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processes that support ISU's research enterprise. Staff members incorporated suggestions from listening sessions held with campus researchers.

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Photo by Bob Elbert.

Another record: Fall enrollment nears 30,000

by Annette Hacker, News Service

Iowa State's record fall enrollment of 29,887 marks five consecutive years of growth, and includes all-time high numbers of new (direct from high school) and transfer students.

Overall enrollment is up 4.2 percent (1,205 students) over the previous record of 28,682 in fall 2010. The student body represents every Iowa county and 106 countries.

Iowa State has attracted its largest freshman class ever -- 5,048 -- and 61.5 percent of them (3,105) are Iowans. And ISU this fall has enrolled a record number of new transfer students (1,781); 1,050 of them are from Iowa's community colleges, also a record.

Total Iowa resident enrollment is 18,526, of which 16,552 are undergraduates.

The most frequent choice of Iowans

"We're very proud of the fact that, year after year, more Iowa high school graduating seniors choose Iowa State over any other four-year college or university," said Marc Harding, assistant vice president for enrollment and director of admissions. "When you consider the declining number of high school students in our region and the many post-secondary options available to them, being able to welcome students in record numbers really affirms their belief in the quality of an Iowa State

education and the experiences they can have here."

President Gregory Geoffroy added, "I'm most excited every fall to see the energy and talent our new students bring -- to think about who they are and who they will become. Everyone at Iowa State shares in the responsibility to help our students reach their potential, and to provide the knowledge and skills they'll need to be successful and to make a difference in the world."

By the numbers

In addition to Iowa State's record overall enrollment, student numbers are setting records in nearly every category this fall:

- Record undergraduate enrollment of 24,343, an increase of 1,239 students from fall 2010.
- Record international student enrollment of 3,424, an increase of 97 students from the previous record of 3,327 students in fall 2010. The overall number also reflects a record in the number of international undergraduates: 1,894.
- The most diverse student enrollment in Iowa State's history. More than one in five ISU students is either a minority or an international student. Total U.S. minority and international enrollment is 6,369, or 21.31 percent of the student body. (The previous record set in fall 2010 was 5,942, or 20.7 percent of the student body.) U.S. minority enrollment is 2,945 (9.85 percent of total enrollment), a new record and an increase over last fall's 2,615 students. Each year since 2006, Iowa State has met or exceeded the 8.5 percent minority enrollment goal set by the state Board of Regents.
- The second-highest graduate student enrollment at Iowa State. There are 4,957 graduate students attending Iowa State this fall, down 33 from last year's record of 4,991.
- An increase in ISU's retention rate: Of the students who began at Iowa State in fall 2010, 87.8 percent of them continued in fall 2011, compared to 86.1 percent the prior year.
- An increase in nonresidents: 11,361 students are from out-of-state, up from 10,234 nonresidents in fall 2010.
- Stable professional student enrollment: 587 students are enrolled in veterinary medicine at Iowa State, equal to last fall's record.

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Presidential open forums set; finalists not yet selected

by Diana Pounds

Although no finalists have been selected in the search for Iowa State's next president, the search committee is releasing a tentative schedule for the finalist open forums that will be held on campus later this month.

"We want to give everyone plenty of time to get these forums on their calendars," said search committee co-chair Labh Hira. "We hope that many in the university community and beyond will attend the finalist forums and offer their comments on the future leader of Iowa State."

The search committee's task is to identify up to five finalists for the Iowa Board of Regents, which will select the next ISU president.

Next meeting

The presidential search committee's next meeting is Friday, Sept. 9.

Five one-hour forums tentatively are scheduled; some will be dropped if there are fewer finalists.

- Sept. 22, 3:45 p.m., 2019 Morrill Hall
- Sept. 23, 3:45 p.m., 2019 Morrill Hall
- Sept. 26, 1:15 p.m., Gallery, Memorial Union
- Sept. 27, 2:30 p.m., Gallery, Memorial Union
- Sept. 28, 3:15 p.m., Pioneer Room, Memorial Union

The search committee, led by Business dean Hira and alumnus Roger Underwood, has been working throughout the summer, in collaboration with Parker Executive Search, Atlanta.



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Peterson named interim director of Harkin Institute

by John McCarroll

David Peterson, associate professor of political science, will serve as interim director of the Harkin Institute of Public Policy at Iowa State, effective immediately.

In announcing the appointment, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences interim dean David Oliver said Peterson will focus on developing the structure, direction and activities of the institute.

"As with any new unit, there are many organizational details to be decided. We're very pleased that David Peterson will direct these important first steps for the institute while continuing his political research and teaching," Oliver said.

Peterson, who studies voter behavior, has co-authored two books: Mandate Politics and Religious Institutions and Minor Parties in the United States. He's at work on a book about how the images of presidential candidates are formed, and how they change over the course of the campaign. The new book likely will include a chapter on the Iowa caucuses and the presidential campaign process within the state. Peterson earned his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Iowa State and for me," Peterson said. "I look forward to continuing my work on the Iowa caucuses and using the institute to advance our understanding of some of the most vital policy areas we face."

The institute is named for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin, an ISU alumnus, who has served more than 35 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. The institute will house Harkin's papers, and serve as the catalyst for interdisciplinary research, teaching and outreach on public policy issues.

The Iowa Board of Regents approved establishment of the institute on April 28. The institute will report to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. An advisory board, which will be appointed by president Gregory Geoffroy, will provide oversight.

Eventually, a national search will be conducted to identify a permanent institute director. Fund raising is under way to provide necessary financial support for the institute.



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Be prepared for flu season

by Paula Van Brocklin

It's that time of year again when a sniffle here or cough there can turn more serious before you know it. To help keep you healthy, Iowa State again is offering employees flu vaccinations at no cost. Like last year, the vaccine includes both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines in one dose; there's no need for multiple shots.

Occupational medicine staff will administer flu shots while supplies last weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10-28 in 205 Technical Administrative Service Facility (TASF). No appointment is necessary. Be sure to bring your ISU ID card or your university ID number to the shot clinic. There is limited parking in front of TASF.

Flu shots will be provided at no cost for the following groups:

- Faculty
- Merit
- Professional and scientific
- University Child Care (employees only)
- Miscellaneous affiliate employees enrolled in ISU health plans (ISU Foundation, *Iowa State Daily*, Greek house directors). Some affiliate organizations will need to pay for their participating employees' vaccinations.
- Retirees on university health plans who are not yet 65

Students, post docs and visiting scholars are not eligible to receive flu shots at the clinic in TASF. These individuals should contact the Theilen Student Health Center, 4-5801, for flu vaccine information.

Employees are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible during the specified October time frame. For more information, call 4-0874.

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Participants sought for 2012 Emerging Leaders Academy

by Paula Van Brocklin

Know an outstanding Iowa State faculty or staff member who demonstrates excellent leadership abilities? Consider nominating him or her for the 2012 Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA).

Sponsored by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, ELA is a university-wide program designed to enhance leadership development for qualified faculty and staff. Candidates must be tenured faculty or professional and scientific employees (level P35 or higher) who currently are in leadership positions or who hope to serve as leaders in the future. Anyone may nominate candidates online (using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome web browsers) by Oct. 10. If you have trouble accessing the online nomination form, contact John Taylor, 4-6142. Selected participants will be notified by Nov. 15.

ELA classes will begin in January 2012 and meet monthly, except June and July, through December 2012.

"An immensely talented group of on-campus and outside experts will help ELA participants develop and refine leadership skills," said Elizabeth Hoffman, executive vice president and provost. "Class members will attend 10 sessions and explore such topics as mentoring, decision-making styles, organizational theory, interpersonal communication and effects of gender and diversity issues on work teams."

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Research support changes under way

by Erin Rosacker

Several changes are in the works at the Office for Responsible Research (ORR), aiming to improve the processes that support ISU's record-setting research enterprise. Jerry Zamzow, ORR program manager, outlined the unit's reorganization at the Sept. 1 Professional and Scientific Council open forum.

Zamzow said changes are needed to handle ISU's increasing number of research requests. ORR oversees four committees that review proposals, including:

- Institutional Review Board (IRB), for use of human participants
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), for use of live vertebrate animals
- Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), for use of potential biohazards
- Radiation Safety Committee (RSC), for use of radioactive materials or radiation devices

Zamzow said a series of listening sessions with faculty and staff researchers and an evaluation of current processes helped identify areas for improvement. For instance, a flow chart (PDF) has been developed to help researchers determine if an IRB review is needed.

"We've done a real overhaul of some of our internal processes to see where we can improve," Zamzow said. "There certainly were some things that we needed to fix."

The office currently is revising its applications, processes and staff assignments. Some of the changes are expected this month, including a simplified IRB application process that has been tested with non-users to make it more intuitive.

What's next

Zamzow said incomplete, inconsistent or incomprehensible applications will be returned, eliminating back-and-forth e-mails that contribute to a backlog of applications. Departmental reviews likely will be added prior to ORR submissions, a step already proven beneficial in the psychology and kinesiology departments.

Electronic submissions using the Kuali Coeus online system is planned in 2013, with implementation beginning as early as next year. An interim electronic method still is being considered, particularly for the low-risk studies which Zamzow said comprise the majority of ISU's studies.

Listening session is Sept. 14

Researchers are encouraged to give their input on the services provided by the university. Sharron Quisenberry, vice president for research and economic development, and Pam Cain, associate vice president for business and finance, will host a third listening session on Wednesday, Sept. 14 (9-11 a.m., MU Gallery).

"We have an open listening policy," Quisenberry told forum attendees. "If there is something that we can improve, we will definitely look at it and do everything we possibly can to make sure those changes are put into place to make those processes easier."

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Weekend events will commemorate 9/11 attacks

by Anne Krapfl

Sunday, Sept. 11, marks the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States that killed nearly 3,000 people. The Iowa State community will join others around the country in observing the anniversary and paying tribute to those who died.

Central campus observances

At 9 a.m. from the carillon studio in the campanile, alumna Amy Brandau will play *America the Beautiful*. She then will ring the bells 10 times, one for each year since the attacks. Brandau is an academic adviser in the College of Engineering and studied the carillon with ISU carillonneur Tin-shi Tam as both an undergraduate and graduate student.

Student organizers representing ISU College Republicans, ISU Democrats and the Government of the Student Body have planned an outdoor evening commemoration that will begin at 8 p.m. north of the campanile. The keynote talk will be provided by U.S. Army Col. Craig Bargfrede, Ankeny, who recently returned from Kunar, Afghanistan, where he commanded an agribusiness development team. Prior to Bargfrede's address, ISU students will offer brief comments on their memories of 9/11 and the lasting effects of the attacks. Ames mayor Ann Campbell; Boone fire chief Justin Adams; state Rep. Lisa Heddens, Ames; ISU alumnus and state Sen. Jack Whitver, Ankeny; and U.S. Army veteran David Rehbein, Ames; also are invited guest speakers.

Vice president for student affairs Tom Hill will conclude the program and at 9:11 p.m. ask for a moment of silence to remember those who perished in the attacks. Participants then will be invited to light candles and process silently around the north half of the central green, where 3,000 small flags in the ground will honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

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On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 members of al-Qaeda carried out four suicide attacks using hijacked passenger jets. Between 8:45 and 9:40 a.m. (EST), the hijackers crashed two planes into the twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. Hijackers aboard a fourth plane heading toward Washington, D.C. -- believed to be targeting either the U.S. Capitol or the White House -crashed it in a field near Shanksville, Pa., around 10 a.m., after passengers tried to take control of the plane. Including

College Republicans president and ISU junior Stephen Quist said that planners chose to hold the event in the evening when students would be more likely to participate.

A music/slide show of images from the four 2001 crash sites will begin playing at 7:30 p.m. Shuttle service from the Memorial Union parking ramp and east parking deck will begin at 7 p.m. for those who need assistance getting to central campus. Everyone from the Iowa State, Ames and surrounding communities is invited, Quist said.

War on Terror veteran

The athletics department will mark the anniversary with special events at both the Sept. 10 football game against the University of Iowa and the Sept. 11 soccer contest against Loyola University Chicago.

The athletics department worked with the Wounded Warrior Project to honor U.S. Army Specialist Zachary Durham, a 2008 graduate of Carlisle Community High School, who was shot April 23 near Kabul, Afghanistan, while trying to rescue the crew of a downed helicopter.



Nearly 5,000 students, staff and faculty gathered on central campus Sept. 14, 2001, for a ceremony to observe the country's National Day of Prayer and Remembrance in the wake of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. *File photo*.

passengers, flight crews and employees or rescue crews in the three buildings, nearly 3,000 people died.

The 9/11 Memorial, built at the World Trade Center site, will be dedicated Sept. 11 and opened to the public Sept. 12.

Durham is now an Iowa State student in pre-journalism. He will be recognized in a football pregame ceremony, prior to the national anthem. There also will be a moment of silence to remember the 9/11 tragedies.

Immediately following the national anthem, the 132nd Fighter Wing, part of the Iowa Air National Guard unit located at the Des Moines International Airport, will provide an F-16 flyover above the stadium.

The Cyclone soccer complex east of the Lied Center will be lined Sunday with small U.S. flags. Firefighters, police officers and emergency medical services (EMS) professionals from Story County each have selected a representative to serve as an honorary captain for the soccer game. During a pregame ceremony, they will be introduced. The color guard that carries the national and state flags

onto the field for the singing of the national anthem also will contain firefighters and police officers.

Following the national anthem, there will be a moment of silence observed before the 1 p.m. kickoff.

T-shirt promotion

The athletics department is encouraging soccer fans to bring an Iowa State T-shirt on which they have written a personal note of appreciation to emergency workers. The department also plans to provide about 50 T-shirts for this purpose. Athletics staff will iron U.S. flag screens on the shirtsleeves. These shirts will be delivered to fire, police and EMS stations in Story County as a unique "card" of gratitude for their service.

Football coach Paul Rhoads has recorded a video, for use Sept. 10, that encourages Cyclone fans to attend the Sept. 11 soccer game and bring an ISU T-shirt with them.

A memorial concert will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Ames City Auditorium. The Ames Choral Society and Good Company women's ensemble are performing.