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Materials science and engineering professor Lawrence Genalo (right) is congratulated by president Gregory Geoffroy and provost Elizabeth Hoffman during the fall convocation Sept. 21. Genalo is one of three faculty members awarded the designation of University Professor this year. The recipients of 24 university or regent awards were recognized at the convocation. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

Geoffroy praises budget response, predicts more challenges to come

by Diana Pounds

The Iowa State community responded well to budget challenges of the past year and notched remarkable progress in key areas, president Gregory Geoffroy said during his Sept. 21 convocation remarks.

But he went on to say that a serious budget shortfall facing the state may require even more belt tightening at Iowa State over the next couple of years.

Geoffroy's remarks prefaced the annual ceremony honoring recipients of university and State Board of Regents awards.

Good progress, attitude

Despite budget reductions, "we truly made remarkable progress in several key areas," Geoffroy said. That progress included records in enrollment and sponsored funding, a banner year in private fund raising, strong sustainability initiatives, numerous milestones for academic programs and national recognition for student groups.

"I want to thank, once again, the entire university community for making all of these and many other successes possible, and for keeping a positive, optimistic attitude while we continually strive to move ahead in spite of the difficult economic times," Geoffroy said.

See President Geoffroy's fall convocation remarks.

Budget outlook

Looming budget challenges include the "very real possibility of a significant mid-year reversion in our state appropriations" and the possibility of further reductions in next year's (FY11) budget, Geoffroy said.

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"It promises to be a very challenging legislative session," he said, "but I can assure you that we will do our absolute best to convince our elected leaders of the importance of preserving the excellence that we have worked so hard to build and grow here at Iowa State."

Higher ed landscape is changing

Trends in public funding for higher education in Iowa and across the nation make it clear that "the landscape of higher education is changing," Geoffroy said.

"The real challenge for all of us is how to best adjust to those changes and to the new fiscal realities while simultaneously staying true to our mission and still finding ways to fulfill it at the highest levels of excellence and impact.

"We simply have no choice but to decide what it is that we can do best, exactly where we want to be a strong leader, and then focus sharply on *those* areas while letting others go," he said.

Strategic planning

"It's in times like these that strategic thinking and strategic planning become even more important," Geoffroy added.

Key planning committees have begun work on the next plan, and Geoffroy said there will be many opportunities for input as the plan is developed.

Geoffroy concluded his remarks with a call to faculty and staff to "keep very strong focus on excellence and on having a high impact in everything we do."

"We must not let the economic recession and our own budget challenges cause us to lose focus on being a truly outstanding university."

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by Anne Krapfl

The state Board of Regents will seek recurring state funds in FY11 to replace federal stimulus dollars being used to patch together budgets this year at the three regent universities. At its Sept. 17 meeting in Council Bluffs, the board approved the operating budget and capitals budget requests it will send to Gov. Chet Culver for his consideration when he develops his state budget proposal this winter.

Iowa State's budget for the current year includes \$31.6 million in one-time federal stimulus funds.

Also in the regents request is state funding for employee salary increases of about 4.7 percent -- or the estimated percentage increase it will cost to honor merit employees' pay raises this year and next in the contract with the American Federation of State, City and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Regents coverage

Inside Iowa State's regular coverage of state Board of Regents meetings is available in an [online story archive](#).

FY11 capitals budget request

Two of the top six construction or renovation projects the board will request state funding for in FY11 are on the Iowa State campus. The requests include:

- \$38 million for the second part of the biorenewables complex, two wings that would house classrooms, research labs and offices for the agricultural and biosystems engineering department (currently spread out at four locations). Phase 1, the biorenewables research laboratory, is under construction now.
- \$0.5 million for planning of a Coover Hall remodel (phase 2 of improvements for the electrical and computer engineering department)

Funding plans for both projects include a second state funding request in FY12 and other non-state funding sources.

The capitals request also includes \$48 million for fire, environmental and campus safety needs at the three universities and improvement funds for Iowa Public Radio. Specific allotments to each aren't outlined yet.

In other Iowa State business, the board:

- Received a summary of Iowa State's partnership role in re-establishing the national Community College Policy Center (with the Academy for Educational Development and the Education Commission of the States). The purpose of the center, which is located at AED in Washington, D.C., is to provide research and information to state and federal legislators on proven practices for positioning community colleges to meet local and regional economic development and education needs. Iowa State's member in the center is the department of educational leadership and policy studies, also home to the office of community college research and policy and the Research Institute for Studies in Education. Current faculty will coordinate center activities, which will be funded by grants and contracts.
- Approved a third sale of state academic revenue building bonds to partially finance the construction of Hach Hall, this time for \$26 million. Previous bond sales in February and October 2008 totaled about \$25 million; a final bond sale is anticipated early in 2010 to complete the facility. Nearly \$16 million in private gifts also is helping pay for Hach Hall.

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A touch of "army" surrounds the Iowa State-Army football game

The athletics department and Cyclone football program will host the team from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., Sept. 26. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at Jack Trice Stadium.

"We are honored to have the Army football team in Ames," said athletics director Jamie Pollard said. "I know our fans will welcome the Army cadets to Ames on this special weekend."

Several unique events have been scheduled to celebrate the visit of the Army squad. They include:

- An interactive display, "Army Strong," will be set up on South 4th Street. A group of 20 soldiers will manage the display area.
- Weather permitting, the Northwest Special Operations Parachute Demonstration Team "SOF Warriors" will jump from a Blackhawk helicopter onto the Jack Trice Stadium field at 4:45 p.m., or 75 minutes before kickoff. Their jump takes approximately five minutes. This same team also will jump into the Ames High School football stadium Friday night. The "SOF Warriors" are volunteer active duty Special Forces, Ranger and Airborne qualified personnel.
- An Iowa Army National Guard group from Fort Dodge will provide two M102 (105 mm) howitzers to be positioned on the stadium's Jacobson Plaza. The artillery will fire in tandem every hour, on the hour, beginning at 11 a.m. The firing of the guns will symbolize the sacrifice American soldiers have made through history. The howitzers will be on display for the remainder of the game. The M102 howitzer is a lightweight towed weapon. It has been replaced in the active Army by a newer howitzer, but still is found in several Army National Guard units.
- The same Army National Guard group from Fort Dodge will set up a COLT (Combat Observation and Lasing Teams) Knight tour on the Jacobson Plaza. Knight is a precision targeting system consisting of a laser designator/rangefinder, thermal imager, digital controls, blended inertial/GPS navigation and targeting, and a self-defense weapon. It's mounted on the HUMVEE, Stryker and more recently, the armored security vehicle.
- Several members of the active military will take part in the pre-game coin toss, including Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, superintendent of the USMA at West Point; ISU alumnus and Brig. Gen. Timothy Orr, commander of the Iowa Army National Guard; and Lt. Col. Jay Soupene, chair of ISU military science and a West Point graduate.
- Three Black Hawk helicopters will execute a flyover at the conclusion of the national anthem.
- Weather permitting, one of the helicopters will land in the grass area northeast of the stadium. Ames native, former Cyclone football player and 1st Lt. Aaron Rosheim will pilot the aircraft.
- Between the first and second quarters in the north endzone, a live contracting ceremony will be held, which recognizes ISU students who are starting on the path to becoming Army officers.

New hall of famers

Sept. 25-26 is also is Hall of Fame weekend at Iowa State. New inductees to the ISU Letterwinners Hall of Fame will be honored Saturday at halftime.

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Just for basketball

With a basketball-shaped floor design also reflected in the design of the arching entryway (above), it's obvious what the athletics department's newest building holds. The new practice facility opened last week, when the men's and women's basketball programs relocated to their new home.

The 29,000-square-foot facility, located just north of Highway 30 on South Dakota Avenue, cost \$8 million. Among the amenities in the new building are a shared training center, weight room and theater room. Both coaching staffs are housed in offices at the facility, and each program has a regulation playing court, locker room, team lounge and video room. Video decks overlook each court (below), which are accessible to the players and coaches at any time. *Photos by Bob Elbert.*

Find out more about the new basketball practice facility on the [athletics web site](#), including a [video tour](#) and [photo gallery](#).

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Live Green: New printer tool saves some green

by Paula Van Brocklin

Iowa State students who crank out term papers at Parks Library soon will be saving trees and money every time they push the print button on their computers.

The Government of the Student Body recently provided the library \$3,720 of student-generated funds to retrofit the library's 15 public printers with a device that allows for duplex (two-sided) printing. The simple fix will save approximately 20,000 pounds of paper (that's 1,000 reams) annually, and about \$4,000 over the next two years. The printers will be upgraded within the next month.

Teamwork

The project is a team effort between GSB, the library sustainability task force and the library's information technology department.

"[We were] looking at different ways to be good stewards of our resources, and we knew the public printers were in very good condition but they didn't duplex," said Sarah Passonneau, chair of the library's task force.

And since one of GSB's primary initiatives this academic year is promoting sustainability among students, the printer project was a good fit.

"GSB has [several] green initiatives this year, and this is only a small part of what we want to do for the student body," said Clayton Severson, GSB director of sustainability. Severson added that the money the library saves will be used to support future green projects, such as energy-efficient windows and lighting.

Simple and easy

Once the printers are equipped with the new tools, which are approximately 12 by six inches and sit in the printer trays, the default print setting will be duplex. However, students will have the option of printing single-sided, if necessary.

"If the requirements of a class demand single-side printing, they can do that," Passonneau said.

Live Green!

More information about Iowa State's "Live Green!" initiative is [online](#).

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Cyclone Family Weekend begins Friday

by Paula Van Brocklin

If campus seems more congested than usual this weekend, it's not your imagination. At least 400 families will visit Iowa State beginning Friday afternoon, Sept. 25, through Sunday, Sept. 27, for Cyclone Family Weekend.

No decorating this year

Due to lack of participation and tight budgets, the office-decorating contest associated with family weekend will not be held this year. But don't throw out your balloons and crepe paper yet. The dean of students office intends to resurrect the contest next year.

A complete list of Cyclone Family Weekend events is [online](#).

Fun for all

Cyclone Family Weekend will offer an array of entertainment, much of which is open to faculty and staff. Friday events include two performances by mentalist Christopher Carter (7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Great Hall, Memorial Union; tickets are \$5), free crafts (7-9 p.m., Workspace, MU) and a concert featuring Barely Blind with Lancelot and The Promise Hero (9 p.m., Maintenance Shop, MU; tickets are \$5-\$6 in advance, \$7-\$8 day of the show).

Family weekend offers fun for kids as well. The Student Union Board is offering free showings of the animated film, *Up*, beginning Thursday, Sept. 24, through Saturday, Sept. 26. Show times are 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Pioneer Room, MU.

Saturday's focus is athletics. The Cyclones take on Kansas State in volleyball (2 p.m., Hilton Coliseum; tickets are \$4-\$5). And, Army comes to town Saturday evening to battle the Cyclones in football (6 p.m., Jack Trice Stadium; tickets are \$10-\$40).

The fun continues on Sunday with the Collage of Choirs, featuring the Iowa State Singers, Cantamus, Iowa Statesmen and Lyrica (3 p.m., Stephens Auditorium; tickets are \$5-\$10). On Sunday evening, SUB presents a murder mystery dinner theater in the M-Shop, "Murder High Class Reunion of 1989" (6 p.m., tickets are \$15-\$20).

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Another transportation option

by Erin Rosacker

With parking rates that range from \$4 to \$22 per day at the Des Moines International Airport, finding an alternative to driving yourself there could prove financially beneficial.

If you don't have a friend or family member willing to make the roughly 120-mile round trip, your options are hiring a taxi or limousine, or using the recently established Iowa branch of the Minnesota-based Executive Express shuttle service. CyRide used to organize shuttle service to and from the airport during some university breaks, but dropped that service in August.

Adding it up

Area limousine services cost an estimated \$125 to \$285 for a single trip to the airport. Ames Taxi charges \$80 per person for the trip, and \$10 for each additional rider.

Executive Express has nine daily scheduled stops in Ames -- at both ISU's Memorial Union and the Holiday Inn Express and Suites on 13th Street, near Interstate 35 -- and offers the service from 20 other central Iowa towns. A one-way trip from campus costs \$26, with discounts for additional passengers. Round-trip reservations start at \$48. Executive Express also offers home pick-up and drop-off rates, which range from \$10 to \$25 extra per trip; and the company arranges private charters.

Executive Express' scheduled pick-up times at the MU start as early as 4 a.m. and occur regularly through 9:30 p.m. Rates are available [online](#), and reservations can be made either [online](#) or by calling (888) 522-9899.

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Where our students come from

Following is the breakdown, by country and state, of Iowa State's **record fall enrollment** of 27,945.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (Fall 2009)

Country	Undergrad	Professional	Graduate	Total
U.S.	21,067	560	3,301	24,928
China	876		664	1,540
India	54	1	303	358
South Korea	111		104	215
Malaysia	104		24	128
Taiwan	24		56	80
Mexico	20	1	20	41
Turkey	6		30	36
Other	259	2	358	619
Total	22,521	564	4,860	27,945

NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY STATE OF RESIDENCE (Fall 2009)*

State	Undergrad	Professional	Graduate	Total
Iowa	16,164	267	2,072	18,503
Minnesota	1,772	24	152	1,948
Illinois	1,459	15	140	1,614
Nebraska	306	97	51	454
Wisconsin	287	3	103	393
Missouri	156	1	63	220
California	82	13	64	159
Texas	113	2	35	150
Other states	728	138	621	1,487
Total	21,067	560	3,301	24,928

*Doesn't include international students

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Felix (junior Caleb Woodley, standing) and Oscar (senior John Flotho) bring their bickering to the stage in ISU Theatre's production of *The Odd Couple* Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 2-4. Photo by Patrick Gouran.

ISU Theatre brings a laugh to Fisher

by Erin Rosacker

Oscar and Felix come to life at Fisher Theater Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 2-4 in *The Odd Couple*, ISU Theatre's first production of the season. The department kicked off its 2009-10 schedule last month with a presentation of *The History Boys*, featuring the Des Moines-based Stage West theater company.

The Odd Couple pits polar opposites Oscar Madison (senior John Flotho) and Felix Ungar (junior Caleb Woodley) as reluctant roommates. Jane Cox, the play's director and department chair, said there was a reason ISU Theatre picked this Neil Simon classic to open the season lineup.

"We wanted to start our 2009-10 season with a comedy since there are a lot of real problems in many persons' lives, and a few hours spent laughing would be of some help," Cox said.

True to its original Broadway script, the three-act play is set in 1960s New York City. Oscar, a divorced and slovenly sportswriter, invites newswriter and poker-buddy Felix to move in after his wife kicks him out of the house. Felix, an uptight neat-freak, throws himself into cooking and cleaning and in just a couple weeks, both men fall into bickering like a stereotypical married couple.

As the two characters navigate their living situation, their relationship and a double-date with the upstairs neighbors, their impact on each other is clear by the time the final curtain falls.

Friday and Saturday performances of *The Odd Couple* begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors or \$8 for students, and are available at the Stephens box office or through [Ticketmaster](#). Tickets also can be purchased at Fisher

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- "Hot and Cool" exhibition, Sept. 25
- "Voices" exhibition, Sept. 30

Retirements

- Walter Hyde, Sept. 25
- John Newton, Sept. 25
- Mike Bowman, Sept. 30

Open house

- The Workspace (Family Weekend),
Sept. 26-27

Arts & events



The Odd Couple

ISU Theatre opens with a laugh
Neil Simon's classic, *The Odd Couple*,
comes to Fisher Theater for two
weekends of comedy.



Michael Franti & Spearhead

'Say Hey'

Michael Franti and Spearhead play
Stephens Auditorium Sept. 28. The
current hit "Say Hey" is part of the tour
promoting their latest album, *All Rebel
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ISU's Master of Fine Arts in creative
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nation's first to have its own nature
preserve.

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Michael Franti and Spearhead stop at Stephens Auditorium Sept. 28 (7:30 p.m.) on a tour promoting their latest album, *All Rebel Rockers*. Franti adds reggae sounds to his eclectic blend of musical influences -- including the current hit single "Say Hey (I Love You)." Tickets are \$32.50, and are available at the Stephens box office or through [Ticketmaster](#). *Contributed photo.*

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