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This public art is a public process

Artists from Des Moines-based Sticks Inc. have been tag-teaming since mid-September on a four-wall mural in Horticulture Hall's south foyer. The area remains open as the team works; look for the project to wrap up later this month.

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Hold the date: Geoffroy reception is Dec. 8

President Gregory Geoffroy and Kathy Geoffroy will be the guests of honor at a Dec. 8 university reception.

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Gregory and Kathy Geoffroy

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- Flu vaccine still available
- Four Giving Trees will hold local children's wishes Nov. 11-30
- Faculty sought as guest DJs on campus radio station
- Recipients of 2011-12 academic advising awards announced
- CAC technology proposals sought
- Financial aid half-day conference is Dec. 9
- Jiles to present Nov. 14 Osborn Club lecture
- Phi Kappa Phi ceremony is Nov. 13
- Registration open for Dec. 2 5K Jingle Jog

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Reception

- Mary Holz-Clause, Nov. 16

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Professional and Scientific Council meeting. Council members will vote on the measure in December.

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Extra-public art

The Art in State Buildings project in the south foyer of Horticulture Hall puts a whole new spin on "public" art. A four-wall mural by *Sticks* founder Sarah Grant and her team of artists is being created in the building this fall. The on-site work began Sept. 12 with pencil sketching (bottom image). Students, faculty, staff and alumni were invited to share with the artists their ideas for the history and unique qualities of horticulture at Iowa State. In mid-October, a team of artists began the process of burning the images into birch panels (above). The team currently is painting and hopes to wrap up its

work next week. As a final step, all the wood, including four office doors that open onto the foyer, will be sealed.

The horticulture mural becomes part of University Museums' Art on Campus collection. Funding comes from the horticulture greenhouses replacement project. Since 1978, the Iowa Art in State Buildings program requires that 0.5 percent of new construction or remodeling funds be used to acquire public art for the project. *Photos by Bob Elbert.*



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Photo by Jim Heemstra.

Save the date: Reception for the Geoffroys is Dec. 8

The university community will thank Gregory and Kathy Geoffroy for their 10-plus years of service to Iowa State during a campus reception Thursday, Dec. 8. The come-and-go event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in the ballrooms on the main floor of the Memorial Union.

A 30-minute program will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. During other times, the Geoffroys

will greet guests in a receiving line. Refreshments will be available and live music will be provided by the ISU Small Jazz Ensemble, a student-faculty group.

The reception is open to the public. Those unable to attend are welcome to send a note or card to the Geoffroys, in care of The Knoll.

President Geoffroy will continue to lead the university through mid-January.

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Senate approves new professorship

by Erin Rosacker

A third career achievement designation, intended to honor faculty who excel at teaching and learning, was approved at the Nov. 8 Faculty Senate meeting.

A maximum of five faculty could be selected as Morrill Professors annually. Like the Distinguished and University professors, Morrill Professors receive an increase in their base pay and carry the title during their Iowa State career.

"This is to establish a career achievement designation similar to the Distinguished Professor -- to value the educational and learning aspects of our faculty," said Steve Freeman, senate president.

Morrill Professorships recognize faculty who demonstrate excellence in:

- scholarship of teaching and learning
- effective facilitation of learning
- involvement (activities, recognition)
- innovations
- service
- implementation of teaching philosophy, goals

Faculty honored as Morrill Professors become members of the new Morrill Academy for Teaching and Learning. The academy will partner with the colleges, CELT (Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching) and other on- and off-campus constituencies interested in educational initiatives.

Other business

Senators also approved:

- A new bachelor of science degree in athletic training, housed in the kinesiology department
- Discontinuation of the undergraduate major in insect science

A proposed minor in U.S. Latino/a studies was introduced and will be voted on at the December meeting. Suzanne Hendrich, chair of the academic affairs council, said it would be a stand-alone degree program, not associated with a major.

"We hope that this minor is timely and adds to the liberal arts education of our students and their ability to be culturally competent in all their different professions," said Loreto Prieto, director of Latino/a studies.

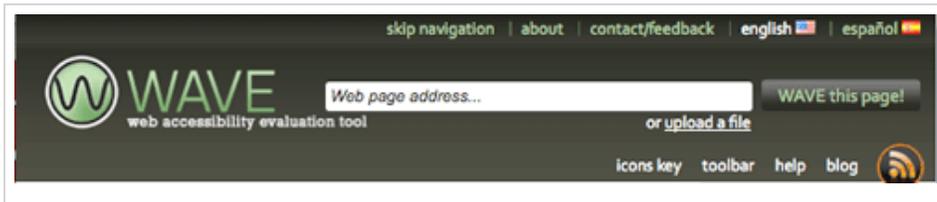
Changes to language in section 2.6 of the *Faculty Handbook* -- and a proposed amendment to the changes -- also are being considered for a possible vote in December. Freeman said the changes would clarify current practices and policies dealing with governance documents for different faculty groups.

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Try the 5-second web page accessibility test

by Diana Pounds

Does your departmental website pass muster in accessibility? In less than five seconds, you can find out.

- Open [WAVE](#), a web accessibility evaluation page
- Paste your website's URL in the blank web address box
- Hit return

In a matter of seconds, your page will reload with a:

- Cheery notification: "WAVE has detected no accessibility errors"
- Or gentle let-down: "Uh oh! WAVE has detected 12 accessibility errors"

In either case, you've probably got some work to do. The WAVE tool can find obvious accessibility problems on a web page. But final analysis of any page must be done by a human, not a software program.

New site offers accessibility tweaks

Many web sites, even those riddled with WAVE errors, often can be made accessible with a few tweaks. A new ISU [website](#) lists some of the most **common causes of accessibility errors** and their fixes. The site also includes links to handy **online tools** for assessing such features as how visible a page is to those who are colorblind and whether there is adequate contrast between text and background.

A good place to start

Make your website accessible

Benefits

Website accessibility is a good thing for many reasons. Accessible sites:

- Extend your information to more people, including people with visual or hearing problems, those

who aren't handy with a mouse, students with learning disabilities, web surfers on slow networks and even those using mobile devices

- Have standards-compliant code, making it easier for screen readers for the blind, search engines and the general public to find information
- Meet federal legal requirements regarding accessibility for people with disabilities

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Council looking at research misconduct policy

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Professional and Scientific Council members are considering a resolution in favor of a research misconduct draft policy. They will vote on the measure next month.

The proposed policy outlines procedures for reporting, investigating and responding to charges of research misconduct. Federal regulations require the university to have a policy to be eligible for funding. The [research misconduct draft policy](#) is open for public review and comment in the policy library through Nov. 18.

Administrative reports

In other council business:

- Executive vice president and provost Elizabeth Hoffman said the state Board of Regents' council of provosts approved Iowa State's proposed School of Education in the College of Human Sciences. The request will appear on the board's December agenda.
- Mike Otis, associate director of human resource services, said a pay administration policy committee was formed. He said the P&S Council executive committee already met with the group, which is gathering input and feedback about policies that affect core practices, such as hiring, reclassification and retention factors.

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