I also do a fair amount of volunteering. The two organizations that I’ve spent the most time with have been the American Cancer Society and Elks Meals on Wheels.

WHAT STANDS OUT THE MOST ABOUT BOISE STATE? I think one of the things that make Boise State unique is the community in which it thrives. Boise is a relatively young community but growing very rapidly. There are a number of construction projects that are going on right now in the downtown core, including new entertainment, more urban living lofts, etc., which is very exciting. The city has a great vibrant energy, outstanding quality of life, affordable housing, clean streets, friendly people, and easy access to a number of outdoor activities. The potential for our city is unlimited!

WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU MOST ENJOY WATCHING? I enjoy watching Boise State games, the Olympics, and my 5 year old niece’s soccer team (Go Pink Dragons!).

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE VARSITY B CLUB? The Varsity B program former athletes, such as me, to stay connected to Boise State. We all share something in common, and I think that the Varsity B Club is a celebration of our common past.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BOISE STATE BRONCO? I think being a Boise State Bronco means having a blue-collar mentality, a strong work ethic, humility, and courage. – Go Broncos!
ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES of a successful football program is: a lot of anniversaries to celebrate. Right now we could go back 10 years to 2003, Boise State's first 12-win season as a Division I-A school, capped by a thrilling 34-31 victory in the Broncos' first out-of-town bowl game, the Fort Worth Bowl against TCU.

But let's instead commemorate a 40th anniversary. The Boise State teams of the early 1970's set the table for what we experience today, 16 straight winning seasons and 12 straight bowl games. And the 1973 team won the first of the Broncos' 17 conference championships.

Early on, coach Tony Knap called it his “team of destiny.” Boise State displayed its keen focus from the get-go when it opened the season at rival Idaho. The Vandals infamously marched through the Bronco locker room before the game with a derogatory chant. The Broncos did their talking on the scoreboard in a 47-24 victory.

The season took off from there, with senior Ron Autele, a renowned scrambler, and junior Jim McMillan, a soon-to-be-legendary passer, splitting time at quarterback. The eye was always on the prize, the Big Sky title. The Broncos' only two regular season non-conference losses were road affairs at UNLV and Nevada (and the latter was controversial after the Wolf Pack was granted an extra play after time expired due to what many felt was a phantom tripping penalty on Boise State linebacker Claude Tomasin).

The Big Sky didn't put up much resistance, and by the last Saturday in October, the Broncos were already in position to clinch that first championship. Standing in the way was Montana, a long-time small college power and defensive dynamo that had prepared meticulously for Boise State's passing offense, which was ahead of its time. So what did Knap do? He shocked the Grizzlies by running the ball—and then running some more. When it was over, the Broncos had racked up 521 yards on the ground, a school record to this day, and had captured the crown with a 55-7 victory.

That was also the year the NCAA divided college football into divisions, and Division II held playoffs for the first time. But the Big Sky champion wasn't an automatic entry, and Boise State needed a non-conference win in the season finale at UC Davis to earn a playoff berth. The Broncos looked like they were on the ropes until a McMillanto-Dave Nicely touchdown pass with six seconds left knotted the game, 31-31. This was before the days of overtime, and they needed a win, not a tie. With Boise State kicker Ty Morris injured, an extra point was not a given. But future NFL cornerback Rolly Woolsey booted it through, and the season continued.

Senior wide receiver Don Hutt, the former Borah High star who had 15 catches in the win at UC Davis, had 13 more with three touchdowns versus South Dakota in the first round of the Division II Playoffs in Bronco Stadium. Hutt was the key to a 53-10 win that sent the Broncos into the semifinals against Louisiana Tech at the Pioneer Bowl in Wichita Falls, TX. The Bulldogs rallied to win 38-34 on a touchdown catch by future Baltimore Colt Roger Carr, and they would go on to win the national championship the following week.

But the 10-3 season in 1973 would be remembered as the one that really established the personality of Boise State football with its creativity and ingenuity on offense. It was a crowd-pleasing bunch, so much so that Bronco Stadium would have to be expanded from a capacity of 14,500 to 20,000 within two years. It raised expectations, and those would be fulfilled by two more Big Sky championships and an unbeaten streak in conference play that would last until 1976.

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By Tom Scott
The Passing of Former Broncos

**LORI ORR HAYS**
**BOISE STATE ATHLETICS**
**1986 – 2012**
The Boise State Varsity B Club lost a dear friend on October 25, 2013. Lori was a long time employee of the Boise State athletic department. Lori forged many friendships with the Boise State alumni and student-athlete population. Lori was a true Bronco to the core. She will be missed.

**STEVE CONNOR**
**BASKETBALL 1974-1977**
Steve Connor passed away on November 6, 2013. Steve was one of the most prolific shooters in Boise State basketball history with 1,927 points scored. Steve was inducted to the Boise State Hall of Fame as a member of the 1987 class.

**RICHARD NELSON**
**FOOTBALL 1947 – 1948**
Former Bronco football All-American Richard “Dick” Nelson passed away on November 22, 2013. Dick was the first All-American at Boise Junior College. He was team captain in 1947 and 1948. Nelson never lost a game during his time at BJC, finishing with an 18-0 record. Dick Nelson was a member of the Boise State Hall of Fame, class of 1983.

**JIMMIE “GUMP” COULSON**
**FOOTBALL 1955**
Jim Coulson passed away on December 14, 2013. Jimmie Coulson was a player on the 1955 BJC football team that went 7-2. Coulson was very involved with Boise State and lifetime member of the Varsity B Club. Coulson’s son, David, wrestled at Boise State from 1982 to 1986.

**BOO HEFFNER**
Boo Heffner was recognized as one of the Distinguished Alumnus at the 2013 Presidential Gala, Friday, October 18th on homecoming weekend.

Boo Heffner, former Bronco athletic student-trainer from 1982 to 1986 and current Varsity B member, was thrilled to be back in Boise to receive this special honor. In 2010 Heffner, who is currently living in Seattle, joined Falck North America as president and CEO. Falck North America is one of the largest private providers of emergency medical services in the United States. Heffner has direct oversight of all North American operations.
The Varsity B’s mission is to encourage and promote the heritage, traditions, and success of Boise State student-athletes and Boise State athletics for all Broncos; to honor the legacy, and preserve the qualities that represent being a Boise State Bronco.

Varsity B section at Husky Stadium – Come’on Broncos!

Former Bronco cross country and Rhode Scholar, Karl Knapp, stops by the Allen Noble Hall of Fame for a Varsity B visit.

Current Varsity football student-athlete, Jay Ajayi, gets a little advice from the father of Bronco football, Coach Lyle Smith.

Varsity B football alumni BBQ: a great way to kick off the season: Feed’em, Love’em, Wish’em luck.
Bronco volleyball alumnae were having a great time at the Varsity B tailgate at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

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Big thanks to former Bronco Jason Payne (right), for hosting a huge tailgate at the San Diego State football game at Qualcomm Stadium. The assistant chef was former Bronco cornerback Phillip McFadden (left).

Congratulations to Christina Moore Ward (volleyball 95-99) on being named the Varsity B honorary captain for the final volleyball home match of the season. Broncos win!

Let’s get this game started! Varsity B honorary captains Al Kiler (1940) and Dave Toney (1966-1970) initiate the coin toss prior to the final home football game vs. New Mexico.

Terri and Dan Lukehart, both former Bronco student-athletes (Terri - Track & Field, Dan - Football), are proud of their son Dillon, who was awarded Bronco football special team player of the year for the second year in a row. Way to go Lukeharts!
2013 Varsity B Gus Urresti Golf Scramble Keeps Raising the Bar

THE ANNUAL VARSITY B-GUS URRESTI GOLF SCRAMBLE was another success. Over 140 golfers played the Warm Springs golf course on an enjoyable Homecoming Friday afternoon.

Coach Lyle Smith and Rich Urresti were in great form, making all the participants feel welcome, while ensuring everyone had enough chorizos and beverages.

Close to $15,000 was raised for the Gus Urresti Scholarship Endowment and many prizes were awarded. Be sure to add the Varsity B-Gus Urresti Golf Scramble to your golf calendar in 2014! – Go Broncos!

Former Bronco star quarterback, Bart Hendricks, sets the fashion bar very high, while former Bronco, Rich Urresti (tournament chairman), sports a new style slim fit, Bronco jersey.
THE VARSITY B TAILGATE was a great success at all of the home football games this past fall! Former BSU athletes from men’s/women’s basketball, gymnastics, wrestling, men’s/women’s track, and football made appearances throughout the tailgate season. There were as many as 50-60 Varsity B members at one early fall tailgate. It was great to see everyone stop by, chat it up, and chow down a burger. It was a destination spot for Varsity B members.

Big thanks to Varsity B members that helped out during the season: Chris Wing, Ryan Stearns, Steve Vogel, Tracy Trumbo Van-Ocker, and Karie Kunkler Arnold.

I also want to give a big shout out to Ryan Ikebe, Bart Hendricks, and Travis Krawl for their generous beverage donations from Jack Daniels, Payette Brewery, and Crooked Fence.

And finally, a really big cheer for Michel Bourgeau and the Bronco Athletic Association.

We have big plans for Varsity B tailgating for the fall 2014 season. Varsity B will keep you posted…

— Go Broncos!

By Phil Bartle – football 1983-1986
Leo Compton: A Pioneer for Boise State

By Samantha Alderman – track & field 2010-2013

Left: Leo Compton “Back in the Day”
Above: Leo Compton was recognized along with Ian Johnson (football 2004-2008) as the Varsity B honorary captains for the 2013 home opener vs. Tennessee Martin.

Not many people can say they’ve seen all the changes in Boise State University over the years. But Leo Compton has been there. From playing in the first undefeated football program under Lyle Smith, to making positive changes from the Alumni Board of Directors, it’s easy to see that after 60 years, Leo Compton is still passionate about Boise State.

Leo began his athletic career at Boise Junior College in 1947 after spending two years in the Army/Air Force during World War II. Leo played football and baseball under the guidance of coaching legend Lyle Smith (Coach Smith’s first year as a head coach). That year (1947), the Broncos were undefeated (9-0), which set a new precedent for football at Boise State.

“Lyle Smith was a tremendous man,” says Leo. Leo played center during his time at BJC.

“[Smith] recognized that I had good speed, was in good shape as I had spent the summer of 1947 in McCall as a smoke jumper.”

After BJC, Leo continued to play football at Idaho State University, where he earned the respect of his fellow teammates with his knowledge of the game and his passion for the sport. Leo was unanimously elected captain by his fellow senior players for the fall of 1950.

Compton never forgot the school that got him to where he was.

“I went to Boise Junior College, and I didn’t forget ‘em!” says Leo. After his time at Idaho State, where he graduated with a degree in secondary education, Leo worked as a high school coach for 16 years mostly in Baker, Oregon. Leo returned to Boise where he went into the advertising business. In 1984, Compton was asked by his good friend, Dyke Nally (football 1963-1964), who was director of the Boise State alumni association at the time, to join the board of directors for the Alumni Association.

“It was one of the best invitations I ever received!” said Compton. As president of the alumni board in 1987-1988, Leo’s work as alumni president directly influenced the opinion of major community figures. “As a team member of the alumni association, along with Dyke Nally and President John Keiser, I was able meet many political officials of the state of Idaho…I flew to Idaho Falls…spoke in Moscow…I participated at these events and promoted Boise State wherever I went. It was an honor.”

Not only did he help to put Boise State on the map in the minds of the community, but Leo worked to put fellow football players in the Boise State Hall of Fame. Leo organized alumni reunions for the ‘47 team from 1967, onward. One of Leo’s favorite memories is his involvement in helping promote the need for a marching band at Boise State. Through his friendship with fellow alumni board member, Glenn Nielsen, Leo Compton and Dyke Nally were successful in convincing Keith and Catherine Stein to support a marching band at Boise State in the late 80’s.

“Leo was a true facilitator in helping the idea of a marching band at Boise State come to fruition,” stated Dyke Nally.

Today Leo lives in Boise with his wife Bev and he remains an avid Bronco fan and a strong supporter of the Varsity B, sporting game day colors no matter the occasion.

– Go Broncos!
Former BJC Football Star
Joe Schaffeld Inducted Into U of Oregon Athletic Hall of Fame

FORMER BRONCO BJC STAR LINEMAN, was inducted to the Hall of Fame at the University of Oregon. The Vale, Oregon native and Boise Junior College star from 1955 to 1957, was inducted on Friday, October 18, 2013. Schaffeld transferred from Boise Junior College to the University of Oregon in 1958 and was a starter for the Ducks in the 1958 Rose Bowl. Schaffeld went on to a long and successful coaching career at Oregon, spanning over 30 years. – Go Broncos!

Former Broncos congratulate Joe Schaffeld (second from the left) John Wilcox (BJC 1957), Dave Wilcox (BJC 1960-1961), brother Paul Schaffeld (BJC 1956-1957) and Darrel Aschbacher (BJC 1956-1957).