Moving from the Superficial to the Substantial

WOW! As difficult as it is to fathom (for me at least), the month of January for the year 2010 is now in the rear view mirror. And what a month it has been. Highlights include the formal dedication of the new Norco Building, the opening of classes for the spring term, the celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday (more to follow on this), participation and victory by the Bronco football team in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, and as if awakening from the slumber of the holiday break, a re-introduction to clogged highways near campus, full parking lots, crammed residence halls, and lines at the library Starbucks. All are signs of progress and a welcomed (by some) resumption of familiar routine as the learning community known as Boise State University becomes re-energized and re-focused.

The focus of my message for this month as well as the title was planted as a result of attending the Martin Luther King Celebration Week keynote lecture on Monday, January 25. Dr. Cornel West, professor of religion and philosophy at Princeton University (among other roles), delivered a most thought provoking array of verbal images punctuated with stories and recollections of Dr. King and his impact. Dr. West has his roots in the southern Baptist church; he enjoys jazz, the blues, and hip-hop; he has written parts of the movie series the Matrix; he has authored 19 books and edited several others; and he describes himself as a regular, flawed person who has been given the charge to never let the liberating message of the Gospel be sanitized or disregarded. At the outset of his presentation, West noted that all human interaction (and the human condition) could be improved if each of us would focus daily on addressing one question: “What does it mean to be human?” He emphasized the need to address this question at the substantial level rather than the superficial level so that the result is the formation of deep relationships, caring, compassion, justice, love, forgiveness, and the destruction of indifference to the plight of others. Energizing and provocative words to be sure!

How might this vision play out in our lives in the College of Health Sciences at Boise State University or in our lives as spouses, friends, parents, neighbors, et cetera? Aside from advocacy for the elimination of injustices and an invitation to assure that an environment of inclusion and liberty is fostered—all of which are positions that pave the way for equal rights and opportunities for all—perhaps the best way is to recognize or re-affirm the reality that each of us practices in much more than a profession. We practice a “calling”—a term that implies dedication to what we do and who we interact with in a much deeper way. Armed with that definition, the operational essence of what we do results in a greater sense of purpose and meaning in our work that extends beyond seemingly mundane but important day to day duties to reveal contributions to our students and to the greater community that makes a difference that is truly transformational.
I continue to be energized by what we are accomplishing. Thanks for the significant role each of you plays in making our college a special place to explore, to investigate, to intellectually challenge, and to discover knowledge and skills designed to equip our students and ourselves to serve our communities more completely both now and into the future. Indeed, freedom to practice these liberating activities promises to help move us all toward becoming more human.

**University News**

**Introducing Release 9 of Blackboard**

Whether you’re a current user of Blackboard or still considering using the university’s course-management system, here is what you need to know about Blackboard Release 9.

- Blackboard Release 9 is on its way. The upgrade is scheduled for **May 2010**.
- Blackboard Release 9 will look and feel very different from the previous version, and it offers a number of powerful new tools to support student learning in your courses. In other words, this is not just another maintenance upgrade.
- If you have not used Blackboard to support and enhance teaching and learning, the upgrade to Release 9 provides an excellent opportunity to begin.
- For both experienced users and those new to Blackboard, plenty of opportunities to learn about Release 9 are scheduled throughout the spring semester.

Scroll down to learn more, and watch for updates about the upgrade on the Blackboard@BoiseState homepage, [http://blackboard.boisestate.edu/](http://blackboard.boisestate.edu/).

**Timeline**
The upgrade to Blackboard Release 9 has been scheduled for summer 2010 and will be available to faculty on May 31.

During the upgrade, Blackboard will be unavailable for one week, from May 24-30; however, Blackboard course sites for summer courses will be available during that week. Course sites for summer classes will remain on the present version of Blackboard until the end of summer sessions. After the upgrade, all course sites will be on Release 9.

The summer months will provide faculty an opportunity to become familiar with the new user interface and navigational structure and to develop or modify course sites for fall 2010 classes.

**Major Changes**
The upgrade from the current version to Release 9 is not a minor maintenance upgrade, but is instead a move to a very different version of Blackboard.

In addition to powerful new tools for supporting student learning (including student journals and blogs...
for individuals, classes and groups), Release 9 offers an enhanced set of tools that support collaborative assignments, from the formation of groups to grading of projects.

With new features and functions comes a user interface and navigational structure markedly different from the current version of Blackboard. And some features and functions of Version 7.3 have been removed, including the Digital Dropbox and Student Homepages.

**Getting Ready**
The following resources are available to assist faculty in preparing for the upgrade.

1. **Blackboard Release 9 Tutorial.** All Blackboard users with instructor rights have been enrolled in an online tutorial titled “Blackboard Release 9,” delivered through the current version of Blackboard. When you log into Blackboard, the tutorial course site will appear under the “My Courses” panel, under the heading “Courses You are Taking.” The tutorial provides information about the upgrade timeline and the differences between Version 7.3 and Release 9, as well as information about new features and functions in Release 9. You can track your progress through the tutorial by taking short quizzes or by clicking “Review/completion” progress buttons.

2. **Hands-On Workshops.** Through May 2010, Academic Technologies will conduct workshops on the tools available for teaching and learning in Release 9 and help participants to understand the differences between the current version and Release 9. Seating is limited, so please register at [http://itc.boisestate.edu/Events/default.asp](http://itc.boisestate.edu/Events/default.asp).

While change always brings with it challenges, and though you may need some time to make the transition to Release 9, the enhanced features of this release will be well worth the effort. If you have questions about this upgrade or about access to any of the training resources listed above, please contact Blackboard Support via e-mail at blackboard@boisestate.edu or by phone at 426-2583.

**St. Luke’s Designated as Medical Provider for Work-Related Injuries**

St. Luke’s Occupational Health Services has been designated the new medical provider for Boise State University faculty and staff work-related injuries, effective February 1.

St. Luke’s provides two convenient Occupational Health Services Clinics:

- Boise — 703 Americana Blvd., Suite 130 (Americana and Shoreline)
- Meridian — 520 S. Eagle Road (St. Luke’s Meridian, Suite 2213)

If an employee is injured on the job, the employee must first contact his/her supervisor regarding the injury. With the supervisor’s consent, the employee should go to the nearest St. Luke’s Occupational Health Services Clinic. For injuries that occur after hours or that require immediate care, employees should go directly to the nearest St. Luke’s emergency room or St. Luke’s Urgent Care in Eagle. Follow-up care will be provided by St. Luke’s Occupational Health Clinics.
An employee should never transport an injured employee to a medical facility. If the injured employee is unable to drive, Boise City Taxi provides transportation services from home or work to medical providers for all work-related injuries. Boise City Taxi will bill direct to the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The telephone number for Boise City Taxi is 377-3333. In emergency situations, please call 911 or go to the nearest St. Luke’s emergency room.

Features of St. Luke’s Occupational Health Service Clinics include:

- Experienced physicians and providers who specialize in occupational medicine and the treatment of work injuries
- A proactive philosophy in returning injured workers to the job and minimizing lost work time
- Detailed Activity Status Report provided to employee and faxed to Boise State University and Idaho State Insurance Fund within 30 minutes of each appointment
- Case coordinators to facilitate communication between patient, Boise State University and Idaho State Insurance Fund

Margaret Kemp from St. Luke’s Occupational Health Services will be available to answer questions on February 24 from 10-11 a.m. in the Student Union Building. Those who plan to attend should RSVP via e-mail to Kip McBean, kipmcbean@boisestate.edu, by February 17. In the meantime, for more information or additional questions, please contact Kip McBean at 426-3636 or Breck Skinner at 426-5955 in Risk Management.

Mail Services to be Provided by the State Department of Administration

In an effort to further consolidate State equipment, staff, and reduce financial expenditures, Boise State University has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho State Department of Administration allowing the Department’s State Postal Center to provide mail delivery services on campus. This service would include all campus departments with the exception of Student Housing (service for student apartments and residence halls will be provided by the U.S. Postal Service).

Boise State will gain several benefits from this consolidation. For example, twice daily mail delivery and pick up will resume; all mail will be run through an x-ray machine before delivery for added security; and all barcoded mail will be run through Fast Forward, which will enable Boise State to get corrected addresses for updating of our databases.

Transition details are currently being worked out with the Department of Administration and will be shared with the campus as information becomes available. We anticipate that the mail service transition will begin mid-March and the formal transfer of service to the State Department of Administration will likely occur at the beginning of the fiscal year, pending legislative approval. This will result in the closure of Boise State University Mail Services with operations phased to the State Department of Administration by July 1, 2010.

Departments may contact Chris Hurst, Interim Executive Director of OIT, with questions or concerns at 426-1295 or at churst@boisestate.edu.
Call for Proposals: Technology Incentive Grants

The Office of the Provost invites faculty to submit proposals for Technology Incentive Grants and to serve as principal investigators and personnel for grant-funded projects arising from those proposals. Sponsored by the Idaho State Board of Education, the Technology Incentive Grant program annually offers grants for projects that focus on integrating technology into the curriculum to enhance the rate and quality of student learning, enhance faculty productivity and increase access to educational programs. These proposals already have been made and that hold the promise of improving learning and increasing instructional effectiveness, including the following:

- Information visualization using the 3-D Visualization lab;
- Lecture Capture: applications and research;
- Fostering innovation and best practices in the use of Blackboard;
- Using Boise State on iTunes U for delivery of course content.

While these are institutional areas of emphasis, the State Board of Education has stated that priority will be given to proposals that develop:

- exemplary alternative delivery systems, including the Idaho Education Network;
- sustainability and that will have a direct impact on economic and work force development;
- collaboration among Idaho public institutions and/or industry and among faculty within institutions and/or industry.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Proposals due to Academic Technologies for internal review: February 8.
- Proposals selected by the Office of the Provost: February 22.
- Final proposals submitted to the State Board of Education: March 12.
- Awarding of grant funds: on or before the June 2010 meeting of the SBOE.

Proposal Forms and Related Materials

Proposal forms and related materials, including sample proposals from previously funded projects, are available for download on the Academic Technologies Web site at [http://itc.boisestate.edu](http://itc.boisestate.edu).

New Payroll Feature on BroncoWeb

Human Resource Services has announced a new feature on BroncoWeb called “Voluntary Deductions.” Beginning January 24, employees can self-manage a number of voluntary deductions, such as the Boise State Foundation, the Goodwill program and more.

Log onto your BroncoWeb account and click on the “Payroll and Compensation” link. You will see a new hyperlink called “Voluntary Deductions.”
Year-End Payroll Reminders
by Regan Walker - Payroll

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued new tables for the percentage method of withholding for 2010. The new tables can be found at http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p15.pdf and are to be used in computing federal tax withholding for wages paid on or after January 1, 2010. To use these tables, income must be annualized. To annualize income, multiply federal taxable income for the current bi-weekly pay period by the twenty-six pay periods in the year. In addition, the value of one withholding allowance remains at $3,650 for 2010. If employees feel the need to adjust their withholding due to these new tables, they are encouraged to use the Employee Self Service functionality on BroncoWeb to file a new W-4 for 2010. The 2010 Form W-4 is immediately available at the IRS website at http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4.pdf.

Exempt Status - Submit a New W-4 Form for 2010
If your filing status, exemption allowances or exempt status has changed since your last W-4 Form was filed, update through Employee Self Service located on BroncoWeb or by going to www.irs.gov for a W-4 Form and submit the completed and signed form to Human Resource Services.

*For those individuals claiming exemption from federal income tax for 2009 on their W-4, the exemption expires February 16, 2010. A new W-4 Form needs to be completed by February 5, 2010, to continue claiming the exemption from withholding in 2010. If a new W-4 Form is not submitted by February 5, 2010, immediately Federal Income Tax will be withheld as if the employee is single, with zero withholding allowances. Supervisors, please advise your students of these changes.

Nonresident Aliens
If you are eligible to claim a tax treaty benefit in 2010, you must submit a new Form 8233. If you have any questions, call Regan Walker at 426-3435.

International Programs Undergoes Reorganization
by Sona Karentz Andrews
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

We wish to inform you of a campus reorganization of our international programs functions. Effective July 1, 2010 we will incorporate the current functions of our International Programs Office within existing units in the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. This reorganization is being done as an effort to create some resource efficiencies for the university. We are still working on the exact details of the plan, however, we anticipate that the functions and services provided to faculty, staff and students will continue.

At this time I wish to thank Dr. Sabine Klahr, the Director of International Programs, for providing outstanding leadership for internationalization at BSU for the past 7 years. Sabine will continue as International Programs Director through the transition period. She was instrumental in building the
International Programs Office from a few programs to one that serves as the center for international initiatives, students, programs, and partnerships. Under her leadership, the Intensive English Program became a revenue-generating, entrepreneurial unit of International Programs. She initiated the Basque Studies program, the Arabic language program, other academic programs, and developed over 40 new international partnerships for the university. Sabine is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the field of international education, serving on a wide range of boards for several organizations.

Sabine’s work and that of her staff have positioned Boise State to undertake this reorganization without decreasing our commitment to internationalization. We appreciate their efforts and the work they have done and for their assistance in creating a smooth transition.

**Departments Realign to Form University Financial Services**

To improve both service and communication, the departments under the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration have been realigned under a new name, University Financial Services. The group includes Accounts Payable, Administrative Accounting, Financial Systems, Payroll (previously part of Human Resources), Purchasing, Student Financial Services and Treasury.

Accounts Payable, Administrative Accounting, Financial Systems, Student Financial Services and Treasury formerly operated as the Controller’s Office. The name, “Controller’s Office,” is being phased out. All departments remain at their same physical locations, mail stops and phone numbers remain unchanged and there will be no interruption of services.

Directories, building signs, Web pages, policies and more are being revised to reflect the new structure and the new name. For more information, visit the new University Financial Services webpage at [http://www.boisestate.edu/finad/avpfa/](http://www.boisestate.edu/finad/avpfa/).

**New Building, New Name, Same Services - Presenting University Health Services**

Health Wellness and Counseling Services has changed their name to University Health Services (UHS). Thank you for making the appropriate changes on your web sites or other locations where services may be listed or referenced.

**Web Site:**
The new web site for UHS was launched in early January. The url will stay the same: [http://www.boisestate.edu/healthservices](http://www.boisestate.edu/healthservices).

**Phone Numbers:**
- Medical Services - 426-1459
- Counseling Services - 426-1459
- Wellness Services - 426-5686
- Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) - 426-2158
Location:
UHS will be located in the new Norco building on the first two floors.
Street address: 1529 Belmont Street, Boise, ID
(located directly behind the Student Recreation Center)

Additional Contact Information:
For general health questions, students can contact the 24 Hour Nurse Hotline at (800) 322-9569.

In case of an emergency, contact 911. Other local emergency resources, can be found at: http://healthservices.boisestate.edu/content/article.cfm?article_id=142.

Goodwill Program Needs Assistance

Several years ago the Association of Classified Employees Senate initiated the GoodWill Program for our lower paid employees who would greatly benefit from being provided the opportunity to have lunch/dinner on campus. Through the ‘goodwill’ of Aramark and many employees who contribute through payroll deduction, hundreds of meals have been provided and so appreciated by our co-workers.

Unfortunately, applications for the Goodwill Program have increased from 30 + a month to over 90 which is indicative of the very challenging and difficult economic times we find ourselves in. As a result, without additional contributions on the part of the Boise State faculty and staff community, the program must be limited not only to the number of employees who will be helped, but also by the number of months this program can be provided.

However, you can make a difference - a contribution through payroll deduction (as little as $2.00 per pay period), or a check or cash donation to the Goodwill Program may allow (depending on response) us to meet the requests/needs of all those who apply. And, it is so easy - log into BroncoWeb and select “Payroll and Compensation,” then select “Voluntary Deductions” or send your contribution to the attention of Carol Bugni, Human Resource Services (MS1265).

By making this commitment, you are truly making a difference in the lives of many of our colleagues.

Helping Haiti
by President Bob Kustra

As the world watched the disaster unfolding in Haiti after January 12th’s 7.0 earthquake, many members of the Boise State community felt a special empathy for the victims and survivors. We particularly are thankful that assistant professor Jason Herbeck, who had just arrived in Port-au-Prince for a conference, has returned safely to Boise.

In 2006-2007, our campus community experienced Haiti through the book and visit of Tracy Kidder, who authored our inaugural First Year Read Mountains Beyond Mountains. The book tells the
inspirational story of Dr. Paul Farmer, a professor at Harvard Medical School and one of the founders of Partners in Health (contact info below), and his work among the poor in Haiti, Peru and Russia.

Today’s current events feel closer to us, having learned more about the people of Haiti and their lives. Now, more than ever, they need our help. As the new semester begins, there will be campus efforts to help Haiti, but in the meantime, I wanted to offer a resource of relief and charitable organizations, if you choose to make a donation.

The Council on Foundations, a national nonprofit association of approximately 2,000 grant-making foundations and corporations, offers several resources for making donations to Haiti on its Web site: http://www.usig.org/disastergm/earthquakehaiti2010.asp

Following is a list of agencies to consider when making a donation. A more complete list of agencies responding to the crisis can be found at http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti. If you would like to contribute but are unsure if a charity is reputable, you are encouraged to visit the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org/charit.

Below is a more detailed list of organizations. Thank you for caring and assisting in any way you can.

**Philanthropic Organizations**
United Nations Foundation has committed $1 million and encourages donations through the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).
Web site: http://www.unfoundation.org

**Non-Governmental Organizations**
AmeriCares has pledged $5 million worth of aid for the people of Haiti.
Web site: http://www.americares.org

American Red Cross has increased its initial $200,000 commitment to $1 million.
To donate $10, text Haiti to 90999. The amount will be added to your next phone bill.
Web site: http://www.redcross.org
Phone: 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Doctors Without Borders
Web site: http://doctorswithoutborders.org/
Phone: 1-888-392-0392

The International Rescue Committee
Web site: http://www.theIRC.org
Phone: 1-877-REFUGEE (1-877-733-8433)

Partners in Health provides access to health care for people in poor countries. In addition to monetary donations, the group also is looking for volunteer surgeons, nurses and surgical teams.
Web site: http://pih.org/home.html
Mail: Partners in Health, P.O. Box 845578, Boston, MA 02284-5578

Project Haiti, a local outreach program through the Saint Alphonsus Foundation, is asking for donations to help relief efforts.
Web site: www.saintalphonsus.org

World Vision has worked in Haiti for 30 years and has some 370 staff in country. The organization encourages donations to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.
Web site: http://www.worldvision.org/

MercyCorps is deploying an emergency response team to the island nation and has set up a Haiti Earthquake Fund.
Web site: http://www.mercycorps.org/
Phone: 1-888-256-1900

Government and Multilateral Agencies
The United Nations World Food Programme is planning to distribute ready-to-eat meals to 2 million people in Haiti.
Web site: http://www.wfp.org

UNICEF
Web site: http://www.unicef.org
Phone: 1-800-FOR-KIDS (1-800-367-5437)

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is dispatching a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART).

Mid-Year Total for Research and Grant Awards Hit Record High

At the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 2010, Boise State’s external research and grant funding totaled approximately $30 million — more than the tally for all of 2008 and easily outpacing last year’s record at the same juncture.

“Boise State is driving the advancement and application of knowledge that addresses some of the major challenges facing society in health, the environment, technology and many other fields,” said President Bob Kustra. “As we mark these milestones of the present, we remain focused on future growth and achievement as a metropolitan research university of distinction.”

Vice President for Research Mark Rudin said the number of new grant proposals by faculty has increased more than 70 percent over the last two years.

“Our faculty continue to raise the bar on Boise State’s competitiveness as an innovative research
institution,” Rudin said, “and the current year numbers indicate that Boise State will continue to have the fastest growing research program in Idaho.”

Another promising trend is the rise in awards from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health. Mid-year totals far exceed previous watermarks, with $4.7 million from the NSF and $4.6 million from the NIH. Highlights include:

- **Janet Callahan**, Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Engineering, was principal investigator on a $590,753 NSF grant to fund the Idaho Science Talent Expansion Program (STEP). STEP seeks to increase the number of students receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

- **Julia Oxford**, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and Director of the Biomolecular Research Center in the College of Arts and Sciences, was principal investigator on a $211,500 NIH grant to fund her research on cell signaling in collagen as it relates to birth defects such as cleft palate and congenital hearing and vision problems.

While advancing research capabilities at Boise State depends on the support of federal organizations such as the NSF and NIH, it also relies on partnerships with the private sector. That is why the university is cultivating mutually beneficial relationships with business and industry, including a recent research agreement between the College of Engineering and Micron Technology Inc.

The research agreement takes advantage of the longstanding relationship between Boise State and Micron and allows unprecedented resource sharing. While the collaboration is focused on research activities, it also is expected to facilitate further student internships, curriculum development and endorsement letters for research proposals at the national level, all of which will further Boise State’s growing research endeavors.

Among these endeavors is continuing to increase the number of U.S. patent applications for Boise State faculty discoveries. The most recent patent to be approved protects development of a novel material invented by physics professor Alex Punnoose, with potential applications in the cutting-edge field of magnetoelectronics. Boise State currently holds five U.S. patents, and about two dozen more filings for U.S. patents or provisional patents are in the pipeline. In fact, Boise State’s faculty have performed well above the national average over the past two years when it comes to the number of invention disclosures and patent applications.

“Patents, grant awards and research partnerships all are significant points of validation for the accomplishments of Boise State’s distinguished faculty, not to mention the dedicated students who contribute to their work,” Rudin said. “Together they have created a tremendous amount of momentum, which is essential to the realization of the university’s vision.”

To learn more about Boise State research, visit [http://www.boisestate.edu/research](http://www.boisestate.edu/research).
Bronco Zone and Bronco Primetime Return

by Rachael Ledford, Nursing student and workstudy in the Dean’s Office, College of Health Sciences

The Bronco Zone, located in the Steukle Sky Center, recently opened on January 19, bringing with it new menu options from which to choose. Lunch will be served during the academic school year, in accordance with the previous schedule of Tuesday through Thursday of each week from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Menus are available at http://www.broncosports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=9900&ATCLID=3660790.

The Bronco Zone will also be restarting Bronco Primetime, an event which is available to Boise State faculty, staff, and emeriti. A new implementation this semester is a program called “Food for Thought.” This program, which started on January 21, will occur every third Thursday and will precede Bronco Primetime, taking place at 2:45-3:45pm.

Mark your calendars for upcoming Bronco Primetime dates for the Spring Semester: February 18, March 18, and April 22. Bronco Primetime is from 4-7pm in the Bronco Zone.

Professional Staff Association Invites Employees to “Play Ball”

Move over winter, spring is coming with softball fever. The Professional Staff Association is creating a Boise State softball team to play in the Boise City spring softball league. The league is recreational in nature and is open to all faculty, staff and their families. So dust off your mitt, hit the batting cages and sign up for the league today.

Robert Buel, chair of the Professional Staff social committee, will be team captain. E-mail him at robertbuel@boisestate.edu to sign up or if you have questions. Deadline to sign up is March 1.

Cost: Boise City residents – $36
      Outside Boise City residents – $45

Some softball specifics:
- League runs from mid-April to mid-July
- This is a Sunday night league
- A total of eight games will be played
- Open to all faculty, staff and families
- Must be 16 years of age or older
Boise State Opens Norco Building, New Home to Nursing Program and University Health Services

by Mike Journee, Boise State Communications & Marketing

Boise State University today officially opened the 81,290-square-foot Norco Building, the new home of the university’s Department of Nursing and University Health Services, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The four-story building allows the integration of the academic Department of Nursing with University Health Services, maximizing opportunities to integrate classroom learning, laboratory, clinical and internship experiences with research and health care policy development for students, faculty and staff.

“Whether you look at its purpose, the partnerships that made it possible or its design, this building is the perfect embodiment of the innovation and imagination that make Boise State successful on so many levels,” said Bob Kustra, president of Boise State. “The contributions of the students who will go to classes here will make our society a healthier place, and their jobs will help strengthen our region’s economy for many years to come.”

The building’s final cost of $20 million was significantly below the original estimate of $25 million, due to a favorable bidding climate. Funding sources include $15 million from bonds issued and supported by the university’s strategic facilities fee and $5 million in donations, including a $2 million lead gift from the Kissler Family Foundation and $1 million gifts from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and the St. Luke’s Health System.

“The opportunity to help fund this important building fits perfectly with the mission of the Kissler Family Foundation – to support health care, education and the betterment of mankind,” said Jim Kissler, CEO of Norco Inc. “It was important to us that our investment be long-lived and offer pride of place for the Kissler and Norco names, as well as for our family and employees. This fantastic project does that.”

Other significant donations came from the Estate of Jody DeMeyer, Allen and Billie Dee Noble and Ed and Shirley Bews. Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Inc. provided generous funding for equipment and technology for the building.

The Norco Building includes state-of-the-art classroom and laboratory space, allowing the university to educate more nursing students and providing additional opportunities for research and clinical experience. It also houses a full-service student health clinic with medical, counseling and wellness services for the Boise State community.

“The Norco Building is more than just a space to educate nurses,” said Dr. Jim Girvan, Dean of Boise State’s College of Health Sciences. “This building elevates the quality of education offered to our
students by making it possible to blend the expertise of our exceptional faculty and community clinical partners with new simulation labs, data capture lecture classrooms, and seminar and research areas.”

The Norco Building is one of seven new buildings encompassing nearly a half-million square feet of classroom, laboratory, office, event and common area space that have been opened in the last two years or are under construction on the Boise State campus.

New Dean Selected for College of Health Sciences

Dr. Tim Dunnagan, a Montana State University Health and Human Development Professor, has accepted a position as dean of Boise State’s College of Health Sciences. His appointment begins July 2010. Currently the head of Montana State’s Department of Health and Human Development, Dunnagan directs six undergraduate and three graduate programs and provides leadership for 80 full-time equivalent faculty and staff.

“Dr. Dunnagan has demonstrated effective leadership by initiating community and campus collaborations, implementing successful strategic planning and fundraising efforts, increasing the scope and quality of research among his faculty, and creating a learning-centered environment that has resulted in increased student recruitment and retention,” said Sona Andrews, Boise State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “His experience and expertise position him well to continue the excellent work of our College of Health Sciences and to join the Boise State University leadership team as we accomplish our strategic goals.”

Dunnagan also oversees the administration of Montana State’s Human Development Counseling Clinic, the Center for Native Health Partnerships, the Montana food stamps education program, the university employee wellness program, and a host of federal and state funded research/demonstration projects. In 2008, his department secured approximately $9 million in new grants and contracts.

Dunnagan joined Montana State in 1994 as an assistant professor of health and human development and interim wellness director. He served as graduate director for the Department of Health and Human Development from 2000-2007 and became head of the department in 2007. Previously, he worked at the University of Kentucky as director of employee wellness and as an adjunct professor of health promotion and kinesiology.

Dunnagan received his doctorate in health promotion and human behavior from the University of Kentucky in 1994, his master’s degree in physical education and health promotion from Montana State in 1987 and a bachelor’s degree in general studies from the University of Idaho in 1984.

Dunnagan succeeds Dr. Jim Girvan, who has served as dean of the College of Health Sciences for eight years and will return to the teaching faculty. “We will certainly miss Jim in a campus leadership role and wish to thank him for all that he has contributed, and will continue to contribute, to the college and to the university,” Andrews said.
College Gains a New Team Member

The Dean’s Office has hired a new management assistant. Michelle Davis started Monday, February 1st. Michelle has extensive experience (over 19 years) in a variety of roles as an accountant in the Bay area of California and as an international expatriate tax accountant with Micron and URS Washington Division. She is currently enrolled in her last course to complete her accountancy degree from Boise State University. Michelle is excited to begin this position in part because of the diversity of duties it holds in addition to the budget functions, and she looks forward to meeting each of you and working with the staff and faculty of our departments and centers.

Please stop by Health Sciences Riverside room 207 to say hello to Michelle and introduce yourself. You can reach Michelle at 426-4116 and at michelledavis3@boisestate.edu.

Congratulations to OEF Recipients

The Office of External Funding for the College has awarded 3 mini-grants in the fall cycle:

- **Mikal Black** was funded for $5000 to collect health information with African refugees.
- **Dr. Uwe Reischl** was funded for $1500 for mechanics for the thermal that is used for research.
- **Joie Burns** was funded for $3805 to develop and test 4 prototypes of devices to lesson repetitive injury to wrists for sonographers.

In addition, funding for travel was awarded to:

- **Dr. Jeri Bigbee** for travel to present research at the Western Institute of Nursing Research.
- **Dr. Dawn Weiler** and team to present research at the Western Institute of Nursing Research.

Congratulations to all of the above. Please look for the next call for proposals in the spring.

Announcing a New Grandmom

Congratulations to the new grandmother in the College. **Kelley Davis**, Administrative Assistant in the Department of Nursing, became a grandmother on January 23rd. Grandson Cyrus weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Congratulations, Kelley and family!

New Dean Profiled in *The Arbiter*

Golden Apple Award Recipients Announced

One outstanding faculty member from each of Boise State’s six colleges was presented with a 2009 Golden Apple Award at a December 4 luncheon. All nominations were made by students.

This year’s Golden Apple recipients are:
College of Arts and Sciences: Nathan Stark, Department of Music
College of Business and Economics: Nancy (Dusty) Bodie, Department of Management
College of Education: Sara Fry, Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies
College of Engineering: Sin Ming Loo, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
College of Health Sciences: Pam Gehrke, Department of Nursing
College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs: Nick Miller, Department of History

Nominees were:
College of Arts and Sciences — Ken Cornell, Leslie Durham, Dale Russell, Patrick Beach, Eric Brown, Matthew Brunerdi, Zach Garner and Melissa Keith
College of Business and Economics — Tom Gattiker, Matt Maher and Mark Fitzgerald
College of Education — Shawn Simonson and Sam Strother
College of Engineering — R. Jake Baker, Elisa Barney-Smith, Darryl Butt, Joe Guarino, Doug Hagemeier, William Hughes, Bill Knowleton, Amy Moll, Peter Müllner and Donald Plumlee
College of Health Sciences — Jody Lester, Judy Lonsdale and Linda Osgood
College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs — Vicki Budd, Daniel Harkness, Sam Harmer, Bonnie Kenaley, Jonathon Lundy, David Lupien, Natalie Nelson-Marsh, Mary Pritchard, Laurel Traynowicz and Misty Wall

Department News

Department of Community and Environmental Health

Faculty Publish Research Paper

Dr. Dale Stephenson and Jaime Sand, faculty in the Department of Community and Environmental Health have collaborated to publish a research paper entitled “Investigating the Presence of an Infectious Agent in Electrocautery Aerosols.” This paper was published in the Fall 2009 edition of the California Journal of Environmental Health. The results of this research suggest the ability to transfer an infectious agent from simulated body fluid to the air in the smoke generated during electrosurgical procedures. The risk of the type of exposure via the inhalation pathway is significant as it is estimated that 500,000 operating room personnel are exposed to laser and electrosurgical aerosols each year in the United States. Research results also point to the need for the appropriate use of personal protective equipment and ventilation controls during clinical activities having the potential to produce electrocautery or laser aerosols.
**Faculty Team with Idaho Partnership for Hispanic Health**

**Drs. Elaine Long** and **Uwe Reischl**, both Professors in the Department of Community and Environmental Health, are working to keep Idaho’s Hispanic population healthy. The two faculty members have teamed up with the Idaho Partnership for Hispanic Health, a research project funded by the National Institutes of Health and Mountain States Group, Inc. for a program focusing on reducing obesity and metabolic syndrome in Hispanics in Weiser and Mountain Home.

The curriculum is based on healthy eating and exercise. As part of this project, the Healthy Food Slide Rule will be translated into Spanish and distributed to participating families and at local health fairs.

Developed by Long and Reischl specifically for use by school children in fourth- through sixth-grades, the Healthy Food Slide Rule helps improve understanding of the importance of including foods from the five food groups in amounts appropriate for age, gender and activity level.

Teacher professional in-service workshops are scheduled for March 2010. One workshop will be held at Boise State and a second in Middleton. Additional workshops are anticipated. Contact Long at elong@boisestate.edu for more information.

**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Faculty Explores a Possible Sabbatical Visit**

Professor Ravindra Goonetilleke of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) visited Boise State in December to explore opportunities for collaborative research and scholarship during a one-year sabbatical visit to the College of Health Sciences. Professor Goonetilleke plans to collaborate with **Dr. Uwe Reischl** of the Department of Community and Environmental Health in researching occupational heat stress, developing computer models for public health disaster preparedness planning, and developing new research initiatives in partnership with the Boise State Center for Orthopedic and Biomechanics Research.

**Study Compares Contaminant Emissions from Wickless and Wick Candles**

The domestic use of wickless candles is becoming all the rage in households across the United States. The stated advantage for the use of these types of candles is that they do not utilize flame combustion to generate a pleasing aroma and enhance the aesthetics of an ambient environment. This advantage is being used as a marketing tool for the sale of wickless candles suggesting that they produce lower levels of contaminant emissions than wick-
based candles. Under a contract with a local consulting company, Materials Testing and Inspection, **Dr. Dale Stephenson** and Environmental and Occupational Health student **Jaime Minick** are currently conducting a study comparing particulate and organic vapor emissions from both wickless- and wick-based candles. This study is being conducted in a specially designed aerosol chamber that will allow for the control of environmental confounders and is slated to be completed in May 2010.

**Faculty Research Report Selected for Presentation at National Conference**

A research report by **Dr. Uwe Reischl**, Professor of Health Sciences, evaluating the convective, evaporative and radiative heat exchange properties of protective garments has been selected for presentation at the American Industrial Hygiene Association Conference which will be held in Denver, Colorado in July. Reischl will serve as a speaker at the conference and will present data from experiments based on the Boise State “PNEUMOTECH” thermal mannequin system. The data provide new insight into the heat transfer characteristics of multi-layered garments and offer a framework for the design of new clothing systems. The experiments conducted in the College of Health Sciences are being undertaken in collaboration with researchers at the Faculty of Textile Engineering at the University of Zagreb in Croatia.

**Illustration of the PNEUMOTECH inflatable thermal mannequin system used for evaluating convective, radiative, and evaporative heat exchange properties of complex protective garments.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

**Nursing Graduate Student to go to China**

BSU Graduate Nursing student, Sarah Walker is leaving for China for a year’s study in population health. Her goal is to work to help improve the health of people living in rural China. She will continue her coursework at BSU since all her classes are on-line. We wish her the best and look forward to hearing about her experiences.

**Farewell breakfast with Nursing faculty advisor**

**Dr. Leonie Sutherland**
Larry Gebert from Channel 7 Visits the Department of Nursing

Channel 7’s morning show with Larry Gebert visited the Department of Nursing at Boise State on Monday, February 1st. The morning show highlighted the new NORCO building and program and research opportunities in Nursing. Nursing faculty, advising staff, and students participated in the event and are listed below:

- Nursing Faculty: Dr. Marty Downey, Dr. Rosemary Macy, and Professor Walker;
- Advisors & Staff Support: Becky Bunderson, Olga Salinas, and Lori Werth;
- Nursing Students: Monty Calhoun, Jane Classen-Reid, Amanda King, and Jay Wood.

Recent Faculty Publications, Presentations & Grant Awards


OEF Research Grant Award: **Mikal Black** received $5,000 for the Health of African Refugees in Southwest Idaho study. Collaborators are Pam Springer, Abigail Gerding, Terri Soelberg and ISU’s College of Pharmacy.

**Dr. Sandra Nadelson** presented, “Perceptions of First-Year Read Program Students Benefits” at the National Conference on Students in Transition in November in Salt Lake City. The session focused on the research findings from a study conducted in collaboration with Kimber Shaw, Kim Leeder, and Louis Nadelson here at Boise State University. In conducting this research, nursing faculty and others involved in student education were surveyed. The results suggested that common read experiences promoted the growth of students through discussions and the enhancement of personal awareness.

Book on Idaho Nursing History Highlights Several Nursing Faculty

*Charting Idaho Nursing History* by Randall Hudspeth and Verlene D. Kaiser was published in 2009. It is a historical account of the development of nursing in Idaho over the past 100 years, complete with photos and historical documents. A copy has been donated to the DeMeyer Reading room, in honor of Jody De Meyer, who is included in the book. A unique feature of the book is the section Nurses Tell
Their Own Stories. This section highlights many of Boise State University faculty over the years as well as and graduates/alumni of the program. The following faculty are included: Dr. Ingrid Brudenell, Pat Taylor, Mary Anne Towle, Joann Vahey, Dr. Vivian Schrader, Judith Murray, and June Penner. There are many outstanding nurses who have contributed their stories. What an honor to be identified as making contributions to the first 100 years of the nursing profession in Idaho. The second 100 years has started so we can continue the tradition.

Grant Coordinator Becomes a Certified Research Administrator

We are very pleased to announce Department of Nursing Grant Coordinator, Terri Soelberg, has completed the requirements to be a Certified Research Administrator (CRA). Terri is one of only three CRAs in the State of Idaho. The designation of CRA signifies that an individual has met the Research Administrator Certification Council eligibility requirements and has demonstrated knowledge of the fundamental information necessary for a person to be a professional research or sponsored program administrator. Congratulations Terri!

Faculty Chosen to Speak at International Conference, Hosted in Australia

The Department of Nursing’s interdisciplinary efforts with the School of Social Work has been accepted for a podium presentation. School of Social Work faculty, Dr. Bonnie Kenaley and Nursing faculty, Kathleen Sullivan will be speaking on Integrated Community Support Model (ICSP) at the International Council of Nurses Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference in Brisbane, Australia 2010.

Faculty Present in Hawaii

A number of Boise State faculty presented their work at the Eighth Annual International Hawaii Educational Conference, which was held January 7th-10th in Waikiki. Faculty members from the Colleges of Business and Economics, Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health Science were in attendance at the conference. Dr. Sandra Nadelson presented a poster and a podium presentation. The poster title was “Faculty in Residence at United States Colleges and Universities: A Case Study.” The presentation was given with one of her co-investigators, Dr. Louis Nadelson, and was titled “Common Reads in Higher Education: Which Books to Choose?”

Faculty Publishes Online

An article co-authored by Louis Nadelson, Assistant Professor of Curriculum Instruction and Foundational Studies, and Sandra Nadelson, Associate Professor of Nursing, was recently published online at www.springerlink.com. The article’s title is “K-8 Educators Perceptions and Preparedness for Teaching Evolution Topics.”
Faculty Publishes Textbook Chapter

**Dr. Leonie Sutherland** wrote a chapter in a textbook for nurse educators. The 4 volume set covers both classroom and clinical education.


### Department of Radiologic Sciences

**Department Hosts High School Students**

On November 23rd of 2009 high school students from the Boise Independent School District Health Occupations Class and EMT program were entertained by the Radiologic Sciences Department. A total of 70 students visited the Department. The students were a mixture from Boise, Borah, Capital, Centennial, and Timberline High Schools. Six students currently in the Radiologic Sciences Program served as hosts to the visiting group.

Information was shared as to the type of classes high school students should be focusing on to assist them in successfully obtaining their goals in a profession in the health sciences. The educational opportunities that the Boise State University College of Health Sciences offered were discussed. Questions concerning the application process for acceptance into the Radiologic Sciences were also entertained.

The students were also given the opportunity to spend time in the lab producing an image of an anatomical part by using the Departments’ imaging phantoms. They were allowed to take the images with them as a momento of their visit.

Many students stated their excitement in visiting the department of medical imaging when their clinical rotation began in January of 2010.

### Department of Respiratory Therapy

**Faculty Publishes Editorial on New Technology**

**Jeff Anderson**’s editorial on a relatively new technology for oxygen delivery, the high flow nasal cannula, has been accepted for publication. “Improved Oxygenation and Increased Comfort: A Great Combination” will appear in the April edition of the American Association for Respiratory Care’s professional journal.
Three Scoular Company Facilities In Idaho Earn “SHARP” Status In Recognition of Exemplary Workplace Safety and Health

Three Scoular Company facilities have earned membership in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) of the US Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Matt Wattles and Jeff Thompson from the Idaho Safety and Health Consultation Program at Boise State University presented the SHARP certificate at a recognition ceremony on January 13 at the Holiday Inn in Pocatello, Idaho.

The Scoular Group is primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of grains and operates grain elevators throughout the country, including the award recipients in Michaud, Bancroft and Grace, Idaho.

In addition to their exemplary safety and health management system, the facilities have an injury and illness rate well below the industry average. In recognition of their efforts, SHARP status exempts these Scoular Group facilities from OSHA programmed inspections until October 2011.

Through the SHARP program, OSHA recognizes smaller employers who have noteworthy safety and health management systems. SHARP is designed to provide incentives and support to employers who implement and continuously improve effective safety and health management systems. The program, and its resulting exemption from inspection, can be renewed for companies who continue to maintain excellence in safety and health management.

Dr Ed Baker, Director of the Center for Health Policy, has had a paper accepted for presentation at the 23rd annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference in Spokane, Washington, in March. Baker co-authored the paper with Dave Schmitz, of the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho. The presentation, titled “Assessing community health center assets and capabilities for recruiting and retaining family physicians: The CHC Community Apgar Questionnaire,” will report on the results of recent research on ways to improve access to qualified medical care for community health centers in Idaho.
Grant Awarded to Center for Health Policy Research Team

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 awarded a grant from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. The Community Health Center Community Apgar Questionnaire project will assess community characteristics related to recruitment and retention of physicians to community health centers in Idaho. This project is part of a four year research program which seeks to identify ways to improve access to qualified medical care in rural and underserved areas of Idaho. Access to qualified medical care has been shown to be a significant factor in a community’s economic health, especially in new business development as firms tend to locate in areas with good schools and access to high quality health care.

Faculty Publishes Journal Article

Dr. Ed Baker, Director of the Center for Health Policy (CHP), was co-author of a recent article in The Journal of Rural Health titled “Rural Idaho Family Physicians’ Scope of Practice.” Baker co-authored the article with David Schmitz and Ted Epperly of Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, Carissa Moffat Miller, an adjunct faculty member in CHP, and CHP graduate student Ayaka Nukui.

Center for Health Policy Gains Undergraduate Intern

The Center for Health Policy (CHP) welcomes Benjamin Tverdy as an undergraduate intern for the Spring 2010 semester. Mr. Tverdy will assist Dr. Ed Baker, Director of the CHP, with grants, the development of the CHP strategic plan and with the production of CHP marketing materials.

Feature Stories

Useful Resources on the T: Drive

Also known as “allcoh” and “COH-all”, the College of Health Science’s shared T: drive has a few useful documents tucked away in its folders.

First, the COHS Policy Manual is available in PDF format. It is located at T:\COHS Policies, Bylaws, Org Chart\College Policy Manual\Compiled Policy Manual for PDF.pdf.

Second, there is a copy of the COHS Graduate Assistant Manual, a useful resource for GAs and their supervisors. The manual can be found at T:\GA Handbook COHS-1.doc and it is also available on the COHS website http://hs.boisestate.edu/ under the Graduate Programs Link.
Third, the Office of External Funding (OEF) grant policies and applications are available on the T: drive. Their location is: T:\COHS Forms\OEF Development Grants. Watch your e-mail for upcoming due dates for new applications.

**Calendar**

February 8  
Technology Incentive Grant Proposals due to Academic Technologies, see page 5

February 15  
President’s Day — University closed

February 17  
Deadline to Register for St. Luke’s Occupational Health Services Question & Answer session — 10am to 11am, SUB. To register email Kip McBean, kipmcbean@boisestate.edu

February 18  
Food for Thought — 2:45-3:45pm, Bronco Zone, see page 12

February 18  
Bronco Primetime — 4-7pm, Bronco Zone, see page 12

February 24  
Question & Answer session for St. Luke’s Occupational Health Services — 10am to 11am, SUB, see page 4

March 1  
Deadline to register for Boise State faculty/staff softball team, see page 12

March 18  
Food for Thought and Bronco Primetime, see page 12

**Further Out**

April 22  
Food for Thought and Bronco Primetime, see page 12

May 24-30  
Blackboard will be unavailable, due to upgrades see page 2

May 31  
Blackboard Release 9 will be available to faculty see page 2