What Banners Do You Display?

As I write this message, the closing ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games radiates from the television in our downstairs living room. For those of you who made it a priority to watch the competition unfold over the past 16 days, the close of the games may have come too quickly. For others, television coverage of the games may have provided but a brief interlude between other more important events taking place in life. No matter what “camp of viewers” you fall into there was almost no way to escape the veritable kaleidoscope of colors widely displayed in the flags of the nations with athletes participating in the games. The palette of the most experienced painter in the world could not have contained a more rich set of hues.

The array of flags caused me to pause (sorry, this happens sometimes) and consider what a flag represents. To the nations of the world, each of their unique flags tells a story often based upon their history, their tradition, or their struggle to become an independent entity.

There are also a few synonyms for the word “flag”. For example, in our own national anthem we sing in part, “Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave…” Yes, a “banner” is often thought of as a type of flag. However, to most people the term “banner” often creates an image of a piece of paper or piece of cloth or fabric much more diverse in color, shape, and character than national flags. And banners may represent most anything—from corporations and businesses, to schools, families, churches, teams, festivals, and advertisements.

Individuals display banners as well; the banners I want to address are those that represent the true nature of a person. Banners representing honesty, compassion for others, patience, kindness, pride in both individual and collective accomplishment, trust and trustworthiness, hope, joy, love of life, ethical character, sense of purpose, advocating for the less fortunate, standing up for what is perceived to be right, and similar attributes are almost always seen as positive by self and others. Other, not so positive banners, indicating sorrow, grief, unhappiness, a “my way or the highway” attitude, rudeness, lack of respect for others, anger, jealousy, bullying behavior, violence as a means to solve problems, and “I am all that counts” mentality, are also part of the human “banner arsenal.” To be sure, there may be times or situations where some of the banners noted in the last group are more appropriate than those in the first group and, certainly, the reverse is true as well.

What banners do you display? Are they consistent with the person you are? Does the verbal and nonverbal feedback you receive from family, friends, and colleagues mesh with banners you think
flow from your person? Some banners are easy to take down and replace with ones that give a different impression, i.e., joy to sorrow. Depending on the quality the banner represents, others seem to be stuck and are much more difficult to change; trust or lack thereof is an example of the latter.

I challenge you in these last nine weeks of the semester to examine the banners you display both personally and as representatives of our College and Boise State University. The legislative session is challenging for everyone. What is written in papers or commented upon in the news may not always be the most flattering for universities, faculty, staff, or education in general. Nevertheless, in these tough times keeping a focus on serving our students, our community and region, our families and friends, and taking care of ourselves in a healthy way will help assure that the banners unfurled will portray an authentic picture of who each of us is as an individual and as a professional colleague.

**Budget News**

**President Kustra Addresses Campus Community About Budget Measures**

On the afternoon of February 26, Boise State President Bob Kustra sent an email to the Campus community to address concerns about the potential ramifications of the State Board of Education’s recent decisions on Boise State employees. The letter is reprinted below in its entirety.

“After months of deliberation and significant publicity and input from stakeholders, the Board approved a change to its human resource policies last Thursday. The changes essentially provide for campus authority to implement furloughs and work hour reductions for faculty and professional staff with appropriate notice and discussion. Classified employee provisions on furloughs and work hour reductions are managed in state statute. Employee groups are already working on provisions for campus policies to implement this new Board policy if or when circumstances require such action.

“The Board’s action has many asking if we will implement a furlough in the near future. First, no action will be taken in this regard until we have campus policies and procedures in place. Further, we have no plans to implement furloughs in the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2010. The Legislature has not yet set our budget for next year, so decisions for FY 2011 have not yet been made. We expect the Legislature to act on our FY2011 allocation in the coming weeks, and the State Board of Education will consider tuition/fee requests and also finalize our allocation in April.

“Although we won’t have all of the answers until the Board takes final action in April, in the interest of keeping you informed and answering your questions, we have planned an open campus budget session for March 16, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Jordan Ballroom in the SUB.

“We are making plans for a variety of scenarios and know that deans, directors and chairs are all working on their budget planning for next fiscal year with the goal of reducing the overall base budget by 5%. As explained in the guidelines, planning should be strategic and in accordance with our guiding principles. Final decisions on where and how actual reductions will be made will occur once we know
In the interest of open communication, Dr. Jim Girvan, Dean of the College of Health Sciences, emailed a letter to all faculty and staff in the College about budget concerns on the morning of February 26. His letter is reprinted in its entirety here.

“Good morning to all College of Health Sciences’ Colleagues:

“My main purpose for writing this morning is to let each of you know as best as I can the facts about the upcoming budget setting scenario for FY 2011 in our College and at Boise State University. As always seems to be the case, rumors are already flying around about how specifically our College or generally Boise State University will be addressing the reality of next year’s state base budget that will be significantly reduced from this year’s appropriation. Because I pledged to confine this message to the facts, I will not use this forum to comment on my feelings regarding the politics of education funding in Idaho. If you wish to discuss this topic sometime, I am more than willing to meet with you and discuss it.

“The facts:

1. “Boise State will be asking permission from the State Board of Education (SBOE) to increase student tuition for next year by between 9 and 9.9% (hasn’t been decided exactly yet but probably closer to the lower number).

2. “Although the SBOE recently passed a rule that allows University Presidents to utilize furloughs as a strategy to offset budget reductions, there are no plans at Boise State University to implement this strategy for this academic year. As no one knows for certain what tax collections and the resultant budget situation will be for next year (the new state fiscal budget year that begins on July 1, 2011), any discussion about furloughs for next year is definitely premature at best and an outright unfounded rumor at worst.

3. “Yes, the University of Idaho has decided to employ the furlough budget reduction strategy for the remainder of this year. Their decision has nothing to do with Boise State or any other Idaho institution of higher education.

Sincerely, Bob Kustra”
4. “Each College at Boise State University has been asked to prepare a budget that reflects a permanent 5% reduction to the base for next year. It is important to realize that the 5% is projected to be the amount we will be reduced after replacing an expected larger permanent reduction from the state by our tuition increase proposal noted in #1 above. In other words, the permanent reduction from the state is anticipated to be greater than the 5% (maybe 8-10%) and the proposed tuition increase offsets only a portion leaving a 5% hole from this year’s budget.

5. “It may be a “no brainer,” but balancing the need for increasing funds to accommodate an anticipated larger enrollment and keeping tuition as affordable as possible is a delicate, very difficult, and imprecise proposition.

6. “In the next two weeks, Department Chairs will be discussing budget ideas and options with departments. I ask that any plans and ideas be generated in a timely manner so that the Chairs and I (along with our new dean) can assemble an array of budget reduction options to be considered at our leadership retreat on the afternoon of March 17th. Our final plan needs to be in Provost’s office by 8 am on March 23.

7. “Five percent of our College’s state appropriated budget is equal to $312,000.

8. “This is a large amount to be sure. There is no way possible (in my mind anyway) that we can realize that amount of reduction without changes in personnel. Our budget has about 90% of the monies dedicated to personnel. Consequently, in all, honesty there is a distinct possibility that some vacant faculty positions will be lost and some clinical faculty and staff positions may need to be reduced. This is not meant to be alarmist, but those persons whose positions might be terminated will be definitely contacted in the very near future as more information and ideas for reductions emerge.

9. “Budget reductions over the past two years have created a situation where much of the available ongoing funds for equipment and departmental O and E have already been reduced to a level that stresses the ability to operate. That being said, the truly wonderful expertise and financial stewardship of the Department Chairs and Administrative and Management Assistants in our departments has allowed us to operate in a rather seamless manner to most faculty and students. I am truly thankful for their leadership.

10. “We will get through this together. Any glance at the headlines screaming about what is happening to businesses in our community, our state, and beyond should readily tell us that we are most fortunate to be 1)—working, and 2)—to be working at a place where our President, Vice Presidents, and their staffs actually plan ahead for contingencies so that we can be in better shape than many institutions of our type.

11. “In the final analysis, our College may be reduced by less than 5% as the university will not institute across the board cuts. The budget reduction plan that is sent to the Provost and Chief Financial Officer on March 23 will be a recommendation to them only and not final. We will hear sometime in April about the percentage of our final reductions.
12. “OK—I can’t resist one at least semi-political statement to end this now too long message. You may/will hear from some in the community and legislature that because Boise State University is not using furloughs when all the other state agencies are using that strategy (many agencies have no choice—this not poor management-- they can’t raise revenue like we can with tuition) means that Boise State is not hurting enough. I will stop there (anything else would get me in trouble as our emails are public record), but will simply say nothing could be further from the truth.

“Thank you for reading this far. I promise to update you when/if any new developments arise. Please remember what is printed in the newspaper is not always current information. Thanks to all staff and faculty for the super job each of you are doing in offering our students a high quality educational experience.

“Feeling blessed to be among you,
“Jim”

**University News**

**Nominations Sought for Outstanding Classified Employee Award**

The Association of Classified Employees (ACE) invites nominations for the 2010 Outstanding Classified Employee award. The award is designed to recognize a classified staff member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the University.

The recipient, along with all nominees, will be honored at the annual ACE general meeting and spring luncheon on Tuesday, April 6.

The rules for eligibility, criteria for selection and the nomination form are available at [http://www.boisestate.edu/ace/index.htm](http://www.boisestate.edu/ace/index.htm). The nomination deadline is **5 p.m. Friday, March 12th**. Please keep in mind that the nomination form may be the only information on which the selection committee can base its decision.

Mail or deliver your nomination to Carol Bugni, Human Resource Services, Administration Building Room 218, mail stop 1265. If you have questions or need more information, please call 426-1576 or e-mail cbugni@boisestate.edu.

**Nominate a Student for 2010 Founders Leadership Society**

All faculty, staff, students and alumni are encouraged to submit nominations for the Founders Leadership Society class of 2010. Nominations will be accepted until **5 p.m. March 12**.

The Founders Leadership Society was established in 2002 to recognize graduating students for
their outstanding leadership involvement, both on campus and in the community. Induction into the prestigious society will provide students with opportunities to mentor other students and participate in meaningful activities to enhance their personal and professional leadership growth beyond graduation.

Successful nominees will have demonstrated the values embraced by Boise State University, including leadership, service, fostering diversity and academic achievement.

New members will be honored at an induction ceremony in April. All society members, as well as alumni, will have opportunities to gather each year for learning, service activity, networking and facilitating leadership in the community.

Selection Criteria:
- Student must be of junior or senior standing
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Recognized as a leader at Boise State and/or in the community (this does not have to be a formal leadership position)
- Complete an interview with FLS panel

Nomination Process:
- Nomination letter(s) from Boise State faculty, staff, student and/or alumni
- Nominee resume outlining campus/community leadership
- Submitted on or before the deadline to: Natalie Griffin, chair of the Founders Leadership Society, in care of Damoni Wright, mail stop 1335

For more information, contact Damoni Wright at 426-2877.

Report Outlines Boise State’s Economic Impact

A new report outlining Boise State’s positive impact on the state and regional economies has been published by the Division of Research. The publication focuses on Boise State as an enterprise, as well as the contributions of the university’s students and alumni, its groundbreaking research and its collaboration with industry and the community.

An introductory letter from President Kustra outlines the university’s important economic contributions:

“As our state weathers one of the most challenging economic periods in its history, Boise State University stands as a stabilizing influence on the present and a source of opportunity and growth for the future. One of the keys to its continued success, however, is the level of state funding needed to keep a college education accessible to the state’s residents. Another is the importance of gifts from private individuals to the people, places and programs at Boise State.

“In making the argument to sustain state or private funding for public higher education in Idaho, we frequently point out that it is an investment in the future. And who could argue with that? Universities
are graduating students who will have significantly higher incomes over their lifetimes and far less chance of landing on the unemployment rolls.

“But anyone making an investment deserves to know about the return on their investment. That is something we in higher education have probably not provided often enough, or with specificity, to our various stakeholders. As you will see in the pages that follow, Boise State makes tremendous contributions to the regional and state economies, through the educational and economic attainment of its graduates, as a generator of economic activity, and as a source of innovation and competitive advantage. I believe the data make a very strong case that investing in Boise State University is one of the very best deals around.

“Very truly yours,
“Bob Kustra
“President”


College News

Employee Giving Campaign Update

As we all know, the College of Health Sciences has some of the most generous people in the family of Boise State employees and, maybe even, the whole world! To date, CHS is at a 60% giving level to the Destination Distinction Employee Giving Campaign! Wahoo!

We can do better. The CHS is currently tied for first place with University Advancement. Just think how great it would feel to be the first unit on campus to give at a 100% rate!!! We’re not talking about giving the most; we’re talking about having the greatest participation! It’s so easy to do. Did you know that you can contribute through payroll deduction for as little as $5 per paycheck? If you need help arranging for your contribution contact Barb Myhre at 6-2925.

We all benefit from Boise State doing well and being financially sound. Boise State benefits from students doing well and having financial security for their education. Therefore, student financial success correlates to our own financial as well as professional success. Donating to the BSU Employee Campaign is one way to show your pride for your workplace and your professionalism. We can be on top in more ways than one!

Help the College of Health Sciences “go for the gold” and reach that 100% participation rate!
College Staff Earns Her Doctorate

**Dr. Lori Werth**, Student Services Coordinator in the Department of Nursing at Boise State successfully defended her dissertation entitled, “Exploring the Experiences of Mothers Caring for Children: A Distance Learning Case Study.” Lori’s doctoral research focused on retention in distance education. Specifically, her population focus was on women caring for young children in their home who did not complete their Bachelor’s program in a predominantly distance education environment. Lori is submitting a manuscript to the *American Journal of Distance Education* highlighting her research findings and is continuing her work with the Department of Nursing’s two online programs: RN-BS Online/Distance Completion Option and Graduate Program in Nursing. Lori’s Ph.D. in Education is from University of Idaho.

Congratulations Lori!

Faculty Authors Recognized

On February 25th, Albertsons Library hosted their 5th Annual Faculty Author Recognition Reception. The library honored Boise State faculty who have published scholarly or creative work during the 2008-2009 school year. Approximately 300 authors were celebrated at this year’s reception. Research topics range from videopoetry, groundwater and bald eagles to Jedediah Smith, female saints and nanoparticles. An exhibit featuring the books and articles published by this year’s honorees is currently on display in the first floor of the library. An author bibliography is available online at the library’s Web site [http://library.boisestate.edu/faculty/](http://library.boisestate.edu/faculty/). The following are authors from the College of Health Sciences who were honored at the reception:

- Dr. Ed Baker
- Dr. Ingrid Brudenell
- Dr. Cindy Clark
- Shoni Davis
- Hilary Flint-Wagner
- Dr. Val Greenspan
- Dr. Lee Hannah
- Dr. Mary Hereford
- Pat Lazare
- Dr. Rosemary Macy
- Dr. Carissa Miller
- Dr. Sandra Nadelson
- Dr. Kathy Reavy
- Dr. Uwe Reischl
- Jaime Sand
- Dr. Vivian Schrader
- Dr. Pam Springer
- Pam Strohfus
- Dr. Dawn Weiler

Congratulations all!
College of Health Sciences Students Make an Impact at the Capitol

Twelve College of Health Sciences student researchers displayed their projects at the Idaho Statehouse February 11th during Boise State Day at the Capitol.

Hosted by the Boise State Alumni Association, the event featured 52 research projects from 75 undergraduate and graduate students on the fourth floor of the Capitol’s rotunda. Projects gave the public an opportunity to talk to the students about the impact of their work in the state and throughout the world.

The event offered a sampling of undergraduate research being done by Boise State students across many disciplines. Projects ranged from research on electromagnetic energy scavenging devices, to growth and development of children in foster care, to the history and current development of the Sino-Russian oil pipeline cooperation, to lunar gravity research with NASA’s Microgravity University program.

College of Health Sciences students presented highly relevant research on a variety of topics. For example, Danielle Long, a Master of Health Sciences student, and Faculty Sponsor Dr. Dale Stephenson presented research on evaluating measures to reduce probable carcinogenic emissions from distributive power diesel generators operations, which contribute to the EPA’s diesel particulate matter air pollution inventory. Danielle investigates how the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has retrofitted these generators, which are used in conjunction with non-metallic rock crushing operations, providing raw materials for road paving, with two different systems that have been verified as suitable for harmful emissions reductions by the EPA for on-road (vehicle) applications. Since the systems have yet to be verified for non-road applications, such as rock crushing, Danielle has used a Gasmet Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy sampling system to measure the gaseous emissions from retrofitted generators in Eastern Idaho. Danielle’s results will be used to compare and contrast the emission reduction capabilities of the systems utilized by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, ultimately analyzing the EPA’s verification of these retrofit technologies in distributive power diesel generators during non-road applications (Source: Long, Danielle. Abstract).

Other students’ research holds the potential to influence lawmakers. While enrolled in Health Studies 482: Research Methods, taught by Dr. Elaine Long in Fall 2009, Angeline Adams, Barbara Popadics, Jennifer Roe, Ryan Morris, and Jeff Martin were asked to develop a group project within the topic scope of “cell phones.” This particular group of students decided to gather data on cell phone use with driving. Using surveys and direct observations, the group developed a poster to submit for presentation at Boise State Day at the Capitol.

Only Angeline had a clear schedule that allowed her to present the poster at the Capitol. Angeline
describes her experience at the Capitol: “I was extremely happy I [decided to fly solo]. I presented our endless hours of work to State Legislators, as well as the general public, educating them about what we had discovered about cell phone use while driving,” [which] seemed to stop everybody in their tracks. I learned more about the topic controversy throughout the day, discovering that a bill was on the floor to pass a law banning the use of text messaging while driving in the State of Idaho. Our research had reached the lives of many. By the end of the day, I was confident that I had represented our group’s research, our class, the Health Sciences Department, and BSU to the best of my ability. I was even summoned to speak with a local Senator about our group’s research, who insisted on having a copy of our research to be used as evidence to help ban the use of cell phone use while driving – as the bill is making its way through the Legislature as we speak. I was extremely excited to have been able to get our research out there and to have run across such a wonderful opportunity. I would do this entire process all over again in a heartbeat. I highly recommend that everyone who has the opportunity to present their poster at the Capitol to jump on the opportunity because it is the best feeling ever when people stop at your poster and recognize your hard work through showing interest and asking questions. Dr. Elaine Long really has something to be proud of as we thank her for her endless hours of support and guidance towards making this research a success.”

Below is a complete list of participating College of Health Sciences students and their projects:

**Bradford Hughett**, Department of Respiratory Care, “Do High Frequency Oscillation Vests Reduce Vital Capacity in Normal Subjects?” Faculty Sponsor: **Jody Lester**, Department of Respiratory Care


**Jessica Nelson**, RN-to-BS Online Program, Department of Nursing, “Growth and Development of Foster Care Children.” Faculty Sponsor: **Dr. Jeri L. Bigbee**, Department of Nursing

**Craig Stevens**, Department of Nursing, “Nursing Students and Technology: Is Virtual Simulation Feasible?” Faculty Sponsor: **Max Veltman** and **Kelley Connor**, Department of Nursing.

**Carolyn Punt**, Department of Nursing, “Reflective Journals as a Source for Evidence Based Practice in a Holistic Nursing Course.” Faculty Sponsor: **Dr. Marty Downey**, Department of Nursing.

**Cathy Deckys**, Department of Nursing, “The Assimilation of Elderly Somali Bantu Refugees into American Health Care.” Faculty Sponsor: **Dr. Pam Springer**, Department of Nursing.

**Angeline Adams, Barbara Popadics, Jennifer Roe, Ryan Morris, and Jeff Martin**, Department of Community and Environmental Health, “An Exploratory Study of Cell Phone Use While
Driving.” Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elaine Long, Professor Emeritus, Department of Community and Environmental Health.

Johnny Glogowski, Department of Nursing, “Latino Population Assessment: Foundation, Process and Discovery.” Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Pam Springer, Department of Nursing.

Congratulations to all the participating students and faculty sponsors! Thank you for representing the College so well.

College of Health Sciences OEF Mini Research and Travel Grants Available to Faculty

Dr. Pam Springer is pleased to issue the call for mini research grants and travel grants for the College of Health Sciences.

This is the second year of awarding these grants and improvements have been made in the policies, application forms, and process for this call. Please check your email for Pam’s email dated February 28th for the application forms and budget sheets and further details about applying for the mini-grants.

Applications are due Monday, April 5th (note the change from April 1st, due to Spring Break). We hope you will consider applying for funding to work on that project you have been dreaming about. If you have questions, please ask your chair or director.

The purpose, description, and process for the grants are included in the attachments; however here is a summary of the instructions with a few highlighted points that have been confusing or misunderstood in the past. This is not a complete list of the requirements, so please be sure to read through the process guidelines in the policies as well. *Note that all materials are to now be submitted electronically. No hard copies are needed.

1. Discuss your ideas with your chair or center director. Include them in your early planning – they can help strengthen your application.
2. Use ONLY the application and budget forms attached to Pam’s email dated February 28th – they are new versions. Old versions of the applications will not be accepted.
3. Be sure to have a discussion with Leslie Black for financial consultation and any help you need with the budget forms, specifically for mini research grants.
4. Complete the forms electronically, gather other application materials electronically, and submit them in one e-mail to your chair or center director.
5. Once the department chair or center director approves the application, he/she will forward the entire application to the OEF Oversight Board, c/o Dr. Pamela Springer, pspring@boisestate.edu by the application deadline, April 5, 2010. Please be considerate of the time it may take your chair/director to review your application prior to submission.

Examples of funded applications are available on the COHALL shared drive for your review. Awards will be made by late April.
The Long’s Retirement Celebration

Editor’s Note: Dr. Elaine Long and her husband, Dr. James Long, Department of Biology, retired at the end of December. A retirement party was held on December 4th in the Interactive Learning Center. The photos from the celebration were mistakenly left out of the December-January newsletter, but are included here for your enjoyment.
Faculty to Present in France

A paper titled “Encouraging Entrepreneurship in Music and the Arts, and the Transfer of Copyrighted Creations by Universities: US Example, Global Dimensions” co-authored by Newell Gough, Professor of Management, and Dr. Uwe Reischl, Professor of Health Sciences, has been accepted for presentation at the International Journal of Arts & Sciences (IJAS) Conference in Provence, France. The conference will take place June 8-11, 2010. The paper describes a strategy for enhancing the growth of intellectual properties in the performing arts at universities not only in the United States but also internationally. Analysis of the number and types of copyrights issued and the number of licenses granted by academic institutions for creative works by faculty in the performing arts during the past two decades provided the basis for this paper.

Department to Host Visiting Scholar

Dr. Ravi Goonetilleke, Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will visit the College of Health Sciences for a one year period as part of his sabbatical leave from Hong Kong. Professor Goonetilleke will begin his visit to Boise State on July 1, 2010. He is being hosted by the Department of Community and Environmental Health. His activities will include research and scholarship in collaboration with Dr. Uwe Reischl and other faculty on campus. In addition to his research work, Dr. Goonetilleke with provide specialized seminars to faculty and students at Boise State on the topic of occupational ergonomics and human factors engineering.

Faculty Presents Keynote

Dr. Cynthia Clark delivered a keynote address on February 8, 2010 to nearly 500 nurse executives attending the California Association of Nurse Leaders (ACNL) Conference. The attendees represented a variety of organizations and practice settings. Dr. Clark was sponsored by the Kaiser Permanente Foundation. Her presentation was titled, “Shifting Sands: Creating Civility in the Nursing Community.”

Dr. Clark is also the author of a series of articles related to fostering civility in nursing education and practice. The first in a series of multiple papers is published in Reflections in Nursing Leadership available on the Sigma Theta Tau website located on the following link: http://www.reflectionsonnursingleadership.org/Pages/Vol36_1_Clark.aspx.

Once the series is published, Dr. Clark will ‘blog’ on the Sigma Theta Tau website regarding issues of civility in the nursing community.
Nursing Team Facilitates Workshop at Idaho Conference on Refugees

Terri Soelberg and Mikal Black facilitated a workshop entitled “Community Participation in Research: How to Connect and What to Expect” at the Idaho Conference on Refugees. The conference was sponsored by the Idaho Office for Refugees and was held in Boise on February 11-12. Workshop attendees included members of the refugee community, employees of various resettlement agencies, and Boise State faculty, staff, and students.

Faculty Become National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Program Evaluators

Drs. Vivian Schrader and Gail Gerding recently completed a training workshop in Atlanta Georgia to become National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) program evaluators. NLNAC is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs (Clinical Doctorate, Master’s Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, Associate Degree, Diploma, and Practical Nursing program).

Program evaluators (site visitors) are current faculty and/or administrators of NLNAC accredited programs, or nurse clinicians and are selected through mechanisms and criteria established by the Commission.

NLNAC supports the interests of nursing education, nursing practice, and the public by the functions of accreditation. Accreditation is a voluntary, self-regulatory process by which non-governmental associations recognize educational institutions or programs that have been found to meet or exceed standards and criteria for educational quality. Accreditation also assists in the further improvement of the institutions or programs as related to resources invested, processes followed, and results achieved. The monitoring of certificate, diploma, and degree offerings is tied closely to state examination and licensing rules, and to the oversight of preparation for work in the profession.

Vivian and Gail are pleased to join the ranks of program evaluators to ensure the quality of nursing programs throughout the nation.

Faculty Comments in Story

Dr. Pam Springer, Chair of the Department of Nursing, commented on the job market for new nurses in a story in the February 18th edition of The Idaho Statesman. Springer noted that while new nurses might not get their first choice of jobs, there is always a demand in rural Idaho for nurses willing to move.
Invitation to Brown Bag Research Seminar

Please join the Department of Nursing for their next brown bag research seminar on Friday, March 19th from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in NN112. Dr. Leonie Sutherland, Julie Vanty, Dr. Dawn Weiler, and Jonathan Glogowski from the Department of Nursing will be speaking on “Latino Population Assessment: Foundation, Process, and Discovery.”

These seminars are sponsored by the Boise State University Department of Nursing in collaboration with the Idaho Nurses Association District 31, MuGamma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and the Idaho Public Health Association. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome. See you there!

Recent Faculty Publications, Presentations & Grant Awards


Faculty Presents on Holistic Approaches to Residential Care

Dr. Marty Downey presented at the Idaho Health Care Association (IHCA) — Idaho Center for Assisted Living (ICAL) Winter conference on January 19. The topic was “Taking a Holistic Approach to Residential Care”.

Nursing Department Will Hold Alumni Open House

The Department of Nursing is holding an open house for Nursing Alumni on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 12. This will be an opportunity for alumni to tour the new Norco Building and visit with faculty. Alumni can: learn more about the Department’s research efforts, meet current nursing students, celebrate successes from our alumni, and watch demonstrations in our new Simulation Center. For additional information, please contact Dr. Val Greenspan, 426-5398, or Bonnie Dodson, 426-4072.
New Simulation Center Featured in *The Arbiter* Story and Video

The Department of Nursing and the Simulation Center were featured in The Arbiter on February 22nd. Zach Ganschow, producer for The Arbiter, toured the Simulation Center facilities and filmed mannequins and Nursing students in action. Ganschow’s article features Nursing faculty, staff and students discussing the technology utilized in the Simulation Center and the benefits students will take away from working in the Center. The video showcases the technology that makes the mannequins state-of-the-art, including students interacting with the mannequins as they would during a simulation lab. Ganschow’s story and video are available online at [http://arbiteronline.com/2010/02/22/life-in-the-simulation-center/](http://arbiteronline.com/2010/02/22/life-in-the-simulation-center/).

Canadian Scholar to Visit the Department of Nursing

The Department of Nursing is pleased to host Judith Kulig, RN, DNSc, Professor and University Scholar with the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada. Dr. Kulig is a co-editor of the northwest edition of the *Journal of Rural and Remote Health*, an international publication. Dr. Kulig will visit the Department of Nursing on Monday and Tuesday, March 8-9, 2010. She will visit classes and share insights about her research as well as present on “Learning about Community Resiliency through Wildfire Research” on Tuesday, March 9 from 4:30-5:30pm in NN112. All faculty, students and visitors are welcome to attend the presentation. For questions and additional information, please contact Dr. Kathy Reavy, 426-1598 or kreavy@boisestate.edu.

Faculty Presents to Critical Care Nurses at Saint Alphonsus

On February 11th, Jeff Anderson gave a 2 hour presentation for new critical care nurses at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. The presentation was a case study based approach that included interpretation of arterial blood gases, chest radiograph interpretation, and an introduction to both non-invasive and invasive mechanical ventilation.
Faculty Presents International Workshops in Japan

This February Lonny Ashworth represented the Department of Respiratory Care in Japan. He presented a two-day workshop for physicians at Hayama Heart Center in Yokosuka, a three-day workshop for physicians at Kameda Medical Center in Kamogawa, and a two-day workshop for physicians at St. Luke’s International Hospital in Tokyo. The workshops are presented as a part of the International Exchange Visit Programme for Respiratory Care Professionals initiated by Dr. Toshikiko Koga in 1998. As a direct result of the workshops, four clinicians (a nurse, two physical therapists and a medical engineer) have transferred to the Department of Respiratory Care at Boise State and have completed or are in the process of completing their Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care. Several other clinicians from Japan are currently studying English in preparation for transferring to Boise State.

Center News

Centre for Health Policy

Contract Renewed for Critical Access Hospital Community Apgar Program

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 had a contract renewed with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. The Critical Access Hospital Community Apgar Program (CAH CAP) project assesses community characteristics related to recruitment and retention of physicians to critical access hospitals in rural areas of Idaho. The CAH CAP provides information to the Board of Directors of these rural hospitals that allows a quantitative approach to workforce quality improvement. This current contract extends the CAH CAP program for a second year.
**Calendar**

March 9  
**Dr. Judith Kulig Presentation** — 4:30-5:30 pm NN112; see story [page 16](#)

March 12  
**Deadline to nominate an outstanding classified employee** — see story [page 5](#)

March 12  
**Deadline to nominate a student for 2010 Founders Leadership Society** — see story [page 5](#)

March 12  
**Department of Nursing Alumni Open House** — see story [page 15](#)

March 16  
**President Kustra’s Open Campus Budget Session** — 3 pm Jordan Ballroom in the SUB; see story [page 2](#)

March 19  
**Department of Nursing Brown Bag** — 12-1 pm NN112

March 29-April 4  
**Spring Vacation** — no classes

April 5  
**Deadline to apply for College OEF mini research and travel grants** — see story [page 11](#)

April 6  
**ACE General Meeting and Luncheon** — see story [page 5](#)