

College of Engineering marks 10 years of excellence with yearlong celebration

Boise State's College of Engineering kicked off its yearlong 10th anniversary festivities this fall with plenty to celebrate — including news that the college had moved up seven slots to 12th place in the U.S. News & World Report's list of best engineering programs among public, comprehensive universities.

The list is included in the 2007 edition of "America's Best Colleges," published annually by U.S. News. Boise State's College of Engineering tied with several other public universities for the 12th place ranking, including the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and California State University-Los Angeles.

"We are very pleased that the College of Engineering at Boise State continues to gain recognition for excellence. To be ranked in 12th place in this national survey only 10 years after the college began is quite an accomplishment," says College of Engineering Dean Cheryl Schrader.

"Engineering 10.0," the college's yearlong celebration, kicked off at the start of the current academic year with a barbecue attended by students, faculty and industry representatives. Boise Mayor Dave Bieter also attended and presented a proclamation to Schrader and Boise State Presi-

dent Bob Kustra declaring the day "Boise State College of Engineering Day" in the city of Boise.

Other special events during the year include an alumni recognition luncheon held in October, Family Engineering Day and National Engineers Week in February, and a special Commencement celebration in May. Guest lectures, laboratory tours and other outreach activities are also planned.

The College of Engineering traces its roots to November 1996, when the State Board of Education approved four-year baccalaureate degree programs in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering at Boise State. The programs, initially part of the College of Technology, were transferred to the new College of Engineering after the State Board approved Boise State's proposal to divide the College of Technology into



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two new colleges —the College of Engineering and the Larry Selland College of Applied Technology.

In the ensuing decade, engineering programs at Idaho's largest university have experienced dramatic growth. The College of Engineering now offers 13 bachelor's and master's degree programs and a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering.

—Janelle Brown

Boise State makes plans for diamond anniversary

The College of Engineering's 10th anniversary festivities aren't the only on-campus celebrations planned at Boise State University over the next several months.

- In recognition of the opening of Boise Junior College on Sept. 6, 1932, the entire university is making preliminary plans to celebrate its 75th anniversary in the fall of 2007. A variety of special on-campus events and activities will be held to commemorate the landmark date.

- The Selland College of Applied Technology is making plans to recognize the 60th year of vocational education on the Boise State campus. In 1947, BJC formed a new unit called the Division of Vocational Education, which over the years has morphed into Boise State's School of Vocational Technical Education, the School of Applied Technology, and in 1997 (50 years after its formation) into the Selland College of Applied Technology. Various activities are planned next spring to recognize the college's service to the Treasure Valley and beyond.

- The College of Education is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its first doctoral graduates, beginning with an open house in December to welcome potential students and introduce them to the program. In February, the College of Education will host an invitation-only celebration to share the successes of the program with faculty members, administrators, graduates and others. The college's Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction was Boise State's first doctoral program.

- In 2007 Taco Bell Arena will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The venue's marketing department is working on a survey of alumni and students to solicit ideas for what musical or comedy act they would most like to see as part of an anniversary concert in the late spring or early fall of 2007. Taco Bell Arena will also hold a 25th anniversary celebration during the upcoming Bronco basketball season. The sports and entertainment arena was known as the Boise State Pavilion when it opened in 1982.