Varsity B T-Shirts Revealed!

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New Varsity B members – Women’s Basketball: Tasha Harris, Becky Kepilino, and Jessica Van Hoogen.

Regular season WAC Champions seniors – Gymnastics: Taylor Jacob, Yvette Leizorek, and Raquel Turnbow ham it up as they show their excitement for the Varsity B Club.

New Varsity B members – Men’s Basketball: Ike Okoye, Anthony Thomas, Kurt Cunningham, and Nate Larsen.

First group of softball seniors join the ranks of the Varsity B after a huge win at the Bronco Softball Complex on senior day – Leaha Hill, Jessi Hanna, and Kathy Cox are all smiles.

Bronco senior Richie Brockel honored as recipient of the Lyle Smith Scholar-Athlete award at the annual banquet of the Southern Idaho chapter of the National Football & College Hall of Fame. The event took place on April 24th in downtown Boise. Way to Go Richie!
Interview with…

**Travis Greene**

**TRACK & FIELD, 1999–2001**

Travis Greene has not slowed down since his days at Boise State or his injury. In fact he has picked up the pace.

**TRAVIS GREENE** – Former Bronco Track & Field student-athlete from 1999-2000-2001, was recruited to Boise State from Twin Falls as a 400 m and 4 by 400 m sprinter and hurdler.

Greene was an all-conference performer his freshmen year while coached by Amy Christopherson and Mike Johnson at Boise State University.

After three years at Boise State, Travis decided to join the Marine Corps while pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Greene spent 4 years and 8 months in the marines. After his initial training Travis was deployed to the Middle East as part of Iraqi Freedom. During a routine mission Travis suffered a severe injury losing both his legs above the knee.

After several long months of rehabilitation in San Diego, CA. Travis returned to Idaho. It was upon his return that he realized that there were not many opportunities or organized opportunities for people like him to compete in sports.

He found Sun Valley Adaptive Sports and learned from them how to get things started in Boise. This is when Travis started www.idahowarriorsports.org.

Idaho Warriors Sports and Recreation is a Treasure Valley based non-profit organization that brings adaptive sports to everyone. It was created by disabled veterans to help serve the disabled community and their friends and family by using adaptive sports. Idaho Warrior Sports and Recreation is starting with two team sports, wheelchair basketball and sled hockey. Team sports were specifically chosen because of the camaraderie and interaction with others that happens with team sports; versus individual sports that separates us.

This program isn’t just for the disabled, but designed to include those closest to the disabled person. When someone receives an injury it isn’t just the individual who is affected, but everyone in that person’s life. That is why Travis encourages disabled friends and family members to come and participate in these adaptive sports.

Of the two sports Travis is organizing are wheelchair basketball and sled hockey, one doesn’t even exist in Boise, and the other is offered for about 12 weeks out of the year and it is 2 hours of playing time a week. We are very grateful for even having the opportunity to play, but playing a great sport shouldn’t only exist for 2 hours out of the week. Unfortunately that program is run through the city and they are very underfunded, which is where we come in. After we have the equipment necessary to participate in the sports, it will be available on a daily basis at all hours during the day, with special exceptions of course. That is where we need the help of the loving people from the Treasure Valley to help get the equipment we need. To view Travis Greene story or make a donation, please go to the Idaho Warriors Recreation website at www.idahowarriorsports.org.

Travis is currently married and resides in Boise.

Interview with…

**Valerie (Dworak) Paganelli**

**TRACK & FIELD, 1979–1983**

**HOMETOWN:** Born in Omaha; grew up mostly in Boise, Idaho; now living in Seattle, WA.

**DEGREES:** BBA, Economics; French minor

**FAMILY:** Husband, Bryan; two sons: Adam & Dominic

**JOB:** Consulting Actuary; owner of Paganelli Consulting, Inc.

**FONDEST MEMORY AS A STUDENT:** No specific fondest memory, just all-around good feelings about the campus, the setting, the faculty, the friendships, being a Bronco,
growing up and learning how to live off my $67/month track scholarship.

**FONDEST MEMORY AS A BOISE STATE STUDENT-ATHLETE:**
Hanging out with track & field team mates on the blue track, cramming ourselves and our gear into the blue vans or busses for road trip track meets. Competing at Nationals is especially memorable. Feeling physically fit, having good positive energy, and developing lifelong friendships on the track. Teri Meece (now Lukehart), Karen Osburn (now Howard), and Ann Damiano are all still at-the-ready friendships despite the 25 years that have now passed. In particular, Teri Meece and I have a connection that fate has definitely had a hand in…both living in northern California and Washington at the same times…allowing us to continue to grow up together after college. Getting married, holding babies, sharing meals, supporting each other through thick and thin. We are all still winners!

**FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS:**
Hmm…again, the track. The fountain in front of the library. The Gamma Phi Beta sorority house. And, The Ram (oh, wait, that wasn’t an official campus venue).

**THOUGHTS ON COACHES:** I trained under three different coaches during my four years on the track team...Ginger Fahleson, Jim Klein, and Ed Jacoby. The women’s track team combined with the men’s track team part way through my time at BSU. Call me crazy, but fond memories of “root hog or die” cheers and being called a “slug butt” by Jacoby when running hills or fart-licks come to mind.

**HOW HAS THE UNIVERSITY AND ATHLETICS CHANGED SINCE YOU LEFT?** Maybe it’s just part of the aging process, but the athletes seem far and away more fit and trained by the time they get to the college level. It seems we came to campus sporting only our raw talent and the poor coaches had to bear down on us to learn how to get into condition and win...teaching us how to win not based strictly on talent but on our self-esteem, determination and hard work.

**LIFE AFTER BOISE STATE?** Made a beeline to Seattle after marrying my college sweetheart and teammate, Jim Stevens. Then spent some time in San Francisco and Houston before circling back to Seattle again...this time as a single gal. Earned my credentials as an actuary, devoted time to developing my career nationally and now consult to large corporations on their employee retirement plans and do research and speaking engagements related to the challenges posed by employee demographics and financial economics. Also, currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Society of Actuaries. Re-married to Bryan Paganelli (from Yakima, WA) in 1999. He was also a sprinter in college so we both use our fast-twitch muscles to keep up with our boys. We hearken back to our small-town roots by spending time at our cabin in Cle Elum, WA in between kid and work events.

**WHAT STANDS OUT THE MOST ABOUT BOISE STATE?** Originally, I remember being disappointed about having to stay in my home town for college…but it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened. I am proud to have earned my way onto the track team, to have my family close at hand to support me and cheer me on, to have received a top-notch education and to be a life-long Bronco. I have always felt I can go toe-to-toe with any other college grad and do anything in life for which I have a passion.

**WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU MOST ENJOY WATCHING?** Baseball is huge these days with a top-notch little league player under our roof. Soccer, too, is a sport that has entered the scene. Car racing is also a household favorite. As for football, I’m somewhat of a Bronco snob…I really only take time out to watch BSU.

**WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE VARSITY B CLUB?** I am just getting to know the club and its energy. Certainly, student athletes abound from BSU and it’s a good way to stay connected to those who experienced Boise State not just as students but as athletes. It brings together people with a common bond…having worked hard for both an education and as an ambassador for BSU on the “field”. Michel is a cohort of mine from the 1980s and has welcomed me back to the fold.

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BOISE STATE BRONCO?** To me it means being a winner, being a believer in great things, and having a natural ability to shamelessly wear blue and orange.
Basketball Honorary Captains and Alumni Social

Varsity B basketball honorary captain Chrisie Paiz (2002-2003) on the right receives certificate from the Varsity B grad assistant Libby Johnson (soccer 2001-04) at the February 27th game against Fresno State.

Varsity B basketball honorary captain and Boise State Hall of Fame Michelle Schultz Bell (1991-1995) was in Boise with her family to enjoy a decisive win over Louisiana Tech on March 6th. Michelle’s husband Brian also competed for the golf Bronco team from 1995 to 1997.

Varsity B basketball honorary captain Darryl Wright (1989-1991) on the left and his daughter Madison accept the honorary captain certificate from the Varsity B Club.

Former Bronco women basketball alums enjoyed running the floor at the Taco Bell Arena for the annual “old-timer” basketball game.

2009 WAC Soccer Champs host Spring Alumni game and Social

Head Coach Steve Lucas and the Bronco women’s soccer program welcomed back former players Saturday, April 24th for an Alumni Game. The Bronco women’s soccer program had its inaugural season in 1998, eleven years later the Boise State soccer program is going stronger than ever winning the WAC Championship in dramatic fashion in 2009. It was a great opportunity to meet other soccer alumni, get to know the coaching staff, and play with old teammates against the current soccer varsity squad. The current 2009 WAC Champion soccer program took it to the old timers for a full 45 minute half, and then Coach Lucas joined the alumni to play 8v8 for the remainder of the day. Post game festivities included a potluck with all current players, alumni, family and friends, which is always a highlight of the weekend. The Alumni Game is the culmination of Boise State’s spring season. In 2009, Boise State put together its first WAC Championship and first trip to the NCAA tournament. This fall the Broncos welcome 10 incoming freshmen to the squad in hopes of defending their WAC championship title.
Gridiron Social

First Annual Football Alumni Social hosted by the Varsity B Club and the Bronco football department took place on Friday April 16th. Over 250 former Bronco football alums attended and had a great time. Next year’s Gridiron Social is set for Friday night before the Blue-Orange Spring Football game. See you on the BLUE!

First annual Gridiron Social attendees Jim Klotz, Greg Palin, Jim McMillian, and Blessing Bird from the 70’s era were in great spirits.

The young guns were out in force at the Gridiron Social: Ian Smart, Kyle Wilson, Richie Brockel, Brad Lau, and Coach Scott Huff.

Don’t forget the 60’s – Dave Rusev, Doug Woolsey, and Rocky Lima were all smiles at the Gridiron Social.

Former Broncos coach Lyle Smith always enjoys meeting up with former players Gary Smith (58-59) on the left and Paul Schaffeld (55-57) on the right.

Coach Petersen enthusiastically makes a point in discussing the 2010 football season with Tyree Kiser.

Tim Foley, Daryn Colledge, Kyle Wilson and David Shields were all glad to join in the fun at the Gridiron Social.

Joe Kozlowski, Babe Anduiza, Jim Rodgers, and Larry Bronson look like they can still line up and play football for the Broncos!
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The Varisty 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.

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Happy birthday Coach Lyle Smith – March 17th Coach Lyle Smith celebrated his 94th birthday with former Broncos from the 1958 Boise Junior College National Championship team at Cabas Restaurant in Marsing, ID. Standing from left to right: Jerry Mahoney Lenny Chow, , and Bud Zarbinsky. Seated next to Lyle Smith Bruce Cabas owner of Cabas Restaurant in Marsing.
A great turnout for the Fiesta Bowl Varsity B golf scramble held at Sanctuary Golf course the day before the big game was a great way to relax and enjoy the Arizona weather.

The Bronco football alumni were proud to take the stage at the Fiesta Bowl pep rally in Phoenix.

Former Broncos Tom Barrieau (FB 1978-1982), Mike Starman (FB 1978-79), and Boise State Hall of Fame football alum Randy Trautman (78-81) were glad to see a second Fiesta Bowl back in Boise at the January Varsity B Corral in the Stueckle Sky Center.

The Varsity B Fiesta Bowl tailgate was a popular place to meet up with many former Broncos.

Football alum Jason Rosen congratulates Kellen Moore on his Fiesta performance after the game.

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Interview with…
Wesley Moodie

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS:
The Appleton tennis centre and the computer room! (My initial relationship with my wife-to-be was done mostly via email)

THOUGHTS ON COACHES:
Obviously very important, I think their job is to give the athletes direction - particularly at the age when most athletes are learning to harness their newly found power as adults and incorporate this into their games – as well as the mental side of the game when you have a fully-grown body but sometimes the development of the mind is lagging behind slightly.

HOW HAS THE UNIVERSITY AND ATHLETICS CHANGED SINCE YOU LEFT? It appears that there is a lot more support from the general public – I don't ever remember seeing so many people around Boise wearing BSU/Bronco clothing. The football team has done a great job and if other sports (particularly athletes) can feed off that and perhaps use the “why not me?” philosophy then there can be a real buzz around campus – not only from football but from all sports.

LIFE AFTER BOISE STATE? My post BSU life has been about making a career from professional tennis and planning a family at the same time. BSU gave me the much-needed boost into the pro-circuit and I am indebted to BSU and the coaches here for giving me the opportunity to be as good as I can be.

WHAT STANDS OUT THE MOST ABOUT BOISE STATE? I think the friendliness of the people I met when I was in school sticks out a lot. I loved BSU and the city of Boise. It’s got a great small town feel yet in many aspects feels like a big city too.

WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU MOST ENJOY WATCHING? I really enjoyed watching basketball while I was at BSU – but I still love watching rugby and particularly cricket. (And yes, it is possible to play for five days and draw the match!)

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE VARSITY B CLUB? I think it is a great way to stay connected. I am still learning about the Varsity B Club. I encourage all my old teammates to join up.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BOISE STATE BRONCO? I love the support that the teams get here and there was certainly some nostalgia upon my return to Boise and BSU, but even though I hold a Wimbledon trophy and an ATP Tour Singles Title – I still feel like I have the association with BSU and am still a proud Bronco!

Boise State Athletics is pleased to announce the launch of the new Boise State Athletic Career Network powered by Career Athletes.

The Boise State Athletic Career Network is an online resource that allows current and former student-athletes to research and apply for employment opportunities with companies who wish to hire former student-athletes. If you or your company would like more information, about posting your careers and hiring former Broncos please contact:

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Busy pro tennis player and former Bronco Wes Moodie finally gets a chance to see his Hall of Fame plaque in the Allen Noble Hall of Fame for the first time after being inducted into the Boise State hall of Fame on September 26, 2007. Moodie was in Boise to check in with Coach Patton and to support the Bronco tennis team.