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CALENDAR | MARCH 19-25

- 19 • University Forum, James Quigley
CEO, Deloitte & Touche Tohmatsu
- 20 • *Celtic Tales*, Snow Black Box Theatre
- 21 • Best of Guitars Unplugged
 - Last day to drop Second Block Classes
 - Last day to withdraw from Second Block Classes
- 25 • *The Rainmaker*, Snow Drama Theater

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Influence of One

The Influence of One brings you a cultural presentation, characterizing individuals who in their homelands have made a contribution to literacy, democracy and religious freedom. The event is March 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.

Floral Arts Show

Come to the Floral Arts Event Show on March 21 from 1–4 p.m. in the Benson Building. The show will provide new and exciting ideas for celebrating the special times in life with loved ones. Tickets are \$3.

Mothers' Weekend

Mothers' Weekend is coming May 29-31. Come join us for a weekend of enlightenment and fun. Stay tuned for further details.

Faculty member heads non-profit organization to educate African children



History department's David Pigott mixing with Ugandan youth near Gulu.

“They told me to kill my father. They told me, ‘If you refuse, we are going to kill you! You have to kill your father right now!’ They gave me the machete to start killing my father. I told them, ‘No, I’m not going to kill my father,’ Then I decided to run away.”

This is the harrowing story of Denis Ayella, a former child soldier and refugee from the Gulu camp in Uganda, Africa.

“It all started with Denis,” said David Pigott, faculty member in the Department of History, Geography and Political Science, and president of Enough to Spare.

Enough to Spare is a non-profit organization created by Pigott after he was inspired to help other children like Denis in Uganda.

Pigott met Denis in 2007 when he returned to Uganda to make a documentary about the effects that westernization and globalization have on native Ugandan communities. Pigott had previously been to Uganda in 2005 to witness the construction of a library

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Typical schoolchildren in rural Uganda



A typical rural classroom

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at Nkumba University. The library was built in part to house many books that he and his students had collected and sent to the university.

While visiting the refugee camp in Gulu, Denis followed Pigott and his cameramen around the camp until they agreed to interview him. Moved by Denis and his story of survival, Pigott found a school in Gulu for Denis to attend and has been paying Denis' school fees for the past few years.

"We had to get him (Denis) out of the refugee camp. He was literally dying in there," Pigott said.

"Education is the only way for children in Uganda to escape severe poverty. With education comes power and knowledge," Pigott said.

In Uganda there is free public education, but with strings attached. "There are associated fees that children are required to pay to attend school. The children have to have a uniform; they have to pay lab fees. This makes it impossible for the abject poor to attend school," Pigott said.

"Our organization sponsors Ugandan children so they can attend school," Pigott said. The mission of Enough to Spare is twofold. The primary objective is to pay school fees for Ugandan war orphans and refugees. The cost of sending a child to one of the schools affiliated with Enough to Spare is \$252 a year, or \$21 a month.

In addition, Enough to Spare is raising funds to help one of its participating schools build its own corn mill. This would allow the school to be financially independent and provide a food staple for students. Currently, the locals sell their corn to a middleman who takes it and sells it to a mill for processing. The mill then

sells the processed corn back to the growers. The corn mill would help both the school and the local economy by eliminating the costs associated with a middleman. The estimated cost of the project is \$12,000.

Enough to Spare has additional plans to raise funds to someday build its own school in Kampala, Uganda. This project would cost an estimated \$60,000. The blueprints for the school have already been created.

Enough to Spare has a 501 c3 status, meaning that it is an official non-profit organization. All donations made to Enough to Spare are tax deductible.

So far, Enough to Spare has sponsored nine children to attend school in Uganda. "I know that nine children is not a significant number, but that's nine more than would have been helped," Pigott said.

Ssimbwa Busulwe Kakinda, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who works with the LDS mission in Uganda, oversees the administrative duties and day-to-day work of Enough to Spare in Uganda. Kakinda is not paid for his service. However, Enough to Spare understands the sacrifice and difficulty that their field agents (men and women who help determine what children are in the greatest immediate need) face in making a living in Uganda. Donations can be made to directly support these individuals.

Pigott feels that it is his responsibility to help the children in Uganda in whatever way he can. "I know that where much is given, much is expected, and I feel that I have been very fortunate and have been given a great deal in this life. I just want to pass that along to others in need," Pigott said.

To learn more about Enough to Spare visit www.enoughtospare.org.

Dr. Del Parkinson receives Eliza R. Snow Alumni Award

Dr. Del Parkinson, a former piano teacher at BYU–Idaho, was the recipient of the 2009 Eliza R. Snow Alumni Award. The award was presented to Parkinson Wednesday, March 18, in the Snow Ensemble Hall.

Each year, the Eliza R. Snow Society for the Performing and Visual Arts recognizes and honors an individual who has excelled in the performing and visual arts. The recipient must be an alumni of Ricks College or BYU–Idaho, active and in good standing in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and be supportive of BYU–Idaho and its programs.

“I was both surprised and overwhelmed when I learned of my nomination for the award. As we navigate through life, it often presents interesting turns. This one took me completely by surprise. When I think of the many deserving people I know in the arts, I was humbled and overwhelmed to learn of my selection,” Parkinson said.

Parkinson was the coordinator of piano instruction at BYU–Idaho, where he taught for eight years. He is now a professor of piano at Boise State University, where he joined the faculty in 1985.

“He has a strong commitment to personal excellence, which goes well beyond the expectation of a teaching position,” said Dr. Brent Jones, faculty member in the Department of Music, and friend and former colleague of Parkinson.

Parkinson’s professional and academic career began at the age of five when he first learned to play the piano in his hometown of Blackfoot, Idaho. Years later, Parkinson received a Fulbright-Hays grant for graduate study in London. He also holds a doctorate of music from Indiana University and a postgraduate diploma from The Juilliard School.

Parkinson’s London debut recital was on the American Bicentennial Series, where he was selected as only one of two

American pianists to perform a solo debut recital at Wigmore Hall in London. The Idaho Commission on the Arts sponsored his New York debut recital in the Carnegie Recital Hall.

Parkinson has performed with the Guadalajara Symphony, the Indiana University Symphony, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Utah Symphony, and the Boise Philharmonic.

Parkinson is also featured on four compact disc recordings: *The American Piano Quartet*, *Mendelssohn Two-Piano Concerto*, *Rachmaninoff Duo Piano Works*, and *Celebrating Gershwin*.

In addition to receiving the Eliza R. Snow Alumni Award, Parkinson is the recipient of the Boise State University Foundation Scholar Award for creative activity, the Boise Mayor’s Award for artistic excellence, the Morrison Center Honor Medallion, the Idaho Commission on the Arts Career Fellowship Award and the Idaho Governor’s Award for excellence in the arts.

Parkinson is known for caring about and serving those he teaches. “Wherever Dr. Parkinson has traveled as a performer, clinician, judge or teacher, he has developed a great following because of his unselfish service and interest in people. Somehow, he remembers everyone’s name and their unique personal circumstances and concerns,” Jones said.

The Eliza R. Snow Society was established to allow BYU–Idaho students to develop their talents and achieve their full potential in the areas of art, dance, interior design, music and theater. For Eliza R. Snow Society membership information, visit www.byui.edu/snowsociety.

NEXT WEEK’S DEVOTIONAL KELAND IVAN MILLS



Keland Ivan Mills was born in Afton, Wyoming, to Richard Ivan and Betty Burton Mills. He was raised in Laketown, Utah.

In 1985, he served in the Japan Nagoya Mission. Afterward, Brother Mills received a bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University and attended master’s courses in Language Acquisition there. He is currently the director of International MTCs in the Church’s Missionary Department, and he is the former manager of training at the Provo Missionary Training Center.

Brother Mills currently serves as a counselor in his stake presidency, and has also served as a mission president in the Japan Fukuoka Mission, bishop, counselor in a bishopric, Primary teacher and chorister, Sunday School president, Gospel Doctrine teacher and Scoutmaster.

He is married to Kathleen Goates. They currently live in Spanish Fork, Utah, with their three children.



Employee Profile

Daren Olson
Curriculum
Development
Manager

Daren Olson, curriculum development manager at BYU–Idaho, said the very best part about his job is “working with talented and dedicated faculty to develop high-quality online courses.”

Olson received his Ph.D. in instructional technology from Utah State University. He’s given up on trying to explain what instructional technology means, and added, “After years of trying to define it to my folks, all my mom knows is that I help teach people and do stuff with computers.”

Olson and his wife were both born and raised in Idaho. They lived in Independence, Mo., for a year while he worked at a software company in the area.

“We enjoyed many things about that area of the country: the Church History sites, the deciduous forests, the lakes and streams, the barbeque,” Olson said.

When asked what activities he enjoys, Olson said, “My wife enjoys all sorts of crafts and outdoor activities, and I enjoy doing whatever she tells me to do.” Other than helping his wife, Olson is currently taking two classes on campus—one in drawing and the other in landscape design.

“If anyone would like to drastically reduce the number of hobbies they have, or totally eliminate the amount of spare time they have to pursue them, both classes will do the trick,” Olson said.

FOR SALE

New Sun Heaters (infrared zone heating system). Will heat up to 1,000 sq. ft., energy efficient, safe for children and pets, comfortable, 100 volt 15 amp receptacle, regularly \$350, asking \$250. Call 356-8615 or 709-7659 evenings.

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Home and Family Conference

The Home and Family Conference is March 21 with workshops in finance, family relationships, food storage, meal planning, home repairs and others. Tickets are \$8 for single students are \$8 and \$12 for married couples. Register online at www.byui.edu/ce/homeandfamily.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the employees, faculty and staff of BYU–Idaho for the flowers, cards, letters, and e-mail sent to us for the birth of our boy. Your kindness and associations are greatly appreciated.

Allen & Jennifer Jones

We express our sincere thanks to all our friends at BYU–Idaho for the flowers, cards, notes, e-mails, and other expressions of kindness at my mother’s passing. We love the peace we receive through Heavenly Father’s plan for His children.

Sharon & Calvin Tuckett

Words cannot express my deep gratitude for sincere prayer, unceasing support and genuine concern expressed by the Admissions office and the Administration regarding my recent surgery and continued recovery. I have the distinct pleasure of working with such amazingly kind and generous people. Thank you again and again.

April Spaulding & family

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- Kip Harris, Student Support
- Garth Nelson, Stores & Receiving
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- Kim Clark, Executive Offices
- Michael Cole, Library
- Carol Frongner, Teacher Education
- Rolayne Gardner, Career & Academic Advising
- Robert Godby, Food Services
- Troy Spratling, Automotive Technology
- Sonja Thomason, Custodial
- Sean Tippetts, Dean of Students Office
- Barry Wilson, Purchasing
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- Heather McKay, Music
- Aaron Pike, Music
- Grover Wray, Sociology & Social Work
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- Richard Pieper, Mathematics
- Emma Rubinstein, Music
- Byron Webster, Home & Family
- Joie Westenskow, LDS Philanthropies
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- Robert Wahlquist, Religious Education
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- David Solomon, Structural Shop

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