

# OSSW Newsletter

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## Letter From The Editor

By Aymee Michels

Thank you to everyone who participated and submitted articles for our fall newsletter. I believe it was very successful and look forward to our spring edition.

## Letter From The President

By Mandy Hagler

My name is Amanda Hagler and I am the President of the Organization of Student Social Workers. OSSW has been a long standing organization at BSU dating back to 1974. As stated in

our constitution, our purpose is to enhance the social work student’s life while at BSU through growth and development and continuous learning. We offer learning experiences in policy decision making, organizational skills development, administration, and leadership. OSSW also strives to provide students with up to date information and knowledge pertaining to the social work profession. One of the many goals of OSSW this school year is to foster a welcoming and accepting environment to encourage a variety of people to partake in our organization. We do many fundraisers and service projects. Our main fundraising resource is concessions at the Taco Bell Arena with Aramark. Taking an active role and volunteering at the concessions is a great opportunity to meet new and friendly people who share the same interests as you. This fall, for our service project, we will continue in the tradition of helping the Agency for New Americans with their annual holiday party and this spring our service project will be in partnership with the Idaho Child Abuse Prevention Coalition at the Discovery Center for the Day of the Child events. Once again, these are amazing opportunities to enhance your social work skills as well as getting involved in the community and meeting new people. By being involved with the OSSW you are not only enhancing your own life, but you will be



helping others as well.

## Valuable Websites

Conglomerate Effort

Please take the time to review these important websites.

- <http://blackboard.boisestate.edu>
- [www.boisestate.edu/socwork](http://www.boisestate.edu/socwork)
- <http://brincoweb.boisestate.edu>
- [www.idahoconnections.org](http://www.idahoconnections.org)
- [www.naswidaho.org](http://www.naswidaho.org)
- [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)
- [www.myspace.com/bsu\\_ossw](http://www.myspace.com/bsu_ossw)
- [www.phialpha.org](http://www.phialpha.org)
- [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)
- <http://community.livejournal.com/vicarioustrauma/>

## NASW

From the NASW Website  
<http://www.socialworkers.org>  
(Aymee Michels)

“The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 150,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

The NASW Code of Ethics is intended to serve as a guide to the everyday professional conduct of social workers. This Code includes four sections. The first Section, "Preamble," summarizes the social work profession's mission and core values. The second section, "Purpose of the NASW Code of Ethics," provides an overview of the Code's main functions and a brief guide for dealing with ethical

issues or dilemmas in social work practice. The third section, "Ethical Principles," presents broad ethical principles, based on social work's core values that inform social work practice. The final section, "Ethical Standards," includes specific ethical standards to guide social workers' conduct and to provide a basis for adjudication."

Another good reason to join is that it's a question on the application into the Master's program.

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## Next Semester

By Mandy Hagler

Can you believe it? We are almost half way through our last year of school (well last for some of us). This fall semester has been a very productive and busy semester. We have done numerous concessions, gone to LA for a conference, and are currently in the midst of planning the ANA Holiday Party. Not to mention papers for school as well as working and participating in practicums. The next semester will be just as busy as well. OSSW is currently contemplating sponsoring an event called The Journey of Hope – an AIDS/HIV Awareness event. We will also be selling OSSW T-shirts, as well as events for Day of the Child at the Discovery Center. Kathy Browning and myself are currently working on a silent auction event, which should take place sometime around spring break. I am sure we will also be participating in other concessions since we would like to leave a generous amount for the incoming seniors since we were fortunate enough to have that done for us. Lastly, the Senior Party!!! Woo Hoo!! There will also be officer elections held for the following group. And finally ...

graduation. It's going to be another busy semester...but we can handle it! I am sure of that.

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## SSI / SSDI Training

By Aymee Michels

This year the Organization of Student Social Workers (OSSW) has teamed up with Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) for a special "Train the Trainer" experience. On December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> IHFA is hosting a training seminar to assist people with applying for SSI/SSDI. IHFA believes that housing is health care, and in the process of providing shelter throughout the continuum of care some clients find it difficult to make their way through the process of application. This seminar is meant to obtain approval upon first application. "A case manager's training curriculum for assisting adults who are homeless with social security disability and supplemental security income applications." The featured trainer will be Yvonne Perret, Executive Director, psychiatric social worker of the University of Maryland. From this partnership IHFA will receive continuing education units (CEU's) for their Licensed and Certified Social Workers, in return Boise State Social Work students have received seven scholarships to this training. Announcements of the discussion were posted on Blackboard and emails were sent out, and the seven lucky students were chosen at the November OSSW meeting. Congratulations Jenae' Erickson, Cynthia Nixon, Suzette Rahmann, Elaine Estacio, Carrie Bennett, Bonnie Dawson, and Paul Littlepage.

## Sanctuary

By Dr. Will Rainford

On a cold winter's day last year, El Ada social workers, in a textbook perfect example of community organizing, gathered 35 faith leaders together to inform them El Ada knew of more than 100 people sleeping in city parks and along the Boise River who either could not or would not go to other shelters in town. Out of that meeting, Interfaith Sanctuary was born. For the first few weeks, Sanctuary sheltered homeless women and men in a church. Then a building downtown was donated for the winter. Over the course of four months, 300 different men and women were sheltered. More than 40% of them worked and less than 50% of them had significant addiction issues.

Throughout the summer, Interfaith Sanctuary searched for a permanent building to house the shelter to no avail. This month, the shelter was opened using a rotating church model in which various churches in the downtown core shelter men and women for a week at a time. The first week, we sheltered 90 different people, with about 50 people a night staying with us. We were located at Cathedral of the Rockies the first week, then moved to the First Congregational Church of Christ. Next week we are headed to St. John's Cathedral. After that... it's being planned.

Interfaith Sanctuary is guided by Interfaith Alliance and staffed under the direction of both Corpus Christi House and El Ada. BSW and MSW interns from the BSU SOSW help staff and serve people who are homeless. We are always looking for volunteers. We are also looking for donations and resources. Contact Will Rainford if you are interested in helping!

willrainford@boisestate.edu

## Meet Your Officers

Self Submissions

### Mandy Hagler President



**What is your position/ why you chose to run for office (or think you were elected)?**

My position is that of President. I wanted to run for office because this is something that I've always wanted to do; however I was always too shy to do so (yes, I was at one time shy). The opportunity arose to run for office and I figured I might as well go for the big time – President. I was nominated and much to my surprise I won!

**Where is your practicum and what do you like about it?**

I am doing my practicum at Senior Solutions and I absolutely LOVE it! My favorite part about it is working with a new population. Although most of my experience is working with children and families I am seeing many similarities between the elderly and children. They have many similarities on a variety of levels. I am also enjoying learning about this different services, and lack of services, for the geriatric population. All in all, it's an awesome place to do a practicum...I love it.

**What interested you in social work?**

I have always enjoyed volunteering and helping other people. I wish I would have known earlier I could get a job doing what I love in the field of social work. It wasn't until I myself needed services that began to work with other social workers and learn about their job that I became interested. When I returned to school after a year and a half break I took a social work 101 class with Dr. Will Rainford and I immediately knew this is what I was meant to do.

**What's next in life for you?**

After graduating from the Bachelors program this coming Spring (yeah!) I would like to pursue my Master's here at BSU. After that I would like to work and eventually (in about 10 – 12 years) go on to get my PhD in social work. I love working one on one with the client. However, I have been inspired by some great professors here at BSU so I would eventually like to teach social work at a university level.

**Tell us something interesting about you.**

Something people might not know about me is that I am normally painfully shy. It is something that I have been working on these last few years. I think most people would agree I am not as shy as I used to be. Something else people may not know about me is that in addition to being the President of OSSW, I am a Supervisor at CASA for Guardian

Ad Litem, and last but not least, I am the mother of a wonderful, beautiful little girl named Riley.

**Besides school, what else do you do?**

I know it may sound cheesy, but outside of school I enjoy volunteering in the community...especially in projects where I can bring my daughter and expose her to the benefits of volunteering. I also like to scrap book, read, watch TV, play board games, hang out with friends and when time permits I do enjoy sleeping.

### Suzette Rahmann Vice President



**What is your position/ why you chose to run for office (or think you were elected)?**

I am the Vice President of OSSW. I like being the Vice President of OSSW. I have enjoyed working with and getting to know the other members of our organization. Right now I am helping to organize the Agency for New Americans Holiday Party, which we hope to be a big success.

**Where is your practicum and what do you like about it?**

I am doing my practicum at an adoption agency called the CASI Foundation. I am the Networking Specialist and am supervised by a great lady who is the Foster Adopt Coordinator. I network with social workers throughout the country. I try to match the children within their caseload who are legally free for adoption with our qualified families. I have had the opportunity to accompany my supervisor on post adoption home visits. This week I am attending a 2-day conference called PRIDE, which stands for Parent's Resource for Information, Development and Education. PRIDE is a mandatory course for Idaho parents who want to qualify to adopt foster children.

**What interested you in social work? What's next in life for you?**

A degree in social work sounded interesting to me. I wanted to do something in my life that would be meaningful and worthwhile. I enjoy the social work program and realize I have learned a lot. I am planning to apply for the MSW Advanced Standing Program next month.

**Tell us something interesting about you.**

I love to run and try to do so at least three times a week. Running helps me to maintain some form of sanity.

**Besides school, what else do you do?**

I am married and have three children. As a family we like to snow-ski, camp, travel, ride bikes, and go to movies, concerts and theatre. We recently purchased an eight-year old horse named Bella for our youngest daughter. It looks like I may end up adding "horseback riding" onto my list of things I like to do.

**Kathy Browning  
Treasurer**

**What is your position/ why you chose to run for office (or think you were elected)?**

I am the Treasurer for the OSSW. I was not actually planning on running for office; however, when I was nominated I felt that it would be fun to be more involved in a student organization.

**Where is your practicum and what do you like about it?**

I am doing my practicum for CASA. It is very interesting work and at times very challenging. Our job at CASA is to advocate for children who were removed from their family home and placed in foster care. Even though most cases are heartbreaking, the children that are "my foster kids" are the bright spot in my day.

**Tell us something interesting about you.**

Like many non-traditional students, social work will be a second career for me. I worked as an accountant for 25 years and I had the opportunity to do something different (some call it a mid-life crisis). I have always been interested in protecting children from harm. However, I have since realized that many children remain silent victims unless they are brought into the custody of the state. While my role in the children's life is for a short time period, I am hoping to help protect them from further harm.

**What's next in life for you?**

What's next? I have been debating about applying for the master's program. I wish to remain working with abused and neglected children.

**Besides school, what else do you do?**

I am married and have 3 children, ages 8, 23, and 26. Yes, there is a big gap! Additionally, I have one

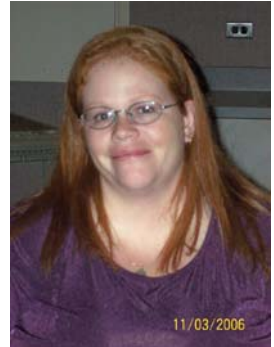


granddaughter, who I enjoy spending time with. We enjoy spending family time camping, hiking, and going to the Oregon coast.

**Cynthia Nixon  
Secretary**

**What is your position/ why you chose to run for office (or think you were elected)?**

Hello, I am Cynthia M. Nixon the OSSW Secretary. I love social work because we seek to give a voice to the voiceless, and find social justice where there is none. I love that as a social work student I have been given the opportunity to experience diversity and gain a greater understanding of other cultures. Social work has taught me that all human existence deserves individual autonomy, and social justice. I chose to run for office so I could be more involved in community service projects on a larger scale. I also wanted the experience so I could grow, and learn just how an organization operates and gets things done.



**Where is your practicum and what do you like about it?**

I am currently doing my practicum at Boise Clinic (Terry Reilly Health Services), and we provide case management for individuals who are homeless. The moment that was most profound for me was when I went to a Homeless Coalition meeting and I sat there listening to individuals who were homeless speak of their experience, I realized at that moment they were just like the rest of us, they just wanted to be safe and have security in their lives. I saw the pain in their eyes as they told their stories, and at the same time I saw their courage and strength. In short I saw them as human beings not people experiencing homelessness.

**What's next in life for you?**

After graduation in May of 2007 I am planning on going to California to get my Masters degree in Counseling Psychology with a emphasis in transpersonal theory which is a holistic approach to therapy; involves the mind, body, emotional and spiritual connection of an individual. My long term goal is to eventually have my own counseling practice and provide therapy to individuals who were abused as children, and are victims of domestic violence.

**Tell us something interesting about you.**

The most interesting and important thing in my life right now are my four children. I love hugging, kissing, and spending time with them. I also like to do scrap booking, and painting ceramics when I have free time (ha, ha, ha).

**Aymee Michels  
Newsletter Editor**



**What is your position/  
why you chose to run  
for office (or think you  
were elected)?**

My position is the Newsletter Editor. Technically I did run for it, but partially for peer pressure (a couple of my friends were also running for office) I didn't want the demands of a high-pressure office because I already dedicate a lot of time to other volunteer activities. However, I wasn't actually elected, Deb Schaffer was. I emailed her to congratulate her and she was wonderfully polite and kind to offer to share the position with me. Eventually at the end of the summer she put some thought into it and decided that she had too much going on to be able to maintain the position and I took over by default as runner up.

**Where is your practicum and what do you like about it?**

My practicum is at Idaho Housing and Finance Association. It was absolutely exciting for me to get the position there, I've been on their board of directors for two years working with the Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee (IHCC) and the Governor's Ten Year plan to Reduce Homelessness, so the idea of actually getting to go there everyday was fantastic. What I'm doing now is contracted HUD work with an outside company to do a program evaluation of HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS) and next semester I will be working on a needs assessment for incarcerated women and the effects of short term sentences on homelessness.

**What interested you in social work?**

The social stigma of disadvantaged populations pained me, so I thought I would come in and kick some butt about it.

**What's next in life for you?**

Well, I had been excited about just being done with school and starting my career, but I'm getting a little excited about the lack of the GRE and the advanced standing opportunity for the graduate program so I might end up applying for that. Maybe I'll do both, work some and go to school, we'll see. At any rate, I want to move closer to Boise so I don't have to keep up with a long commute from Caldwell every day.

**Tell us something interesting about you.**

I love learning new words, big fancy ones that no one knows what they mean. It makes me feel like a smarty pants even if I never get to use them.

**Besides school, what else do you do?**

I'm a photographer; I photograph a lot of weddings and other special events. I've been volunteering for the last couple of years for several boards mostly as an at-large member, this includes the treasure valley FEMA, WICAP Policy Council, Region Three Housing Coalition, Canyon County Hunger Coalition, Interagency Council, AmeriCorps VISTA Project, DRS Financial Literacy Project for K-3, Arbor Cove guest Speaking on underprivileged populations, Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee, among a few others that are not quite as often. I also work very closely with Treasure Valley Community Resource Center as their Research Specialist representing them at conferences and information fairs as well as updating and researching for their book. I'm also a single parent of a very beautiful five-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

**Dr. Robin Allen  
OSSW Advisor**



I was born in Carbondale Illinois. I attended the University of Illinois in Urbana for my bachelors (Psychology), my MSW (in School Social Work), and my PhD (in social work and special education). I practiced school social work in elementary schools in Champaign, Illinois. I have been a professor since 1996 and have taught at Southern Illinois University School of Social Work and here at BSU School of Social Work. I have taught policy, introduction, research, advanced practice and school social work courses.

Areas of Research: School Social Work, Children with Disabilities, Research Ethics, Domestic Violence

Courses Taught: Introduction to Social Welfare, Social Work Research and Statistics, School Social Work, Life Span Development

Education: Ph.D., MSW University of Illinois at Urbana

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**Concessions**

By Mandy Hagler



Many people ask me, "How does OSSW raise so much money for all the events the organization sponsors?" Well, in one word concessions. That's right, OSSW works in partnership with Aramark to run concession/food stands at events held at the Taco Bell Arena. It's one of the easiest and funnest (is that a word?) ways to raise money. We get a group together

that ranges from 9 – 14 people and run the stands. We have been fortunate enough to have seen a variety of concerts such as Michael Buble, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Elton John (my personal favorite). Aymee Michels and I were even lucky enough to meet Michael Buble. It's a great way to meet other social work students and believe it or not, it can be fun! Most importantly, we are able to raise money to sponsor events like the Agency for New Americans Holiday Party and Day of the Child in April. We are also able to pay for students to attend conferences like the BPD Conference in Los Angeles. No matter which way you cut it, concessions are a fun and easy way to raise money for an organization... besides, you never know who you might meet. ☺

"I did attend and help out at the concessions for the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert and that was all. I had a good time working with my fellow classmates, getting to know them, and being at the concert to see how excited everybody was to see the band. We stayed busy the whole time, it was a lot of work but it was fun." –Adair Holden



## Phi Alpha

By Darin Gere

"The Purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work." "Through Knowledge - the challenge to serve." (Phi Alpha website)

Current Officers: Darin Gere –President, Melissa Roe – Vice President, Adair Holden – Secretary, Jenae' Erickson – Treasurer, and Will Rainford – Advisor.

I'm amazed by the attendance and positive response at the Phi Alpha induction ceremony November 30th. We have nineteen new members, most of whom attended the ceremony. Over thirty Phi Alpha members, family members, friends, and professors attended the event as well. Thank you all so much for supporting our social work students in their commitment to academic excellence.

Thanks to Butch for making sure we had medallions available to all our new honorees. We will be making those available to all Phi Alpha members presently enrolled in the BSW program soon. You all deserve the honor.

Thanks to Will our key note speaker for the inspiration. (and not assigning any reading) It was very encouraging to see Robin at the meeting continuing her constant support of students. I appreciate Jim, Jolene and Butch providing some music for us. Thanks also, to Mandy and the OSSW officers for coming out.

You've all made last night a fantastic tribute to our new honorees.



(Submitted Photo, Inductees of Phi Alpha April 2006)

## A Plethora of Useless Information

Random Submissions  
*Did you know...*

Jim Knapp plays the guitar.  
Evian (as in the bottled water)  
is Naïve spelled backwards. Think  
twice before buying that "bottled sparkling water".

The movie Wizard of Oz is actually a political movie...and that Dorothy's slippers were actually silver in the original book by Frank L. Baum.



The mascot of Will's high school was the banana slug.  
**R**obin Allen loves University of Illinois Basketball.  
**B**ananas have five sides. (But they're still round inside!)  
**A**rt Dodson attended Harvard University.  
**G**olf, a sport created in Scotland was originally named for an acronym: Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden.  
The largest four face clock tower in the United States is the Allen Bradley, located on the south side of Milwaukee in Wisconsin.  
**F**acetious is the only word in the English language that contains all five vowels in order, and with facetiously, you sometimes have "y".  
**B**utch plays the drums in a band.  
**I**t takes 48 seconds to travel one mile at 75mph.  
**I**f viewed from the sky, the Morrison center on the BSU campus has been built in the shape of the great state of Idaho.  
The Alaska state flower is the forget-me-not.  
**A** postcard collector is known as a deltiologist.  
**M**ickey Mouse's original name was supposed to be Mortimer.  
**T**omatoes are actually considered fruit, they grow above the ground and contain seeds.  
(Then what about pumpkins??)  
**T**o say someone is fatuous is a sophisticated way of saying they are stupid.  
**S**now White was the first feature length animated Disney movie.



## Mexico

Effort from Jim Knapp, Bill Whitaker, Aymee Michels

OSSW has worked really hard this year and done really well with fund raising, we are hoping to be able to fund a partial scholarship for the Mexico Program. Also, contact Bill and/or Jim as I have heard tale that there is paid research being done that might compensate up to \$700-\$900.

(Excerpts from flyer)

**Working with Mexicans: a Workshop for Social Workers, Teachers, Counselors, Health Professionals and Spouses**

June 2-17 & June 17-July 1, 2007

Back by popular request, the professional workshop "Working with Mexicans" will be offered again during summer 2007. The course will be structured in two, 2-

week modules with participants enrolling in either one or both modules. Module one will be based in Cuernavaca at Cemanahuac. Module two will be based for one week at Cemanahuac's rural site in Buenavista a Cuellar (Guerrero) with the final week split between Cuetzalan and San Miguel Tzinacapan (Puebla) and Mexico City. The workshop can be taken for 2-4 graduate or undergraduate credits or multiple CEUs.

For additional information, syllabus and application forms contact Bill Whitaker [wwhitak@boisestate.edu](mailto:wwhitak@boisestate.edu) or Jim Knapp [jknapp@boisestate.edu](mailto:jknapp@boisestate.edu) or call (208) 426-1568. We are looking forward to your participation in what previous students have described as a "life-changing" experience.

Field trips led by Charles Goff, Admissions Coordinator and Instructor of Anthropology, Cemanahuac Educational Community, will visit archeological and cultural sites such as Cuicuilco, the Temples of the Sun and the Moon, the Basilica of Guadalupe, Mexico City zocalo, Templo Mayor anthropological museum, Rivera/Orosco/Sigueros murals and botanical gardens. Optional field trips to the silver city Taxco and other locations will also be available.

(Submitted Photograph, Participants Summer 2006, you



will find: Jim Knapp, Bill Whitaker, Alberta Dooley, Jenni, Jane Colton, and Aymee Michels, other students photographed are from other schools/states.)

Comments from participants:

"I came away from this trip with a better understanding and appreciation of Mexico and its people.... I'm so glad I attended the full 4-week course.... I am also seriously considering being a host to a foreign student because I now recognize the value of such a cultural exchange."  
(Undergraduate agriculture student)

"I loved this kaleidoscopic crash course on Mexico. Enlarging my world view makes me a better world citizen, another step toward joining the village that raises the world." (Teacher/homemaker)

"In addition to the notebook stuffed with facts from all the speakers, in addition to (finally!) enough comprehension of the free market process and globalization so that I can understand articles about it and participate intelligently in activism here in the United States, in addition to greater fluency in Spanish and motivation to take a conversation course this fall, in addition to all these experiences—I have a feeling that at some point I will be spending some of the rest of my life living and working, somehow, in Mexico." (ESL teacher)

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## "Listen" Poem

Anonymous - Submitted by Paul Littlepage

When I ask you to listen to me  
And you start giving advice  
You have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me  
And you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way,  
You are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me  
And you feel you have to do something to solve my  
problem,  
You have failed me, strange as that may seem.

Listen! All I asked, was that you listen,  
Not talk or do – just hear me.

Advice is cheap: you can get both Dear Abby and Billy  
Graham in the same  
And I can do for myself, I am not helpless.  
Maybe discouraged and faltering, but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do  
for myself,  
You contribute to my fear and weakness.

But when you accept as a simple fact that I do feel what  
I feel,  
No matter how irrational,  
Then I can quit trying to convince you  
And can get about the business of understanding  
What's behind this irrational feeling.

And when that's clear, the answers are obvious and  
I don't need advice.

Irrational feelings make sense when we understand  
what's behind them.

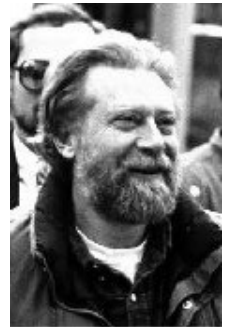
So please just listen and hear me.

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## Get to Know Your Professors

### Dr. Daniel Harkness

Professor, LCSW



Trained at the University of Kansas, "Harky" received his MSW in 1974 and Ph.D in 1987. He has practiced clinical social work since 1974 in the private and non-profit sectors and maintains a small private practice as a clinical supervisor. He began teaching social work at the university level in 1975, and he has been a member of the Boise State faculty since 1993. In addition to classroom teaching, he has served as the BSW Program Coordinator and as the Director of the School. His recent teaching assignments in the graduate program have emphasized the evaluation and treatment of mental disorders, research and statistics, social work supervision, and micropractice with individuals and families. "Harky" conducts research and publishes in addictions and social work supervision. A charter member of the Phi Alpha Ski Team, Harky's getting old but claims that he can still out-ski that weenie Will Rainford any day of the week.

Submitted Photo: Harky skiing in the Chilean Andes at 12,000 feet.



## Dr. William (Will) Rainford

Assistant Professor

Dr. William Rainford teaches both MSW and BSW courses in the SOSW at BSU. Prior to coming to BSU, Dr. Rainford taught at the University of Missouri -St. Louis. Dr. Rainford holds a BSW from San Jose State University, an MSW from Washington University in St. Louis, and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Will, as he prefers to be called by students and colleagues, teaches social policy, research methods, and evaluation of practice, community organizing, and human diversity courses. He also serves as co-advisor to OSSW with Dr. Robin Allen and as advisor to Phi Alpha Honor Society. Will conducts research in the areas of welfare, poverty, women's economic opportunities, and homelessness. He also is involved in evaluation of Service Learning and social work teaching methods. Will loves to collaborate with other faculty in producing and advancing social work knowledge. Since arriving at BSU, Will has presented at conferences and published book chapters and journal articles with Drs. Harkness, Allen, Rodenhiser, and Sanders. When Will is not teaching or researching, you can find him in the community organizing and advocating for the rights of people who are low-income or homeless. Will serves on the executive committee of Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter, which he helped create in response to a homeless crisis in Boise. Will also serves as the legislative advocate for Catholic Charities of Idaho, where he fights for state legislation that creates economic opportunities for low-income families and individuals. For recreation, Will loves to ski. He often tags along with Dr. Daniel "Flop" Harkness, who is a tried and true guide and friend, especially in a fog.



## Art Dodson, (MSW, LMSW, ACSW)

Visiting Professor

I am presently teaching SW101, SW444, and SW301. After receiving a BA degree in English, I was looking around



for a job and decided to temporarily work as a caseworker for the Department of Health and Welfare. I soon discovered that I loved working with people and have been hooked on social work ever since. Starting in 1965, I can now look back on 41 years in the field. My passion has always been between work with families and children, and I have a special place in my heart for delinquent kids.

I attended the University of Washington and had a block placement in psychiatric social work at Eastern State Hospital, Medical Lake, Washington, where I received a Master of Social Work degree. I later attended a two summers course at Harvard University in Human Services Management taught by the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

I have a passion for history and old photography. My favorite line from a movie is Jimmy Stewart's line in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* when he says, "A lost cause is the only cause worth fighting for".

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## Jane Doe

A Short Story

The first time I met Kate Henderson was when she was twelve years old. I had been called out at four thirty on an April morning. She had been picked up for trespassing in a public park after ten p.m., and for being an unaccompanied minor out after curfew. The officer could tell she had been abused, but she refused him her name and all identifying information, so he brought her to the county hospital, opened up her case, called child protective services, and in I came, the only certified crisis representative in the state at the time.

I remember the drive to the hospital that first night. There was nothing different about it really; only usually there is some adult with the child who knows them. This was my first Jane Doe case, and it was up to me to find out the details. All I knew was that it was abuse or I wouldn't have been called, but if the girl was already out of harm's way, why wasn't she talking? I tried to pay attention to the road as dozens of other questions went through my head, making a mental to-do list to get me back to my bed as soon as possible.

I parked my 1972 Chevy Malibu in the reserved parking and headed into Mount Mary's County Hospital. After checking in I met with Officer Howard in the waiting

room, he told me he was patrolling his area when he saw a girl go into the restroom down at Klote Beach. He pulled over and waited until she came back out and watched as she headed back down toward the water. He had called into dispatch anticipating there would be several kids down there having a party or something. When he got down there though, he found the girl hunkered down between some of the bigger rocks as if she intended to sleep there. Being the middle of the night I imagined this big square shouldered officer with one hand on his gun and the other pointing his bright flashlight directly in a scared little girl's eyes; she must have been terrified. Officer Howard continued on about how things went after that. He described how he pulled her up and she was all wobbly and he knew she was hurt, like he was some kind of hero, and how he put her in the back of his patrol car and drove her right over to the hospital, and now she was going to be my problem.

I followed the fluorescent lights down the hall to room 304 where the girl was being held for observation. She refused to be looked at or checked in but one could clearly see the entire left side of her body was red as a sunburn and even with her big gray zip up sweatshirt she was shivering. She was white, and so am I, so I had hoped there wouldn't be a language barrier, but I was clueless as to how I was going to get this scared little girl to trust me enough to tell me what happened to her. She couldn't have been stupid though, everyone knows that the most mandated of all mandated reporters are the ones that come directly from Protective Services. Not that I had a lot of experience, but through my training I picked up that most kids don't trust social workers because they take them away from their families. I don't know what keeps kids in abusive families, maybe fear, maybe it's all they know, but our goal is to keep them safe regardless.

The girl's hair looked kind of torn and tattered, she wasn't particularly dirty, but her clothes appeared to be damp, and she had a look of pure exhaustion. Her eyes told me she had a secret and there was no way I was going to get it. I sat in the chair by her bed and waited for a few minutes before I started to talk to her. I was tired; it was late, or early, depending on how you look at it. I really didn't know what I was doing.

"My name is Marie," I started, "I am a Crisis Care Worker. I was called because some of the people here are concerned for you. It appears to them that you might have been hurt somehow and we want to help you." She didn't even look at me; she just continued to stare at the ceiling. "I understand that this is a big environment for you and that you might be really scared right now." I continued on, "I also understand that whatever happened might be really difficult to talk about. Probably you're

thinking you don't know who the hell I am and what could I possibly know, I won't understand what you're going through and there's nothing I can do. You'd be right on the first three, except I can help. I'll wait right here until you're ready to at least tell me who you are, because we can't call anyone to come and get you until you do." When I finished it seemed like maybe I shouldn't have said that last part, but it was out now, there was nothing I could do to erase it.

The silence dragged on . . .

(This is approximately one third of the story. Please contact the Newsletter Editor at [bsuoss@msn.com](mailto:bsuoss@msn.com) for the story in its entirety.)

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## Beauty Tips: A Poem

By Audrey Hepburn

Submitted by Pauline Host

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.  
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.  
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.  
For beautiful hair,  
let a child run their fingers through it once a day.  
For poise, walk with the knowledge  
you'll never walk alone.  
People, even more than things, have to be restored,  
renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed;  
Never throw-out Anybody.  
Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find  
one at the end of your arm.  
As you grow older, you will discover that you have two  
hands, one for helping yourself,  
the other for helping others.  
The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears,  
The figure that she carries,  
or the way she combs her hair.  
The beauty of beauty of a woman  
must be seen in her eyes,  
Because that is the doorway to her heart,  
the place where love resides.  
The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole,  
But true beauty in a woman is reflecting in her soul.  
It is the caring that she lovingly gives,  
the passions that she shows,  
And the beauty of a woman with passing years  
– only grows!

## Agency Spotlight TVCRC

By Aymee Michels

Useful information for the social worker providing services to clients in need. A Danish woman named Jette Rogers who resides in Canyon County established Treasure Valley Community Resource Center (TVCRC) now fourteen years ago.

“The purpose of TVCRC is to provide the public with information regarding available human services in the Treasure Valley through a telephone referral service, an annual publication of the Treasure Valley Community Resource Center Valley Directory (The Red Book) and an informational website.”

In the three years I have been volunteering with TVCRC we have made approximately 1500 updates to the Red Book annually. You can find a copy of the book in the SOSW office on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Education Bldg. Or it is available for order at \$25 if you choose you would like to have your very own copy.

Each year I have had the pleasure of representing TVCRC at several difference conferences throughout the Treasure Valley included Drug Endangered Children, Idaho Children’s Trust Fund, Helping Profession’s, Get the Scoop, Conference on Housing as well as information fairs sometimes more than monthly. Not to mention TVCRC’s very own annual Information fair every April at the O’Connor field house in Caldwell where we host more than 100 agencies providing information and services to the community.

“TVCRC is a crisis intervention, listening, information and referral help line. Trained volunteer focus on using the human touch to assist each client in a caring, friendly, and effective manner. Assistance is available at no charge to the client or to the provider. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8-5. Call 459-9263 or visit [www.idahoconnections.org](http://www.idahoconnections.org) for more information.” (Excerpts taken from “Purpose” Page, RED Book.)

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## Practicum Spotlight

By Pauline Host

My Practicum at Head Start

At Head Start I work with the Family Advocates, whose job is to support the families of the children attending the

Head Start pre-schools. The Family Advocates connect families to resources in the community. They facilitate Family Gatherings once a month for the parents at each Head Start to get together. The Advocates help with parenting resources by providing strategies and support. There are three home visits a school year with the parents, the Advocates help with family goals by helping the family stay motivated and cheering them on. The Advocates are educators assisting the families in following good health and nutrition practices and finding appropriate resources. In crisis the Advocates help by offering to provide referrals a family might need and working on strategies with the Family. At all times the Family Advocate is a good listener. (Info from pamphlet on Family Advocate, written by Head Start). These are the wonderful things I have been introduced to by doing my practicum at Head Start, I find they are an incredibly compassionate organization.

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## The Senior Party

By Aymee Michels

Last Year the juniors hosted a luau for the outgoing seniors at Katherine Albertson’s Park. It was a smash hit with most of the coordinating efforts being put on by Elaine Estacio. We had a band play made up of our very own students and faculty, Darin Gere Phi Alpha President, Butch Rodenhiser SOSW Program Director, Dale Wilson BSW, and Jim Knapp Practicum Coordinator. Great Food, Great Fun.

So what should we do this year? Apparently it’s tradition that the junior’s host the party, but it doesn’t have to be that way, please contact OSSW at [bsuoss@msn.com](mailto:bsuoss@msn.com), or any of the officers (contact info available on blackboard) to give us your suggestions.

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