Turning the Page

WOW! Spring semester of 2010 is almost at an end. For me at least, it has been rocketing by at the most rapid pace ever. Its conclusion not only brings me to the end of my position as Dean of our College, it also makes this edition of the Dean’s Message my last. Consequently, I have chosen to concentrate on two topics that I hope will be meaningful to you as we transition to new leadership and new opportunities.

The first topic features some words I want to share that I feel are crucial to getting the best out of self and others as we move our programs forward to serve students and the community in the most effective manner. The second topic — if you just are too curious to wait — you can skip to the end of this tome to see it here goes—these are my “lessons to live by” that I think form foundational building blocks for success in most any endeavor (but particularly in higher education). Please know there are only eight of them as I do not pretend to have all the answers—just some wisdom from living and learning on earth for quite a few years. They are not listed in any particular order as all are of equal importance. When ignored, it is my experience that they can and have led to personal and/or relationship issues that compromise both success and happiness in our organization and in the career path we have chosen.

1. The song “the Boxer” by Paul Simon features a line, “A man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest.” This has never been more true than today. In politics, in education, in health care, in society in general we are so turned inward and refuse to really listen to one another. The first uttered word we disagree with seems to set off a signal that blocks out all other parts of a message. Nothing compromises good ideas and best solutions more than that response. Consideration of differing perspectives is what made this nation great; we are in jeopardy of losing that gift of history and tradition if we continue on the road we are now traveling.

2. In his latest book, Michael J. Fox discusses the positives that have occurred in his life as a result of contracting Parkinson’s disease. He points out that life is not best lived by concentrating on expectations. Real life is best lived by making the adaptations necessary when the unforeseen occurs as it ultimately will. How a person reacts and moves on creates the quality. Whether the adaptations need to occur because of health issues, relationship issues, boss issues, or whatever, there are always opportunities waiting around every corner.

3. My Mom died today (Sunday, May 2nd) so I am typing this part from Vancouver, Washington.
With her death, the former generation of our family has passed away. My parents always had four rules (they called them lessons) that we were to practice, and I share them with you because they reflect wisdom that is timeless. Laugh often including at yourself; never be afraid to admit when you are wrong; all persons are worthy of respect so don’t ever get the notion that you are superior to anyone; and use your time on earth to better the lives of others because that is why God placed you here. See, I told you they were meaningful. Now back to my last few lessons.

4. In recruiting faculty and staff, I have always gone back to a maxim I used when coaching college baseball, “No matter how good the athlete (person) is in his (or her) sport (profession), if she/he has a big ego and sees himself or herself as the ’game changer’ then I was not interested in having him (her) play for our team.” There are many who are extremely talented and accomplished in their calling; it is my experience that there are too few that will subjugate themselves for the benefit of a program and be truly team players. The best academic (and other) programs are staffed with very talented persons who go out of their way to collaborate with one another and community.

5. One of the main reasons people become upset with colleagues, systems, and organizations has to do with frustration at or about “process.” A process that allows for a task to be accomplished or a decision to be made in an efficient and timely manner is all too rare in many organizations. When processes are analyzed and streamlined and the affected players are included in any process re-design that occurs (if necessary), many personnel and student issues will disappear.

6. Give credit where credit is due. While each of us has achieved at a high level because of hard work, better than average intelligence, and perseverance, none of us has done it alone. Acknowledging the contributions of others along the way is a sure fired way to gain credibility and to enhance the feelings of caring and collaboration necessary for continued success.

7. Students are our most important reason for serving as a faculty or staff member in an institution of higher education. It goes without saying that we are here to teach them, and we should not assume they will gain knowledge simply by the fortunate osmosis of being in our presence. That being said, students are not our confidantes or our friends. They can and should be solicited for ideas and information that assists in course improvement or program development. However, acts such as making announcements or pronouncements to students (and the community) about what changes will be happening in a program curriculum without assuring an entire faculty has approved is not only a recipe for bad feelings, it is unprofessional.

8. The most rapid way to lose the support of and respect of colleagues is to speak negatively about someone when she or he is not present. The reason seems obvious to me. After hearing about another person who is not present the question that arises is, “I wonder what is said about me when I am not around.” Besides the fact that this behavior represents the height of unprofessionalism, and as difficult as it may be, respectful face-to-face interactions are the only way to begin to address disagreements. Failing to use the system as it is meant to be used (including the possibility of conflict resolution strategies) only works to the detriment of an entire organization let alone the individual.
Thanks for reading this far and hanging with me. The second and most important piece of this message is to try to say in words that which is impossible—thanks! I am humbled and filled with gratitude for the wonderful support each of you has gifted me with over the past eleven years (associate dean and dean). Because of you this is by far the best place I have ever served. Thanks to your efforts, we have accomplished much together. There are more fruitful and exciting avenues to pursue. I look forward to a new chapter in my life. It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve and represent you. I wish you blessings as the summer approaches and always.

**University News**

**Boise State Earns Reaffirmed Accreditation from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) has reaffirmed Boise State University’s accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation in Fall 2009, a formal session with the NWCCU this winter and the issuance of a final report this spring.

The Commission commended the University for its use of strategic planning in pursuing its vision as a metropolitan research university of distinction, its strong tradition of collegiality and dedication among administrators, faculty, staff and students, as well as its extraordinary success in establishing collaborative arrangements and partnerships to enhance the institution’s instructional, research and service programs.

“We welcomed this thorough evaluation of our efforts and can take pride in this recognition of Boise State as an exceptional environment for teaching and learning,” said Boise State President Bob Kustra. “We also have outlined some paths for improvement, and already are making significant progress in those areas.”

The University completed an extensive self-study prior to a NWCCU campus visit last fall. Faculty, staff and students were invited to provide input to the evaluation team during several on-campus meetings.

In addition to its commendations, the accreditation evaluation team listed some recommendations that echoed many of the objectives already in Boise State’s self study, including the examination and revision of the core curriculum; a structure for academic assessment and quality assurance; improvements in student advising; better support and infrastructure for research; and limitations on bonding capacity. Boise State is already making strides on recommendations for core reform and examining advising models, and recently adopted changes to its academic grievance procedure related to grade appeals. No formal concerns were noted in the fall evaluation.

Other areas lauded in the NWCCU report include the university’s information technology support services, Albertson Library’s efforts to provide access to electronic resources, transition efforts with the creation of College of Western Idaho, and the design and planning of buildings conducive to effective
teaching, learning and research.

Boise State’s previous NWCCU accreditation review occurred in 1999. Currently, the NWCCU does not grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically with progress reports in the spring of 2011 and 2012 and a Fall 2012 Focused Interim Report.

Velma Morrison to Receive Honorary Doctorate

Boise State will award an honorary doctorate to Velma V. Morrison, long-time Boise arts patron and philanthropist, at the spring Commencement ceremony. Commencement is at 10 a.m. May 15 in Taco Bell Arena.

Morrison is a nationally recognized philanthropist and has been a close partner with the university in developing and supporting the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts.

“I am truly excited to receive this honorary doctorate and wish to say thank you for this honor,” said Morrison. “Having watched the growth of the university through the years, it is wonderful to see the changes and top notch academics offered to students from around the country. In addition, I am so proud to be a member of this generous community.”

One of the most prominent women in Idaho, Morrison’s extensive accomplishments include her work with the Harry W. Morrison Foundation, the namesake of her late husband, and the distribution of millions of dollars to various foundations and institutions throughout the state.

“Velma Morrison’s dedication, vision and passion created a place for the arts in the heart of Boise and helped foster the rich cultural life that we enjoy in our state’s capital city today,” said President Bob Kustra. “While her interests are broad, the relationship we enjoy in fostering the arts through the Morrison Center is among our university’s most treasured partnerships. Her ambition and generosity have impacted countless lives and will continue to do so for years to come.”

Morrison was born in Tipton, California, to Earl and Gladys Mitchell. She learned about hard work as a child on a farm that sustained her family during the Great Depression. Later, as a public health nurse in Alaska, she traveled by dogsled to deliver tuberculosis vaccines to residents of the subarctic. During World War II, her notions of hard work and perseverance led her to become a real-life “Rosie the Riveter” – a journeyman boilermaker.

It was in April 1984, long after the death of her husband, that Morrison saw the completion of one of Harry Morrison’s long-time dreams: a center for the performing arts in Boise. Working closely with then Boise State President John Keiser, Morrison combined her husband’s vision with Boise State’s need for a performing arts academic building. Today, the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts hosts performance artists from all over the world.

Morrison is a trustee for the American Council for the Arts in New York and Washington, D.C., and she
Nominate a Student for August LeaderShape Institute

This August the Student Involvement and Leadership Center will host the inaugural Boise State session of the LeaderShape Institute. Named an exemplary program by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the LeaderShape Institute is an intensive, energizing, six-day educational experience designed to equip young adults to become extraordinary leaders on campus and in their communities.

Nominate a Student: If you know a student who exhibits the potential to create positive change at Boise State and beyond, please consider nominating her or him for this unique opportunity.

Deadline: Submit letter(s) by May 10 to Damoni Wright, LeaderShape program coordinator, at mail stop 1335 or damoniwright@boisestate.edu. For more information, call 426-1223 or visit www.leadershape.org/institute.

New Web Tool Aids University Advisers

Advising and Academic Enhancement has added a new tool on its website to assist faculty, staff and peer advisers. “What’s Up in Advising?” allows advisers to stay up-to-date on advising-related matters ranging from new policies and procedures that impact advising to advising strategies and information about specialized courses.

Learn more at http://academicadvising.boisestate.edu/fac&staff.shtml.

Beat Coach Pete Run Raises $25,000 for Scholarships

More than 1,400 participants brought their Bronco best to campus on Saturday, April 10, to race Boise State football coach Chris Petersen in the third annual Beat Coach Pete Scholarship Run. The event was presented by Campus Recreation and Nike.

The goal of the race was to generate as much money as possible for the general student scholarship fund.
at Boise State while challenging participants to “Beat Pete.” Those who crossed the finish line ahead of the coach earned bragging rights and an “I Beat Coach Pete” T-shirt. In addition, for every racer who beat him, Coach Petersen promised to donate an additional $5 to the scholarship fund.

Exactly 564 racers topped Pete’s 26-minute run, leading to a $2,802 payout; however, Coach Pete graciously gave more than his bet required by signing a check for $5,000. That generous donation, added to registration fees and additional gifts, brought the total raised for the Boise State general scholarship fund to $25,000.

“All of the support and Bronco pride shown Saturday speaks volumes about this community and their willingness to step up and help when it is needed the most,” said Heather Carlson, promotions director for Campus Recreation. “Saturday we proved what Bronco Nation is really all about.”

Following the race, Petersen and Bronco football players donated their time to sign autographs for all race participants, making for some very happy Bronco fans.

For more information, contact Lisa Stuppy, Assistant Director of Fitness Programs for Boise State Campus Recreation, at 426-1592 or e-mail lstuppy@boisestate.edu.

Celebrate Spring Commencement May 15

Boise State’s spring Commencement will honor graduates with a traditional ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, in Taco Bell Arena. No tickets are required. The ceremony will include a processional and recessional, individual recognition of graduates, and the hooding of doctoral candidates.

Widescreens will be set up so family and friends can see the graduates up close as they are individually recognized. For those who cannot attend, Boise State will broadcast the ceremony live online at http://academics.boisestate.edu/provost/commencement. A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony on the Intramural Field adjacent to Taco Bell Arena and the Appleton Tennis Center.

While 1,150 graduates are expected to walk, 1,881 students are eligible for 1,974 degrees/certificates, and 348 are eligible for honors: 35 summa cum laude, 110 magna cum laude and 203 cum laude.

An honorary doctorate will be awarded to Velma V. Morrison, a long-time Boise arts patron and philanthropist and close partner with the university in developing and supporting the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts. One of the most prominent women in Idaho, Morrison’s extensive accomplishments include her work with the Harry
W. Morrison Foundation, the namesake of her late husband, and the distribution of millions of dollars to various foundations and institutions throughout the state.

The student speaker is Brad Smith, who is earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology with highest honors. As an undergraduate student, Smith is listed as author or co-author of three peer-reviewed academic publications and has presented the results of his research at three national conferences or invited symposia. A former U.S. Marine and veteran of the Iraq War, he has focused much of his scholarship and research on the experiences of veterans.

Also, Stacy Corrie will receive Boise State’s first doctoral degree in geosciences, a program approved by the Idaho State Board of Education in 2006.

Parking is free. Due to limited handicapped parking, those who cannot walk to the arena can be dropped off at entrances 1 and 2, where volunteers can assist them while their families find parking. For special accommodation info, visit http://academics.boisestate.edu/provost/commencement.

In addition to the May 15 commencement ceremony, Boise State deans and faculty will recognize recipients of Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Boise State’s Extended Studies programs in Twin Falls at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 11 at the College of Southern Idaho Herrett Center Rick Allen Room. A reception to congratulate the graduates will follow the ceremony. For more information contact Shari Stroud at (208) 736-2161 or sstroud@boisestate.edu.

New Business and Economics Building Named in Honor of Micron

Boise State’s new home for the College of Business and Economics will be known as the Micron Business & Economics Building. The State Board of Education approved the naming of the building last week. “This is a fitting tribute to the Micron Technology Foundation, a longtime supporter of Boise State University,” said Boise State President Bob Kustra. “Their support of higher education has helped ensure that our future leaders have access to the finest quality facilities and programs.”

The Micron Technology Foundation committed to a $12.5 million lead gift for the business building in 2007, with $5 million of it contingent on Boise State raising matching funds by December 31, 2009. The University successfully met the challenge and will begin construction this summer on the $37 million building at the corner of University Drive and Capitol Boulevard. It is expected to open Fall 2012.

“The Micron Foundation is dedicated to excellence in education and has proudly supported Boise State University for years,” said Dee Mooney, Micron Foundation’s executive director. “We believe the College of Business and Economics will cultivate qualified and talented business professionals that will strengthen and enrich our community.”
The building, designed by Boise firm Hummel Architects, will be about 110,000 square feet and will support the college’s future growth. Its design emphasizes student learning, research and community collaboration. Four floors will include state-of-the-art classrooms; a 250-seat lecture hall; a student commons area that includes food service, unique student work spaces, a financial technology classroom and financial trading room; productive spaces for research; interactive areas such as a boardroom that will welcome members of the community and encourage collaboration; and a vibrant courtyard. It also will house the College’s Business Research and Economic Development Center, the Idaho Small Business Development Center, TechHelp, the Centre for Creativity and Innovation and the Center for Entrepreneurship.

“The new home for the College of Business and Economics will transform how we teach students and how our students learn,” said Patrick Shannon, Dean of the College of Business and Economics. “We are honored that the building will carry the Micron name. Many of the leaders at Micron are Boise State business graduates and the connection between our college and Micron is very strong. Without the generous support from the Micron Foundation, this building would not be happening.”

Sustainable building practices are a prime consideration in the building’s design. For example, plans include using geothermal energy as a heating source and optimizing use of natural light. The high-performance, environmentally progressive building is expected to use at least 40 percent less energy than a comparable structure.

Since the construction of the existing business building 40 years ago, enrollment in the college’s programs has grown three fold to more than 3,300 students. Enrollment during the next 10 years is expected to grow 26 percent in undergraduate programs, and the number of graduate students is expected to double.

Boise State’s College of Business and Economics has achieved the gold standard of accreditation. Only about four percent of all the business programs in the world and 20 percent in the United States have AACSB accreditation, and Boise State is one of them. Its accountancy program also is accredited. Next year, its graduate programs will be included in the “Princeton Review” ranking of best business schools. The College aspires to build graduate and undergraduate programs with a national reputation for their quality and innovation and to create internationally renowned centers of excellence.

For more information, visit [http://cobe.boisestate.edu](http://cobe.boisestate.edu).

**Women’s Tennis Team Captures First WAC Championship in Program History**

The Number 43 ranked Boise State women’s tennis team captured its first Western Athletic Conference championship following a dramatic comeback from a 3-1 deficit against the Fresno State Bulldogs in the WAC tournament title dual on May 2 in Fresno, California.

“It is the sweetest thing ever,” Head Coach Mark Tichenor said after the win. “We’ve been battling Fresno the last four years. We’ve been so close, and I think we’ve been trying too hard to win. The
greatest thing about the program is we have girls that fight and never give up. Today we were able to make it happen.”

The Number 1 seed Broncos (22-5) fought back from near defeat to win the final two singles matches of the day in three sets, clinching the first WAC tournament title in program history. With the win Boise State ended a streak of four consecutive runner-up finishes at the conference tournament, while also securing an automatic berth to the 2010 NCAA National Championships.

“It is something we’ve wanted so badly. It is an unbelievable feeling. I always tell the girls I don’t dream about sitting on a beach somewhere, I dream of winning the tournament so it is just a dream come true.”

The women found themselves behind the eight ball early after dropping the doubles point with losses at Number 1 and Number 3. The Broncos managed a split of the first two doubles matches after Marlena Pietzuch and Stephanie Jasper beat Melissa McQueen and Bianca Modoc, 8-2, at Number 2. But with the ever important doubles point on the line Boise State couldn’t capitalize, as Number 45 ranked Pichittra Thongdach and Lauren Megale would lose to Number 79 Laura Pola and Renata Kucerkova, 8-6, at Number 1.

Fresno State would keep the pressure on the Broncos by extending their lead to 2-0 with a win in the Number 4 singles match. Elyse Edwards managed to score Boise State’s first point of the day next, however, with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Modoc at Number 5. A Bulldog win at Number 2 singles would put the Broncos dangerously close to defeat, though, making a monumental comeback needed in order to make history.

Pietzuch gave Boise State a big spark in the Number 6 singles match as she beat Julia Gragera-Cano, 7-5, 6-1, to narrow the team score to 3-2. Number 51 ranked Thongdach then showed her resiliency by earning a 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 third-set win over Kucerkova at Number 1. With the dual tied 3-3, and the conference championship hanging in the balance, all the attention turned to court Number 3.

After falling behind with a first set loss, Boise State senior Bianca Jochimsen responded by winning the second set of her match against Pola. Jochimsen would jump out to a 3-1 lead in the third, but couldn’t hold off Pola as she rallied to tie the set at 4-4. But just as it looked like the Broncos run may have come to an end Jochimsen took control, as she would win the next two games to finish off the 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win.

“Bianca kept making things happen and making things happen. You just want to get to five first, and she was able to. It was great having our two seniors winning the last two matches. I can’t even remember what happened on the last point; I just knew it was out when she hit it. It was going in slow motion.”

The win marks Boise State’s 10th straight, giving them a great deal of momentum heading into the NCAA tournament. The Broncos will look to build upon a historic 2009 season when the Broncos won their first ever NCAA tournament dual before falling in the second round. Boise State will learn its fate for nationals on May 4 when the NCAA tournament field is announced.
Individual Stories Provide Window into Lives of Boise State Graduates

This year’s group of newly-minted Boise State graduates represent a wealth of individual stories. We profile a few to provide a small window into this year’s graduating class, into their lives and their time at Boise State. Spring Commencement will honor this year’s graduates with a traditional ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, in Taco Bell Arena. About 1,150 graduates are expected to participate. In all, 1,881 students are eligible for 1,974 degrees/certificates and 348 are eligible for honors: 35 summa cum laude, 110 magna cum laude and 203 cum laude.

A Few Compelling Graduate Stories:

Chuck Ragland is traveling all the way from Afghanistan to accept his Bachelor’s degree in Respiratory Care. On leave from his job in the U.S. Navy, Ragland will lead his fellow graduates into the Commencement ceremony as a marshall for the College of Health Sciences, despite having never set foot on the Boise State campus. When he started the Department of Respiratory Care’s degree completion program in Spring 2008, he thought he would be able to complete the online degree program from the relative comfort of his home port at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California. His deployment to Afghanistan in the midst of the Fall 2009 semester changed that assumption – but it was nothing some creative Internet access arrangements and understanding stateside professors couldn’t overcome.

Martha Mendoza found her place at Boise State and thrived. Her Bachelor’s degree in Bilingual Education was a natural fit for someone who grew up in the Cordoba Veracruz region of Mexico and went to bilingual schools throughout her childhood. A McNair Scholar who has been accepted to four graduate programs, Mendoza has made conference presentations at national venues, is a Top Ten Scholar with a 4.0 GPA (including eleven grades of A+) and has been named to the Dean’s List with Highest Honors nine times. In 2008, she traveled to Guatemala to conduct research and, while she was there, volunteered at a school where she taught children to read.

When Shatakshi Goyal accepts her Boise State degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering she will be only 18 years old. But perhaps even more impressive is that this Top Ten Scholar started as a part-time Boise State student when she was only 12. Born in Roorkee, India, Goyal was home-schooled by her parents and came to Boise State because her father, a hydrologist for the Idaho Department of Water Resources, was an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Civil Engineering. Known for sharing her Indian music, dance, food and clothing with her classmates, Goyal plans to continue her current work at Hewlett-Packard in Boise while continuing with her graduate studies.

Bernice Olivas dropped out of school in the ninth grade, despite being an A student. This fall, she will begin work on her Ph.D. in Composition and Rhetoric at the University of Nebraska. In between these two seemingly incongruous events, she competed her GED, became the devoted mother of two deeply-loved children with autism, was talked into enrolling at Boise State by her husband, was published in a peer-reviewed undergraduate journal, made presentations at national conferences, won the Boise State President’s Writing Award and became the first McNair Scholar from Boise State’s creative writing program. She plans to teach, research and write at the university level with an eye to helping young writers find paths to graduate school and higher education.
Parking Permit Prices to Increase

Last May the Office of the Vice President for Finance & Administration distributed a memo announcing the construction of a new parking structure and campus parking permit increases to be implemented over the next three years.

They expect construction on the new parking garage to commence this summer and plan for its opening by Fall Semester 2011. The new parking garage will be located across from the Student Union Building and will be attached to the existing Lincoln Parking Garage. The new parking garage will add about 700 parking spaces, plus approximately 6,500 square feet of interior office space. The office space will house Student Media and the BSU Bike Shop, a new cooperative between Transportation and Parking Services and Campus Recreation to promote and enhance the use of bicycles by the BSU community.

This year we implement the second year of planned increases, shown below:

- Student General Permits will increase $5 per semester, or $10 per year
- Faculty and Staff Permits will increase $7 per semester, or $14 per year
- Student Reserved Permits will increase $13 per semester, or $26 per year
- Faculty and Staff Permits will increase $16 per semester, or $32 per year.

We understand that any increase can be difficult for the campus community. However it is important to balance the desire to keep costs minimal with the need for more parking on campus, the need to properly maintain existing parking spaces, and the consequence of not having enough parking.
The following is a list of historical parking permit increases and next year’s rates for the most common permits. A complete list of permit prices can be found on the Parking and Transportation website at [http://www.boisestate.edu/parking](http://www.boisestate.edu/parking).

### Historical and Current Increases

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Permit Increases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In addition to these common permits, all other permits such as vendor, motorcycle, special permits, etc., will be increased by 10%.

As indicated in last year’s announcement, additional revenue will not only support a new parking facility, but it will also be used to improve certain parking lots on campus. This will be accomplished by paving some of the gravel lots in the south campus expansion zone and provide needed maintenance on the Brady Garage. As previously mentioned, we expect construction to begin on the new parking garage this summer. A&E Services has begun the design work for paving of some south campus gravel parking lots and we expect this work to begin soon.

The new financial plan will also ensure the continuation of services which are free to all students and such as: battery jump starts and vehicle lockout assistance, the campus shuttle, and city bus and inter-county rides.

Again, we understand that any fee increase is difficult for many people, but as the University continues to grow difficult decisions like this need to be made.

### Why do parking permits prices need to increase?

Parking permit fees need to increase to help the University build more parking spaces, maintain current parking facilities, and manage many of the free services parking offers such as the campus shuttle and free City Bus service. Parking permit increases allow Boise State to avoid limitations such as:

1. Operating with drastically fewer parking spaces than needed;
2. Placing a cap on parking permit sales where thousands of students and/or employees could not purchase a permit; and
3. Not allowing certain groups such as resident, newer employees, and freshmen, to purchase a permit.

In addition to the costs of developing more parking, increased operational expenses such as maintenance on parking lots and garages, and increases in utilities (electricity, gas, and fuel) create the need for additional revenue.
How are parking permit prices determined and approved?

The Parking and Transportation Department is charged with being a self-supporting department of the University. Parking revenue covers the cost of building, managing, and maintaining parking and transportation services. Parking structures are expensive buildings, costing about $11,000 per parking space. Parking permit prices, as well as all other parking revenue sources, are designed to cover the cost of debt to build parking facilities plus the operating expenses of the Department, including transportation services.

Parking and Transportation does not have the authority to set permit prices. When additional revenue is needed, the Parking Advisory Committee (made up of faculty, staff, and students representing their respective groups on all parking and transportation matters) will review the goals of the University relating to parking. It will then provide a recommendation to the Facilities Planning Council, or another appropriate executive council. Parking and Transportation reports to the Vice President of Finance and Administration, who discusses these issues with University management prior to a decision being finalized.

What would happen if the University could not build more parking space?

The Treasure Valley does not yet have the infrastructure (such as population density, light rail, subways or extensive bus networks) needed to support limited parking on campus. It may be difficult to attract new students (particularly freshmen and sophomores), employees, or cultural event promoters to campus if appropriate parking areas could not be accommodated. Any of these scenarios would limit our ability to bring these assets to campus.

Why does the University construct buildings on parking lots? Why not keep existing parking lots and place buildings at the perimeter?

When Boise State began developing its Campus Master Plan, planning consultants were hired to engage the campus in numerous open meetings to discuss and understand what issues were important to the University community. Two common themes in the current and previous Master Plan were a desire for green spaces on campus and frustration with having to walk great distances between classes or meetings. One solution identified was to remove interior parking lots to make room for development of green spaces and to provide building sites closer to the campus interior. Parking would then be replaced on the campus perimeter in the form of parking structures. This was recommended because real estate is not cheap; most of our current parking lots are not space efficient and are only one level. As progress on the Master Plan continues, parking will be contained in several large parking structures on the perimeter of the campus, some more convenient than others. In addition, improvements will be made to pedestrian walkways, bike paths, and to enhance other transportation options. The result will be a metropolitan university that engages individuals through landscape, architecture, and open spaces, rather than acres of cars and asphalt. This change will not occur quickly, but this is the path we are on.

What lower cost or free parking/transportation options are available for employees and students?
Meet With Candidates for Associate Vice President of Information Technology

Four outstanding candidates have been identified for the position of associate vice president for information technology. Candidates will be meeting with the committee, administrators, faculty, students and staff.

Specific times have been scheduled for the campus community to attend open forums on the second day of each candidate’s visit.

The schedule is as follows. Any updates to the schedule will be made to the AVPIT Search website at http://www.boisestate.edu/finad/AVPIT/.

Mark Sheehan
9-10 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, in the Student Union Barnwell Room

Max Davis-Johnson
9-10 a.m. Friday, May 21, in the Student Union Lookout Room
Visit http://news.boisestate.edu/update/files/2010/05/mdjres.pdf for Davis-Johnson’s CV

Deborah Whitten
9:15-10:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, in the Student Union Barnwell Room

Troy Travis
9-10 a.m. Friday, May 28, in the Student Union Barnwell Room
Visit http://news.boisestate.edu/update/files/2010/05/Resume-Troy-Travis-03-01-2010.pdf for Travis’s CV

The Search Committee would like your assessment of these candidates after their visits. Please take a moment to fill out the assessment form that will be provided online after each session. Forms will be available at http://www.boisestate.edu/finad/AVPIT/.

For more information, visit http://www.boisestate.edu/parking/.

Employees and students are encouraged to carpool. The shared cost of one permit allows individuals to participate in other programs such as the Guaranteed Ride Home program offered through Ada County.

- Ada County also supports a Van Pool program: http://www.commuteride.com/
- Employees and students ride the City Bus in Boise all year at no cost.
- Motorcycle permits are discounted below General Permits.
- Valley Regional Transit operates Park and Ride locations in Canyon County: http://www.valleyride.org/
Fifty Health Sciences Students Present Research

The 7th Annual Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Conference was held on Monday, April 12, 2010. More than 250 research, artistic and scholarly projects, representing over 470 Boise State University undergraduates, were presented. Fifty College of Health Sciences students gave five podium presentations and fifteen poster presentations.

Podium Presentations:
“Do High Frequency Oscillation Vests Reduce Vital Capacity in Normal Substances?” Brad Hughett, Colleen Monteith, and Vida Khaliki, Department of Respiratory Care. Faculty Sponsor: Jody Lester.

“Peep Settings Affect Expiratory Resistance? A Bench Study of the LTV® 1200 Homecare Ventilator” James Matsuura, Honors College (shown at right), Candice McClain, Andrea Young, Kady May, and Jody Lester, Department of Respirator Care. Faculty Sponsor: Jody Lester.

“Examining the Connection Between Elevated Triglyceride Levels and Risk for Diabetes in Latino Adults” Jonathan Glogowski (shown at left), Dr. Leonie Sutherland, and Dr. Shawn Simonson, Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dawn Weiler.

“Parasite Prevalence Study at the Idaho Humane Society” Emilee Kottcamp, Hope Esplain, Lauren Troy, and Calista Deland, Department of Community & Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elizabeth Hannah.

“Bed Bugs: Beyond the Nuisance” Lea Duffin, Department of Community & Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dale Stephenson.

Poster Presentations:
“Comparison of Combustion Emissions from Wickless and Wick-Based Candles” Team Members: Jaime Minick, Honors College (shown at right), Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dale Stephenson.

“An Exploratory Study of Cell Phone Use While Driving” Team Members: Angeline Adams, Barbara Lane Popadics, Jeff Martin, Ryan Morris, and Jennifer Roe, Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elaine Long.
“Characteristics of Cell Phone Use by Students and Faculty at Boise State University” Team Members: Dolores Benavente, Billy Galligar, Molly O’Brien, Jared Rasmussen, and Phillip Whipple (shown at left), Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elaine Long.

“Cell Phone Use and Psychological Correlates: An Explorative Study” Team Members: David Catchings, Lena Bush, Brent Copes, Amie Schaefer, and Eric Wixom, Honors College, Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elaine Long.

“Survey of Cell Phone Use Among College Students” Team Members: Tabitha Ellis, Whitney Egbert, Tracy Hopkins, Gabriella Katana, and Shannon Tracy, Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elaine Long.

“Use of Cell Phone Technology Among Fitness Trainers in the Treasure Valley” Team Members: Sheri Latta, Melissa Funston, Kristin Heckenlively, Timothy Jones, and Vanessa Olmstead, Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elaine Long.

“Does Class Participation in an Online Learning Environment Improve Student Learning Capability?” Team Members: Christine Kollar, Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sarah Toevs.

“Exploratory Study to Determine the Prevalence of Pain Associated with Use of a Cellular Phone (Text Messaging)” Team Members: Angeline Adams, Department of Community and Environmental Health. Faculty Sponsor: Jaime Sand.

“Evaluation of the Respironics BIPAP® Auto Sv™ and Resmed VPAP™ Adapt Sv to Lung Simulator Generated Central and Obstructive Sleep Apneic Episodes” Team Members: Grant Drake and Dawn Alverson (shown at right), Department of Respiratory Care. Faculty Sponsor: Jody Lester.

“Students’ Perceptions Regarding Essential Components of a Nursing Leadership Textbook” Team Members: Cari Cardoni and Diane Kenski, Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Cynthia Clark.

“Adaptive Centering Pregnancy for Rural Practice: The Effect on Patient Satisfaction” Team Members: Kathryn Cooperstein (shown on next page), Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jeri Bigbee.

“Comparison of Rural Providers and Consumers Regarding Community Health Assets and Deficits” Team Members: Diane Kenski, Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jeri Bigbee.

“Mental Health of Caregiving Grandparents” Team Members: Barbara Vander Boegh, Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jeri Bigbee
“Factors Promoting Rural Nursing Recruitment and Retention” Team Members: **Jessica Nelson**, Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: **Dr. Jeri Bigbee** and **Molly Prengaman**.

“The Growing Concern about Mental Health Services and Medications: A Comparison of Children in the Inside and the Outside of the Foster Care System.” Team Members: **Meghan Cunningham** (shown at right), Department of Nursing. Faculty Sponsor: **Max Veltman**.

Congratulations to all the participants!

**Staff Named Office Professional of the Year**

On April 14, Boise State University - Association of Office Professionals (BSUAOP) held its annual Bosses Breakfast to honor all bosses on campus. During the programming one administrator and one staff person are recognized by BSUAOP as outstanding Boise State employees. This year, **Leslie Black**, was named the 2010 Office Professional of the Year. Leslie supports the College Development Director, Barb Myhre, and works with many CHS faculty on grant budgeting. Leslie also serves on the BSUAOP Executive Board as an Member Representative.

Congratulations Leslie! We are very proud of you!

**Computer Transition Follow Up**

As many of you are aware, the College just underwent a transition from Novell client to a Microsoft client for drives and computer log-ins. If you shared a drive (i.e. your h drive) with other users (not counting your allres/allcoh/allrad/allradar/allnur/alldean), please contact Ellen Seibolt, **eseibolt@boisestate.edu**, so that she can enable the appropriate sharing under the new system.

**Office of External Funding (OEF) Spring Awards Announced**

**Dr. Pam Springer** is pleased to announce the following College of Health Sciences OEF awards for spring:

- **Dr. Dawn Weiler**: $1500 travel for a research presentation at CANS;
- **Dr. Ed Baker** and the Center for Health Policy (CHP): Funded for 1/2 of a graduate assistant for CHP projects;
- **Drs. Dawn Weiler** and **Leonie Sutherland**: Funded for a full graduate assistant for work on their diabetes research in the Hispanic population;
- **Pat Lazare**: Funded for 1/2 of a graduate assistant for research with the African refugees

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for the financial support to make these awards available.
Staff Visits Educators Orientation Visit to Navy

March 29th - April 2nd, Erin Colburn attended the Educators Orientation Visit in San Diego, California put on by the Navy. This was a program to allow educators in the Northwest to see and meet officers and enlisted men/women working in the Navy in Health fields and several other fields. Erin toured housing, ships, planes, submarines, seal training facilities and experienced their support programs on bases in San Diego, California. She was able to get first hand perspective on the Navy’s humanitarian missions and how the Navy is using Nurses, Radiological Technologist, Physicians and Physician Assistants to support the Navy’s mission.

The Broncos Show Off at the Idaho Association of Education Office Professionals Conference

The Broncos shone at the Idaho Association of Education Office Professionals (IAEOP) Annual Conference on April 16th and 17th in the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. In attendance from the College of Health Sciences were Sue Antonich, Leslie Black, Anita Castello, Kelley Davis, Bonnie Dodson, Coleen Dudley, Angela Garcia, Marian Graham, Danya Lusk, Maura Rasmussen, Alexis Rowland, and Ellen Seibolt. Sue Antonich and Kelley Davis were inducted into the 2010-2011 IAEOP Executive Board. Sue will serve as the Vice President and Kelley will serve as the Area Representative for Region II, which includes Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, Idaho and Nez Perce counties. Gwen Johnson, Administrative Assistant in Boise State’s Department of History, was inducted as the Auditor for IAEOP.

Anita Castello organized door prizes for the conference and received accolades from the 2009-2010 IAEOP President, Suzan Raney, Administrative Assistant in Boise State’s Department of Criminal Justice. The door prizes were highly popular and successful. Most of the 80 plus participants went home with a prize. At the end of the conference, several grand prizes were auctioned off, including a stay in Las Vegas, which Alexis Rowland won.

Marian Graham taught a two-part session on Professional Standards Program, a certification program offered by the National Association of Education Office Professionals, of which IAEOP is an affiliate. Marian helped participants work through the application for certification, which includes documenting professional development training that participants have completed. To receive certification, applicants must complete several higher education courses and sixty hours of in-service, have worked in an educational office setting for four years, and have served in education-related professional organizations. The process to become certified is rigorous and requires a lot of paperwork, documentation and organization.

Conference attendees went to a variety of keynotes and workshops, including sessions on the value of community, the changing educational environment, records keeping, and memory skills. Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Associate Professor in Boise State’s Department of Criminal Justice, spoke on the value
of community in neighborhoods and in the workplace in reducing crime, building positive relationships and increasing job and life satisfaction. During the keynote on the evolving educational environment, Dr. Wayne Davis, Executive Director of Idaho Association of School Administrators, walked conference attendees through a comparison of generational attitudes and the evolution of technology before examining the expectations of the current generation of students. In the records workshop, Erica Cook, an archivist from the Idaho State Historical Society, taught participants about the value of indexing files, both work-related and personal files, and ways to use technology in record keeping. Dr. Lawrence R. Rogien, Associate Professor in Boise State’s Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies, taught participants in the memory skills workshop many strategies to improve memorization, as research suggests that those who know memorization strategies will retain memorized information more than those who practice memorizing information and than those who have no techniques or practice. Leslie Black wrote a one page summary of the records and memory skills workshops. These summaries are available at http://hs.boisestate.edu/pdf/IAEOPworkshopsummaries.pdf.

In addition to these professional development sessions, the group enjoyed networking with other professionals from around the state. Many new friends were made in addition to re-connecting with past acquaintances from Boise State and from around the state. The staff returned feeling rejuvenated and reconnect to coworkers at Boise State and abroad.

The staff would like to thank Dr. Jim Girvan for his financial and moral support and each Department Chair and supervisor for her/his support and the time away to attend the conference. Our College had a strong showing at the conference because of this support. It is unique among our colleges and is greatly appreciated.

**Outstanding Faculty, Staff and Students Recognized at Annual Scholarship Ceremony**

The College of Health Sciences recognized its outstanding faculty, staff and students on Friday, April 30th at its 2010 Scholarship Awards Ceremony. This year the College packed the Simplot Grand Ballroom in the Student Union with approximately 400 people.

The ceremony began with the presentation of faculty and staff awards. Congratulations to the award winners - we are quite privileged to work with you!

- Excellence in Faculty Research Award - Dr. Tedd McDonald
- Excellence in Faculty Service Award - Dr. Dale Stephenson
- Excellence in Faculty Teaching Award - T.J. Wing, MHS, RRT
- Excellence in Staff Service Award - Alexis Rowland
- Dean’s Award for Professional Service - Dr. Ingrid Brudenell and Mikal Black

Over $400,000 in scholarships were awarded to nearly 200 students. These scholarships were created by generous donations from people in the community. Highlights included the first year that the Toshihiko Koga Memorial Scholarship was awarded. The Koga Institute for Medical Research created the scholarship to honor and recognize Dr. Koga, a visionary in Respiratory Care in Japan and across the world, and to support students from Japan in transferring to Boise State to complete their degrees.
Dr. Ingrid Brudenell is Professor of Nursing at Boise State University

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
- Interests are humanities in health care education, research and policy development, outcome assessment and evaluation, family nursing, substance abuse recovery, health promotion, and disease prevention.
- Love for nursing, advocacy for the profession, teaching, service, and scholarship are hallmarks of her career.
- We look forward to continuing to benefit from Dr. Brudenell’s mentoring in her new role of Emeritus faculty.

Ingrid Brudenell
RN, PhD

for 28 years of dedicated service
to the Department of Nursing
at Boise State University

Celebration activities:
Thursday, May 11, 2010
2:00 p.m.
BSU SUB - Lookout Room
The Department of Nursing Acknowledges

Mikal Black
RN, MSN

for 8 years of dedicated service
to the Department of Nursing
at Boise State University

Mikal Black is Assistant Professor of Nursing
at Boise State University

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
• Taught throughout the nursing curriculum and specializes in professional
  concepts, cultural diversity, and international nursing.
• Contributed to the department through her knowledge and love of
  cultural competence through the GAIN grant.
• Career as a nurse educator has taken her to such destinations as China,
  Ecuador, Israel, Netherlands, and Italy.
• We look forward to having Mikal continue to teach for us as an adjunct
  faculty and continue her research with the African refugee community.
Announcing OEF Teaching Resources

The Academic Leadership Council in the College of Health Sciences is pleased to share a new resource recently developed—OEF Teaching. For the last 3 semesters, the OEF-research has awarded mini-research grants and travel supplement. These funds come from the departments who all contribute to a central pot of funds and the Dean’s office. We have successfully awarded $36,276 in mini-research grants and supported $7,100 in travel.

We are pleased to introduce OEF-Teaching. This arm of the OEF will award mini-teaching innovation grants. Proposals will be accepted in both fall and spring, beginning fall 2010. More details will be forthcoming when you return in August, but we wanted you to start thinking about new teaching strategies you would want to try. Teaching innovations include new teaching methods or evaluation strategies and can be used for salary buy-out, assistants, supplies, or travel for dissemination. Funds to support this initiative comes from money given to the college and departments for teaching summer courses. So, keep teaching those courses!

One last note....teaching innovation grants will not fund the routine hiring of teaching assistants. Each department is working to identify funds to support this resource.

Second Annual Health Professions Conference a Success

The College of Health Sciences hosted the 2nd Annual Health Professions Conference held on April 14, 2010 at 2:30pm - 4:30pm in the Health Sciences Riverside building. We showcased 10 of the programs that can be earned through CoHS to the public through presentations and two one-on-one breakout sessions with advisors where participants could meet with their top two or three programs they were interested in getting more information from. There were 20 participants at the program which included students from College of Western Idaho (CWI) and Boise State current students. One of the participants was an Health Enrollment Specialist from CWI who we were able to give information to and create necessary networking opportunities to help students with transition from the community college to Boise State. A big thank you to Erin Colburn for her work in organizing the event.

Department News

Department of Community and Environmental Health

Pre-Vet Club Offers Low-Cost Pet Clinic May 8

To help Boise State pet owners with the cost of vaccinating their dogs and cats, the Boise State Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club has teamed with the Idaho Humane Society (IHS) veterinary clinic to offer low cost vaccinations to students, faculty, and staff. Please bring Boise State identification with you to the clinic.
The low cost vaccination clinic will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at 4775 W Dorman Street near the Boise Airport. A licensed veterinarian will administer a brief exam and vaccines for only $12. Dogs and cats are welcome at the clinic. Proceeds go to IHS to supplement their low-cost services for the Treasure Valley and the Pre-Vet Club to help pay for field trips, educational speakers, community projects and more. For information call IHS at 342-3599 or visit their website at http://www.idahohumanesociety.org.

The Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club at Boise State guides, prepares and helps students who aspire to attend veterinary school. The club participates in community projects such as See Spot Walk (a benefit for IHS), collecting fresh fruit for the Idaho Black Bear Rehabilitation center (www.bearrehab.org) and Ride for Joy (an equine therapy program in Eagle).

For more information about the Boise State Pre-Vet Club, or if you’d like to volunteer, contact Kristine Kamphuis, at kristinekamphuis@yahoo.com.

Faculty Accepted to Present in Croatia

Two papers co-authored by Dr. Uwe Reischl, Professor of Health Sciences, Conrad Colby, Emeritus Professor of Health Sciences, and Aledia Mermerian, student in the Department of Community and Environmental Health, have been accepted for presentation at the 4th International Ergonomics Conference to be held in Croatia, June 30 through July 3, 2010. The papers are titled “PNEUMOTECH: A New Tool for Evaluating the Thermal Characteristics of Clothing Systems,” and “Convective Heat Exchange of Women’s Clothing.” Both papers are based on research carried out using the Boise State’s inflatable thermal mannequin technology developed in the College of Health Sciences.

Faculty Presented at Nevada Conference

Ozone Panel Discussion
During Earth Day celebrations held on April 22nd, 2010, Dr. Dale Stephenson served as the session chair and featured speaker on a panel discussion promoting awareness of EPA’s proposed strengthening of the ozone standard. Sponsored by the PWIS and students chapters of the Air and Waste Management Association, this discussion focused on the impact that this Federal action will have on the Treasure Valley if compliance with the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is not attained. Other featured speakers on the panel included TJ Wing (Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care), Stephen Coe (Airshed Coordinator – IDEQ), and Joan Meitl (Environmental Compliance Specialist – BSU’s SBDC).

Environmental & Occupational Health Student Awarded a Department of Education Scholarship

Arleth Medellin, a transfer student from California State College, Northridge has been awarded a $5000 Erma Byrd Scholarship. The Erma Byrd Scholarship Program provides scholarships to individuals pursuing a course of study that will lead to a career in industrial health and safety occupations. This program is designed to increase the skilled workforce in these fields at both the fundamental and advanced skills level. Arleth came to Idaho with the intent of spending one year of study at Boise State and then return to finish her environmental health degree at her home institution in California. Given the hospitality she has received at Boise State, she has decided to stay in Idaho and complete an environmental and occupational health degree in our own College of Health Sciences. This scholarship will go a long way in lessening the financial burden she now confronts with the high cost of non-resident tuition and fees. Congratulations Arleth!

Summer Internships at the INL and the University of Washington

Three undergraduate students majoring in environmental and occupational health have garnered noteworthy summer internships with the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and the University of Washington.

Megan Smith and Kim Henricus have been recruited by CH2M Hill to work on a bioremediation project at the INL. This project will investigate the use of microbes to remove TCE from contaminated ground water.

Jamie Minick has been chosen to participate in the University of Washington’s 2010 Environmental Health Research Experience Program. This highly competitive program will provide Jamie with the opportunity to work with faculty researchers in the University of Washington’s Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. Jamie has been assigned to toxicology research program investigating the pathways for disease upon human exposure to various chemical compounds.

Congratulations Megan, Kima and Jamie!
Spring Break in China—Nursing Students Experience Chinese Culture and Health Systems

Thirteen students and three faculty from the Department of Nursing traveled to China over Spring Break for a study abroad experience. Jessica Ferguson, Laury Roper, Whitney Gochnour and Jeanette McCown, senior students in the Nursing Leadership and Management course joined Assistant Professor Pam Strohfus in traveling to Beijing where Ms. Strohfus presented her research paper, “Immunization Administration: Are Our Vaccines Safe and Effective?” at the BIT Life Sciences 2nd World Congress on Vaccines. The group attended the conference and enjoyed sightseeing in Beijing, including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, a classic Peking Duck dinner, and a walk on the Great Wall. Then they boarded the overnight train to Hangzhou.

Meanwhile the Community and Public Health Nursing students travelled to Hangzhou. The Leadership group joined the Public Health students: Tonya Burke, Sarah Dorsey, Cari Cardoni, Sarah Ziegler, Christine Duchek, Rob Standley, Jessica Petersen, Brianne Andra, Crisha Huffman and Associate Professors Dr. Susan Parslow and Barbara Allerton. The groups enjoyed sightseeing in Hangzhou, including the beautiful West Lake with all the spring flowers, the silk street (shopping!) and the amazing Lingyin Buddhist temple. A sumptuous banquet hosted by the Hangzhou Normal University (HNU) Nursing Program administration and faculty made us all feel welcome.

The study portion of the tour began as we met with students and faculty from HNU Nursing Program and staff at the Kai Xuan Community Health Center to learn how public health nursing care is delivered in China. The students visited clinics including the immunization program, Traditional Chinese Medicine clinics, women’s and children’s programs and observed the community served by the Health Center. In addition, the group toured the Zhejiang Zhongshan Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, the Hangzhou Number 2 Nursing Home and the Zhejiang Number 1 Provincial Hospital.

Students toured the HNU Campus to learn how the Chinese nursing students live. Pam Strohfus presented her paper on Immunization Administration to the nursing faculty and students. The Leadership
Broncos Invade Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Again!

A total of 23 Boise State Nursing faculty and students attended the 2010 Western Institute of Nursing Communicating Nursing Conference (WIN) in Glendale, Arizona, April 14-17th, presenting a total of 24 poster and podium presentations! Many conference participants from other areas noted the amazing Bronco presence, particularly the large number of our undergraduates presenting their research. Boise State Nursing student Diane Kenski won an award, as one of the WIN Best Research and Information Exchange Poster finalists, with her research on “Rural Providers and Consumers Perceptions of Community Health Assets and Deficits.”

The Diga Si a la Salud interdisciplinary research team presented a symposium during the opening session at the 43rd Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference—Nursing Science: Informing Practice and Driving Policy held in Glendale, AZ in April. Jonathan Glogowski, Research Assistant and undergraduate Nursing student, kicked off the symposium with his presentation “Latino Population Assessment: Foundation, Process, and Discovery” and filled the role as session moderator. Faculty presenters and presentation titles for the symposium included: Dr. Leonie Sutherland, Nursing, “The Utility of Theory Guided Assessment in the Latino Population;” Julie Vanty, MS, RN, Nursing, “Health-Promoting Lifestyle Profile: Lessons Learned;” Dr. Dawn Weiler, Nursing, “Assessing
Diabetes Risk Among Latino Adults: Current vs New Recommendations;” and Dr. Shawn Simonson, Kinesiology, “Anthropometric Divergence in a Latino Population.” The Diga Si a la Salud research team would like to thank the College of Health Sciences Office of External Funding and Department of Nursing for their generous travel funding support to attend this conference and represent Boise State University.

Below is a listing of the podium and poster presentations given during the WIN conference. Congratulations Bronco Nursing Scholars!!

“Adapting Centering Pregnancy for Rural Practice” Kathryn Cooperstein, Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee

“Anthropometric Divergence in a Latino Population” Shawn R. Simonson, Jonathan Glogowski, Dr. Dawn M. Weiler, Dr. Leonie Sutherland

“Assessing Diabetes Risk Among Latino Adults: Current vs. New Recommendations” Dr. Dawn M. Weiler, Dr. Leonie Sutherland, Jonathan Glogowski, Shawn R. Simonson

“Chronic Sorrow in Children in Foster Care: An Extension of Established Middle Range Theory” Max Veltman

“Comparative Secondary Analysis of Somali Bantus in Africa vs. Boise” Vanessa Phillips

“Competency-Based Course Development with Use of Knowledge Surveys” Molly Prengaman, Jayne Josephsen

“The ‘Dance’ of Civility in Nursing Education: Testing a Conceptual Model” Dr. Cynthia Clark, Dr. Pamela Springer

“Development of the Nursing Community APGAR Questionnaire” Molly V. Prengaman, Dr. Ed Baker, Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee, David Schmitz

“Factors Promoting Rural Nursing Recruitment and Retention” Jessica Nelson, Molly Prengaman, Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee

“Health-Promoting Lifestyle Profile: Lessons Learned” Julie Vanty, Dr. Leonie Sutherland, Dr. Dawn M. Weiler, Jonathan Glogowski

“Mental Health of Caregiving Grandparents” Barbie Vander Boegh, Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee

“Needs Assessment of the Elderly Hispanic Population of Canyon County, Idaho” Julie Carr, Dr. Dawn M. Weiler
“Nurse Residents’ First Hand Accounts on Transition to Practice” Dr. Cynthia Clark

“Nursing Student Perceptions of Caring Behavior” Dr. Sandra G. Nadelson

“Overview: Latino Population Assessment: Foundation, Process, and Discovery” Jonathan Glogowski, Dr. Dawn Weiler, Dr. Leonie Sutherland, Julie Vanty, Shawn Simonson

“Perception of Healthcare Among the Somali Bantu and their Health Providers” Nancy Acii

“Recognition of Moral Distress Among a Convenience Sample of Idaho Nurses” Shoni Davis, Dr. Vivian Schrader

“Relationship Building with Culturally Diverse Vulnerable Populations” Mikal Black, Dr. Pam Springer, Kim Martz, Cathy Deckys, Terri Soelberg

“Resilience in Frontier Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee, Harriet Shaklee, Molly Prengaman, Barbie Vander Boegh

“Rural Providers and Consumers Perceptions of Community Health Assets and Deficits” Diane Kenski, Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee

“Sexual Health Community Needs Assessment” Annabeth Elliot, Dr. Leonie Sutherland

“Somali Bantu Refugees in Southwest Idaho: A Community and Cultural Assessment” Dr. Pamela J. Springer, Mikal Black, Kim Martz, Terri Soelberg, Cathy Deckys

“Students’ Perceptions Regarding Essential Components of a Nursing Leadership Textbook” Cari Cardoni, Diane Kenski

“The Utility of Theory Guided Assessment in the Latino Population” Dr. Leonie Sutherland, Dr. Dawn M. Weiler, Julie Vanty, Jonathan Glogowski

Faculty Presents at National Student Nurse Association Convention

Dr. Sandra Nadelson, an Associate Professor of Nursing, presented a poster titled “Electronic Resumes in Nursing Career Searches: A Process and Project” at the National Student Nurse Association’s 58th Annual Convention, which was held in Orlando, Florida, April 7-10.

The poster content was drawn from collaborative work done with Brittany Stephens, a Boise State
Nursing student, Dr. Louis Nadelson, an Assistant Professor of Education, and Max Veltman, an Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Faculty and Students Put On Health Fair at Seven Arrows Powwow

The Boise State Nursing students performed a health fair for children and teenagers at the 12th Annual Seven Arrows Powwow. There were over 90 children and teenagers who participated from 7 different tribes and the community. The participants learned about nutrition, health and safety and participated in active learning games. The health fair posters and games were developed entirely by Boise State nursing students in the Family Nursing Course. Faculty were Kelley Connor, Karen Godard, Dr. Sandra Nadelson and Michael Vallez.

Department of Respiratory Therapy

I stand on the shoulders of giants
by T. J. Wing, MHS, RRT

Okay, so the title is a little cliché, but as you read further it’s true…Recently I was honored to receive the College of Health Sciences (CHS) award for Excellence in Faculty Teaching. This award is nominated by the students who we serve and is bestowed upon a faculty member that they felt went above and beyond the traditional teaching responsibilities. Though I feel this honor could easily be presented to all faculty within the CHS (due to the extraordinary instruction provided by all CHS faculty), I was humbled to the core to be the one chosen.

Although, I do feel it is important to realize that this award is not mine alone to enjoy. This award was won by my entire department, the Department of Respiratory Care. You see, I am the product of this department. I am a graduate of the Respiratory Care Program and was lucky enough to experience what truly great teaching was like as a student. In 2003, the department asked if I would work as a full-time faculty member and that is when my teaching mentorship began. I would like to thank my department for helping me develop into the instructor that I am today, for without their constant guidance, I would be lost.

Lonny Ashworth: Lonny is not only the department chair but also “team” teaches with me in the fall semester; he audited hours upon hours of classes that I taught. Afterwards we would meet in his office, with his yellow note pad full of suggestions of how I could better my teaching style and disseminate information more clearly. He has served as a role model of how to work hands-on with students for decades; allowing me to access his 33 years experience, whenever an issue arose. I still am yet to ever hear him say he doesn’t have time for a student or a faculty member, no matter how busy he might be.
**Jeff Anderson:** Jeff is the Clinical Director for Respiratory Care and has provided numerous hours of guidance in teaching students within the clinical environment. He has a very non-confrontational style that I strive for everyday, having the ability to set students at ease, while explaining difficult concepts. Jeff has helped me to become a better writer (still a work in progress) and demonstrates an enthusiasm for teaching that students have benefited greatly from for the past 24 years.

**Jody Lester:** If I had to sum up in one word what Jody has taught me it is… compassion. Jody is an amazing instructor, patient advocate, student advocate and human being. She takes on more job duties than anyone I have ever met, volunteers for assignments that most would never do. Her empathy for students is amazing and I can only strive to one day be half the person that she is. On top of all this when she teaches, she holds the room in the palm of her hand, always leaving students wanting more.

**Lutana Haan:** “Lu” was hired during the same academic year that I was and has served as a great confidant; since we have both gone through the same growing pains from the beginning. We have provided each other with a sounding board for frustrations, successes and shared ideas on how to improve each other. Things always somehow seem easier when you have someone to go through the ups and downs of teaching with, and I thank her for always being there.

**Coleen Dudley:** Coleen serves as the sixth member of the department and I couldn’t even start to teach without her support. Her institutional knowledge and assistance is irreplaceable. She provides a first point of contact for our students, which sets them up for success from the start. She is an amazingly intelligent, witty and caring individual; I couldn’t function a single day without her constant guidance.

So as you can see this award belongs to the entire Department of Respiratory Care. It is the access to 100+ years of University service at my disposal that allows me to be successful. I work for one of the most amazing departments at Boise State University and I thank each of my fellow faculty members who have helped me to win this award along the way.

Sincerely,
T. J. Wing, MHS, RRT

---

**Center News**

**Center for Health Policy**

Faculty Invited to Present at Idaho Academy of Family Physicians Conference

**Dr. Ed Baker,** Director of the Center for Health Policy, and Dave Schmitz, Associate Director for Rural Family Medicine at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, have been invited to present the findings of their recent research on recruitment and retention of physicians in community health centers in Idaho at the 62nd Annual Idaho Academy of Family Physicians Conference in West Yellowstone, Montana in May of this year.
Center Advisories Board Inteprets Findings from Needs Assessment

The Center for the Study of Aging (CSA) held its annual Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday April 15, 2010. The meeting, facilitated by Cindy Anson, Director of Professional Development for Academic Affairs (seen at right), focused on the interpretation of findings from a community-based needs assessment conducted this spring. The discussion was lively and validated the role of the CSA as a provider of research and data analysis support, facilitator of educational opportunities (academic and professional), and service as an information on aging-related issues.

Center Contracts with National Alzheimer’s Association for Legislative Support

The Center for the Study of Aging contracted with the National Alzheimer’s Association (NAA) to provide support for legislative activities during the 2010 Idaho legislative session. The funding was used to support a legislative intern Jessica Bastian from the Master’s of Social Work program. Ms Bastian worked closely with Mike Splaine, Director, State Affairs, NAA and Mike Berlin, Center for the Study of Aging. Results of this initiative included increased awareness of Alzheimer’s disease as a public health issue in Idaho and an expanded network of support for issues related to Alzheimer’s disease. The Center plans to continue to work with key stakeholders in Idaho and the NAA to develop a statewide plan for Alzheimer’s disease.

Idaho RADAR Network Center (RADAR — Regional Alcohol Drug Awareness Resource)

RADAR Center Staff Is Settling Into the Roundabout

The relocation is nearly complete. The shelves are full of material. Stop by and see the RADAR Center in the “Roundabout” (north end of the former Health and Wellness Building). The Center is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Data collected from July 1 through March 31 reveal the following:
- Distributed 156,195 pieces of printed information
- Loaned 3,557 video publications
- Welcomed 737 visitors
- Processed 1813 requests
- Shipped 963 orders
- Provided material to 145,543 expected recipients
May 8  Pre-Vet Club Low Cost Vaccination Clinic — 10am-2pm, 4775 W. Dorman Street, near the Boise Airport, cost $12.— see page 22

May 10  Nominations dur for LeaderShape Institute — see story page 5

May 11  Ingrid Brudenell’s Retirement Reception — 2:00pm BSU SUB Lookout Room

May 11  Associate Vice President of Information Technology Candidate Mark Sheehan session — 9:00am BSU SUB Barnwell Room — see story page 14

May 15  Spring Commencement — 10:00am Taco Bell Arena — see story page 6

May 21  Associate Vice President of Information Technology Candidate Max Davis-Johnson session — 9:00am BSU SUB Lookout Room — see story page 14

May 25  Associate Vice President of Information Technology Candidate Deborah Whitten session — 9:15am BSU SUB Barnwell Room — see story page 14

May 28  Associate Vice President of Information Technology Candidate Troy Travis session — 9:00am BSU SUB Barnwell Room — see story page 14

May 31  Memorial Day — University Closed

July 5  Independence Day Observed — University Closed

August 18  Annual Fall University and College Meetings — details to be announced at later date

August 20  Convocation

August 23  Fall Classes begin

*Health Sciences Connection* edited by Danya Lusk, danyalusk@boisestate.edu