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Drop by the flu shot clinic

The employee flu shot clinic is under way in 205 TASF. Vaccinations are available weekdays (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) through Oct. 28.



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- Comments sought on volunteers policy
- Changes to TIAA-CREF statements explained
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2011 Homecoming events kick off this weekend and continue through Oct. 22

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Halfway to completion

Work is about 50 percent complete on the Ames Intermodal Facility on university property at the west end of Campustown (Hayward Avenue and Chamberlain Street). On schedule for completion in early June, the facility will include enclosed bus bays, a taxi stand and two levels of parking for nearly 400 vehicles. Access will be from both Hayward and Sheldon avenues. CyRide will own the facility; the parking division in ISU's department of public safety will manage it. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Five finalists named in Liberal Arts and Sciences dean search

by Anne Krapfl

A search committee has identified five finalists for the next dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The finalists are:

- Albert Boggess, professor and former head of the mathematics department at Texas A&M University, College Station
- Carolyn Cutrona, professor and chair of the psychology department at Iowa State
- Chaden Djalali, professor and chair of the physics and astronomy department at the University of South Carolina, Columbia
- Douglas Epperson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Washington State University, Pullman
- Beate Schmittmann, professor and chair of the physics department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg

Campus interviews for the five finalists are scheduled during the last week of October and early November. Each candidate's visit will include a 3:30 p.m. open forum as listed below. A reception will follow each forum.

- Boggess: Monday, Oct. 24, 1951 Food Sciences
- Cutrona: Thursday, Oct. 27, 1951 Food Sciences
- Djalali: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1951 Food Sciences
- Schmittmann: Thursday, Nov. 3, 1951 Food Sciences
- Epperson: Monday, Nov. 7, 2019 Morrill

"We're extremely pleased with the high quality of the applicant pool and these five finalists. It's a testament to the strength of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the desirability of this leadership post," said search committee co-chair and Engineering dean Jonathan Wickert. "We're grateful to the LAS community for all the ideas and feedback to the committee since we began the search process in February with two college forums."

Wickert and David Holger, associate provost for academic programs and dean of the Graduate College, are leading a 20-member search committee. Their efforts yielded 37 nominations and 33 applications for the LAS dean post. The five finalists were selected following off-campus interviews Oct. 8-9.

Former LAS dean Michael Whiteford retired from the university on June 30. David Oliver, professor of genetics, development, and cell biology and associate dean for research in the college, is serving as interim dean.

Meet the candidates; complete vita online

Following is more information about the five finalists. Background information on the finalists is online on the [LAS dean search website](#).

Al Boggess has been a member of the mathematics faculty at Texas A&M since 1982 and served as head of A&M's largest department, with 130 faculty, from 2002 until last month. In that capacity, he raised funds for undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships and an endowed chair. He is the co-author of four textbooks. He earned a B.S. from the University of Texas and Ph.D. in mathematics from Rice University, Houston.

Carolyn Cutrona joined the ISU psychology faculty in 1992 and has served as department chair since 2009. She had leadership roles in ISU's Institute for Social and Behavioral Research from 2000 to 2009, including serving as director (2003-09). Previously, she spent 11 years in the psychology department at the University of Iowa. She is a fellow of both the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. She earned a B.A. in English from Stanford University, California; an M.A. in counseling and guidance from the University of Mexico, Albuquerque; and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Chaden Djalali has led South Carolina's physics and astronomy department since 2004 and been a university faculty member since 1989. Since 2007, he has held a Carolina Distinguished professorship, which recognizes outstanding research and teaching. He served in tenured research positions at IPN-Orsay (Institut de Physique Nucléaire) in suburban Paris from 1981 to 1992, leaving for two years to work in the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michigan State University, East Lansing (1985-87). He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics from the University of Paris XI, France; and a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from IPN-Orsay.

Doug Epperson has served as dean of Washington State's College of Liberal Arts since 2009. He was a member of the psychology faculty at Iowa State from 1979 to 2009. He served as associate dean of administration in the LAS college (2004-09) and as interim associate dean for the year prior. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and a licensed psychologist in Iowa. He earned a B.S. in philosophy and M.S. in educational psychology from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City; and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from The Ohio State University, Columbus.

Beate Schmittmann joined the Virginia Tech faculty in 1991 and has chaired the physics department since 2006. Previously, she served as a research associate (1984-86) and assistant professor (1986-91) at the Institute for Theoretical Physics III, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany. She is a fellow of the American Physical Society. She earned a diploma in physics from RWTH Aachen University, Germany; and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Hira to retire as Business dean and remain on faculty

by Mike Ferlazzo, News Service

Labh Hira, who is in his 11th year as dean of the College of Business, has announced that he will retire as dean when his term ends on June 30. He will remain on the faculty as a professor of accounting.

Hira, the Raisbeck Endowed Dean, has led a period of tremendous growth and transition in the College of Business, marked by two of the most significant milestones in the college's history: the completion of the Gerdin Business Building and the creation of a Ph.D. program in business and technology.

He chaired the College of Business building planning committee, which oversaw the \$25 million project to build the college's first stand-alone, state-of-the-art facility. It opened in January 2004.

The Ph.D. program began in fall 2009. Its implementation represented the final step in making the College of Business a comprehensive business program. The first class of Ph.D. students will graduate in spring 2013.

"The College of Business has a great story to tell. We should be proud of the many things that all of us, together, have achieved in recent years," Hira said. "The college is well positioned for a new dean to build on those accomplishments. The university is fortunate to have such strong leadership in president Geoffroy and president-designate Leath, who I know will conduct a successful search for the position."

Executive vice president and provost Elizabeth Hoffman has appointed Pamela White, dean of the College of Human Sciences, and associate provost Dawn Bratsch-Prince to co-chair the search for Hira's successor, which will begin immediately. Nominations should be sent to bhoffman@iastate.edu.

Surpassing the college's campaign goal



Labh Hira

"Labh Hira has been a tremendous dean and an outstanding university citizen. I know he has delayed his retirement more than once for the good of the college and the university, and we are indebted to him for this exceptional dedication."

Hira worked to improve support for the college's faculty, students and programs through the university's recent capital campaign, generating just under \$48 million for the college -- or nearly \$6 million over its campaign goal. Under Hira, scholarship funds have increased from \$149,000 in 2003-04 to \$470,000 in 2010-11. The number of named faculty positions also increased from five to 27 during that time.

President Gregory
Geoffroy

"I have enjoyed working with Labh as dean and value his outstanding leadership," Hoffman said. "During his tenure, the college has moved forward in many important ways. He has recruited and supported outstanding faculty, staff and students. He worked very well with alumni and significantly increased the number of privately supported faculty chairs, professorships and fellowships. He developed and launched the college's first Ph.D. program and saw the college's ranking improve dramatically. We wish him well as he transitions back to being a professor of accounting."

Leadership beyond the college

Hira's leadership has extended beyond his college. He recently served the Iowa Board of Regents as co-chair of the ISU presidential search committee. Hira chaired the search committees for the current deans of the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and of Engineering, and co-chaired the search committee for the current dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a co-chair of the review committee tasked this year with evaluating the effectiveness of the university's budget model.

"Labh Hira has been a tremendous dean and an outstanding university citizen," said president Gregory Geoffroy. "He has provided great leadership for the College of Business, and the college has significantly improved its academic standing nationally under his guidance. Many times, Labh has stepped forward to assume important leadership roles for the university, most recently, co-chairing the presidential search committee. I know he has delayed his retirement more than once for the good of the college and the university, and we are indebted to him for this exceptional dedication."

Hira joined the Iowa State faculty in 1982. He was appointed associate dean of the college in 1996, and senior associate dean in 2000. He served as professor and chair of accounting and finance from 1992 to 1996. He was named the college's interim dean in July 2001 and dean in July 2002.

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Do's and don'ts of political activity at Iowa State

by Diana Pounds

Iowa's early caucuses will bring the usual parade of presidential hopefuls and national media to Iowa and Iowa State University over the next few months. The political goings-on can be exciting, but they often require deft handling by faculty and staff to ensure that the university does not promote partisan causes or candidates.

In this Q&A, university counsel Paul Tanaka answers questions on campus political activity.

What's the key point to be made about political activities on campus?

The key point is neutrality. While Iowa State University is a place for exchange of ideas, including political ideas, our obligation as a public institution is to not favor a particular partisan political cause or candidate. This is more than a matter of maintaining the public trust. As a state institution and non-profit organization, Iowa State must abide by federal and state restrictions on the use of its property, equipment and facilities to influence the vote.

Can university buildings be used for political campaign activities?

Generally, campaign events should be held in spaces available for public use, such as the Memorial Union (4-1437) or the Iowa State Center (4-3347). To assure fairness and to give priority for academic uses, the university discourages use of academic buildings and spaces for campaign events. As public buildings fill up, exceptions may need to be made. Those getting requests for academic space for a campaign event should contact **Cathy Brown** (4-6001). She will insure that scheduling alternatives have been considered and will monitor to assure fairness.

If current public officials request facility tours, is it OK to comply?

As long as the purpose of the tour is to provide information for the public official and does not involve a solicitation for votes, it will not be treated as a campaign event. Generally, such events should be coordinated through Government Relations (4-4941).

As ISU faculty and staff, can we speak up about our personal political views?

Faculty and staff can speak and act as individual citizens, but they shouldn't say or imply that their views are those of the university.

Does that mean I may talk politics in the office?

Yes, if you're not disrupting the work.

If I express a political view in a letter to the editor, is it OK to use my university title?

For purposes of identification, you can use your university title, as long as you don't imply that you speak on behalf of the university. If there's a chance of confusion, it is your obligation to clarify that you're speaking only for yourself.

May I engage in activities supporting candidates or ballot measures?

If it's on your own time and with your own equipment, yes. However, state law prohibits working on a political campaign during work hours and posting political campaign signs on state property, which would include your workplace and the building and grounds of campus.

May I invite a candidate or political advocate to speak to my class?

Federal law requires that all candidates have equal and fair access to the university. If you invite a candidate or advocate to your class, you must give opposing candidates and speakers the same opportunity. They need not take advantage of that opportunity.

Are candidate forums allowed?

Yes, if the forums or series of events are balanced and intended to educate the community on issues relevant to an upcoming election.

What about an ISU faculty or staff member presenting research on the political process or a ballot measure?

Yes, assuming it's not a pretext for supporting a candidate or measure.

May university officials comment on how candidate actions or ballot measures might affect Iowa State?

Yes, as long as the comments reflect concern about the university and its mission. The comments cannot be simply an attempt to influence the success or failure of candidates or measures.

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Staying ahead of the flu

Jerry Amenson, who manages a Town Engineering research lab for the office of biotechnology, received his annual flu shot Tuesday at the employee flu shot clinic in 205 TASF. Summon your courage, clear 30 minutes on your calendar and get your flu vaccination -- at no cost to you -- by Oct. 28. The clinic is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You don't need an appointment but remember to bring your ISU ID card or your university number with you. [Clinic details](#). *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Senate urges school of education proposal forward

by Diana Pounds

A proposal to combine two departments, the teacher education program and associated centers into a school of education received endorsement from the Faculty Senate during its Oct. 10 meeting. The senate's vote constitutes a recommendation that university administrators forward the proposal to the Iowa Board of Regents for final approval.

The proposed school of education in the College of Human Sciences would combine two existing departments (curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and policy studies), associated centers and the university teacher education program.

Proponents say the school would build partnerships that enrich student education and enhance the quality of scholarship as well as make more efficient use of resources.

Streamlined research processes

A report on new, streamlined processes for research activities drew applause from senators. Sharron Quisenberry, vice president for research and economic development, said a major effort to revamp processes and procedures related to research activities has been under way for six months.

The main goal, she said, is to have a process in place that makes sense and doesn't require faculty, staff and students to spend a lot of time "going through one hoop after another and then not getting to an end that's satisfactory."

Jerry Zamzow, acting program manager in the office for responsible research, elaborated on recent changes for those seeking Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for research. Federal regulations mandate IRB approval for research involving human participants. Through changes in processes and paperwork, the average turnaround time for IRB approval has decreased from 46 days a year ago to 9 days.

"The IRB process was one of the largest complaints we had from faculty across the campus last year," senate president Steve Freeman said. "We are very pleased that changes were identified and happened so quickly."

Same acronym, new name

The senate also gave its support to a name change for the department of apparel, educational studies

and hospitality management (AESHM). The new name -- the department of apparel, events and hospitality management -- reflects:

- the addition of a new major, event management, to AESHM
- moving one program (family and consumer sciences education and studies) from AESHM to another department

AESHM faculty liked the old acronym, pronounced "awesome," and decided to retain it.

New business: B.S. in athletic training, new award, discontinuation

The senate got its first look at several new proposals -- a B.S. in athletic training, a Morrill Professorship in teaching and learning, and discontinuation of an undergraduate major in insect science. The senate likely will vote on these proposals at its November meeting.

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Taking the scenic route

Some 1,500 walkers, most of them ISU faculty and staff, turned out last Friday for the all-Iowa "Start Somewhere Walk," a one-kilometer launch for the **Healthiest State Initiative**. State-wide, more than 291,000 people joined the walk.

ISU walkers had their choice of six campus loops, any of which could be considered the scenic route during this gorgeous time of year. The walkers pictured are winding around central campus.

Human Sciences dean Pamela White serves on the Healthiest State Initiative advisory board. Greg Welk and Mary Savage of the Nutrition and Wellness Research Center served as chief organizers of the campus walk. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Homecoming 2011 kicks off this weekend

by Paula Van Brocklin

Break out your cardinal and gold apparel, find 5 bucks to buy a button for the noon lunches and take a stroll through Campustown to admire the creatively painted storefronts. In other words, show your Cyclone pride and participate in Iowa State's 2011 homecoming festivities, Oct. 16-22.

This year's theme, "Cyclone State of Mind," will be reflected in many of the traditional homecoming activities, including the Yell-Like-Hell competition, Victory Lane painting and lawn displays. But students and alums won't have all the fun. There are plenty of events for faculty and staff, too. A complete [homecoming schedule](#) is online, but here are some highlights. Events are free unless indicated.



2011 Homecoming: "Cyclone State of Mind"

Friday, Oct. 14

- [Office decorating contest](#) deadline (must register via [email](#) to be part of judging). Judging begins Oct. 17.

Saturday, Oct. 15

- Blue Sky Day 5k Run/Walk (10 a.m.; check-in at 9 a.m., central campus). Participants must preregister [online](#). Cost is \$18.

Sunday, Oct. 16

- Storefront window painting (8 a.m.-2 p.m., Campustown, corner of Welch Avenue and Lincoln Way).
- Painting of Victory Lane (noon-6 p.m., Lot C6, north of Jack Trice Stadium).
- Yell-Like-Hell first cuts (3-5:30 p.m., central campus).
- Food on Campus (5-7 p.m., central campus). Hickory Park "Saucy Southerners," chips and a drink. Cost is \$3.
- Battle of the Bands (6-8 p.m., central campus).

- Performance, **Mike Stud**, rapper, (8 p.m., central campus).

Monday, Oct. 17

- Food on campus (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., central campus), Hy-Vee Chinese, \$5 button required (available on central campus).

Tuesday, Oct. 18

- Food on campus (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., central campus), Papa John's pizza, \$5 button required (available on central campus).

Wednesday, Oct. 19

- Food on campus (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., central campus), Walking tacos, \$5 button required (available on central campus).
- Yell-Like-Hell second cuts, (6:30-8 p.m., central campus).

Thursday, Oct. 20

- Food on campus (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., central campus), Valentino's, \$5 button required (available on central campus).

Friday, Oct. 21

- Food on campus (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., central campus), pork burgers, \$5 button required (available on central campus).
- **ISU Alumni Association Honors and Awards Ceremony** (1:30 p.m., Benton Auditorium, Scheman Building).
- Soccer, ISU vs. Texas Tech (6:30 p.m., soccer complex east of Lied Center).
- Pep rally and Yell-Like-Hell finals (6:30-8 p.m., central campus). Includes appearances by Cy, ISU marching band, spirit squad and Cyclone athletics teams.
- ExCYtement in the Streets (8-10 p.m., Greek community south of campus), lighted lawn displays.
- Pancake feed (10 p.m.-12:30 a.m., central campus). Cost is \$3.
- Mass campaniling and fireworks (midnight, central campus).

Saturday, Oct. 22

- ISU Alumni Center garden dedication (10:30 a.m., west lawn, ISU Alumni Center).
- Cyclone central tailgate (11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., ISU Alumni Center). **Preregister for meal** by Oct. 19. Cost is \$17, \$12 and \$10. Admission to tailgate is free.
- Football, ISU vs. Texas A&M (2:30 p.m., Jack Trice Stadium). Cost is \$20-\$65.