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succeed Susan Carlson, who accepted a position at the University of California.

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Leaves of glass

As part of this year's garden ornamentation theme at Reiman Gardens, the conservatory is sporting colorful bottle trees. A Southern tradition that likely came from Africa, glass bottles were hung on tree limbs to protect homes by trapping wayward spirits. The conservatory display, which runs through Nov. 14 and features hundreds of glass bottles, offers guests the opportunity to learn more about the tradition and glass recycling. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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New windows: energy efficient and easy on the eye

A phased project to replace single-pane windows in Physics and Science I halls began in the summer of 2008 and will wrap up this fall. This summer's phase will replace 44 windows in Science I and 31 windows in Physics. The old windows were original to the buildings and dated back to the 1920s and 1950s, respectively. The new energy-efficient thermal pane windows already have improved the comfort of occupants and reduced maintenance needs, according to Jay Goss, project manager in facilities planning and management.

Physics Hall houses the physics and astronomy department and Science I Hall provides space for four departments -- geological and atmospheric sciences, microbiology, psychology and natural resource ecology and management.

"We couldn't execute window replacement in an occupied building without good communication and help from the users," Goss said.

This deferred maintenance project is being funded by university funds and deferred maintenance/academic building revenue bonds. Companies working on the project are Edge Commercial, West Des Moines; and Van Ert Glass, Atlantic. *Photos by Bob Elbert.*



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IT tutorials at your fingertips

by Diana Pounds

- The Iowa State student who needs to use Dreamweaver for a class assignment
- The presenter who wants to make Excel pivot tables
- The instructor who can't figure out how to doublespace in the latest version of Word
- The IT staffer who must get up to speed on Drupal

Immediate help is available for these people and for the rest of us who occasionally find ourselves stymied by software. A university contract with Lynda.com allows ISU students, faculty and staff to tap into the massive online video tutorial service, at no charge, to learn new technical skills.

800-plus tutorials

There are more than 800 online tutorials currently available on the site. They range from basic lessons, like to how use Word 2010 or get started in Google calendar, to advanced IT training on such topics as Drupal and JavaScript. In between are sessions on Blogger, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Microsoft Office, Outlook and much more.

"It's an amazing library of stuff," said Jim Twetten, director in information technology services. "If you touch a computer, there's something there for you."

The tutorials are taught by professionals and follow a self-paced, modular format. For example, a 3-hour tutorial on Excel pivot tables consists of seven chapters which in turn are broken into clips, just a few minutes long, on specific tasks.

"You can take the whole course, or just scroll down to specific clips that interest you," Twetten said.

How to access Lynda.com

To access the Lynda.com tutorials free of charge, go to www.iastate.edu/lynda. Type in your net-ID and password to gain entry to the site and the list of available courses. Don't enter the site at Lynda.com; that's the public window to the site and requires fee payment.

Free access through August 2012

Iowa State's three-year contract with Lynda.com runs through August 2012. Funding for the service comes from the Computation Advisory Committee, which is providing \$50,000 in student computer fees, and several colleges and units which are contributing another \$30,000. Those contributors are the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Business, Design, Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Veterinary Medicine as well as information technology services, university library, ISU Extension and the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

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Where's Bob?

University photographer Bob Elbert's vantage point is parking lot 25, between Gilman and Davidson halls. He's looking north, with Hach Hall on the left and Molecular Biology beyond it.

May 27, 2010

Freshman orientation visits start Monday, continue through June 28

by Anne Krapfl

Most of this fall's freshman class will visit campus during June to get the ball rolling on their college careers. Between June 3 and 28, an estimated 3,600 freshmen, many with family members, will arrive to meet their academic advisers and register for fall classes, get their ISUCards, set up university e-mail accounts, attend college-specific welcome sessions and acclimate to the campus. They'll also learn about August move-in, parking personal vehicles, using the student health center, navigating Parks library, choosing a meal plan and paying their university bills. Current students will be tapped to offer advice on getting off to a good start and making the most of their years at Iowa State. A [complete schedule of events](#) is online.

Each orientation session lasts a day and a half and serves 280 to 300 students, said Liz Kurt, director of new student programs. And surprisingly, some of them still are shopping for the right fit.

"There's no assessment that captures how many of our orientation students haven't made a final decision yet," Kurt said, "but every day I talk to someone who is attending multiple orientations."

"That's why customer service is so important," she added.

East side HQ

Due to the State Gym construction project and the subsequent lack of visitor parking on the west side of campus, the orientation base moved to the east side. Registration will take place in the Hixson-Lied Student Success Center, participants will park in the lots surrounding the Maple-Willow-Larch complex, and guests opting to stay on campus will use Maple Hall and eat breakfast in Seasons dining center.

Kurt said she and her staff are pleased to be using the Hixson-Lied center. "It's an awesome facility and we're looking forward to showcasing not just the building but all the academic and student support services the university offers there."

Once they're registered, guests will move to central campus for their day and evening activities. There isn't a designated orientation shuttle bus this summer; instead guests will be encouraged to use CyRide's free orange route shuttle or walk. Guests will choose their own campus lunch spots and dinner is at the dining center in the Union Drive Community Center.

A little help

Kurt noted that central campus summer construction projects, particularly the replacement of Morrill Road, will make way-finding difficult for guests who don't know the campus well.

More info

[2-day schedule of orientation events](#)

"We hope members of our university community will extend a little help to families that look confused or lost," she said. "FP&M has done a good job of putting directional signs in helpful spots, and we're grateful for that."

Beardshear, Carver and Hoover halls; Durham Center and the Memorial Union are central campus buildings with high foot traffic during orientation.

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Search for associate provost is under way

by Diana Pounds

The search for an associate provost for academic personnel is on a fast track, executive vice president and provost Elizabeth Hoffman said in a recent letter to campus officials. Applications for the position are encouraged by June 14 and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Carlson to UC

The new associate provost will succeed Susan Carlson, who recently accepted a position at the University of California. Carlson will join the UC system as vice provost of academic personnel in July.

"We will miss Susan greatly and need to find a worthy successor soon," Hoffman said in the letter. "Given the demands of this important position, we would like to name a successor from among our full professors with some administrative experience, as quickly as possible."

The associate provost will provide leadership for developing and sustaining programs, policies and initiatives to recruit, retain, review and advance faculty.

Search committee

College of Design dean Luis Rico-Gutierrez will chair the search committee. Other search committee members are Micheal Owen, agronomy; Camille Sloan Schroeder, Engineering; Dee Draper, human development and family studies; Francesca Galarraga, equal opportunity and diversity; and Kathryn Overberg, university counsel.

Applications, nominations

Applications for the position must be submitted online through the [ISU Jobs website](#).

Nominations can be sent to search committee chair Rico-Gutierrez, lrico@iastate.edu.

More information

The position description and more information about the search are on the [provost search site](#).

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Tickling the ivories

Pianist Brian Ganz will perform in the Music Building's Tye Hall on June 7 (7:45 p.m.). The award-winning musician's program includes several works by Chopin, who is the subject of Ganz's current recording project. In addition to performing, Ganz also is a visiting instructor at Johns Hopkins University's Peabody Conservatory and St. Mary's College, Maryland. The concert, scheduled as part of the Iowa Music Teachers Association state conference, is open to the public. Tickets, \$15 for adults and free for students, will be available at the door. *Contributed photo.*



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