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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Head Named for Department of Theatre

Effective this Spring, Richard Clifford has been invited to serve as the new Department of Theatre chair.

Employee Incentive Program: Get Fit and Win Prizes

The Wellness Center is starting the employee incentive program. To sign up, e-mail Ryan at wellness@byui.edu.

Continuing Education Classes

If you are interested in continuing your education, seats are available in Mountain Biking, Grandparenting, Playmill and Watercoloring. Please call extension x2337 for more details.

English professor publishes religious poetry



Mark Bennion, Department of English faculty member, is publishing a collection of poetry: *Psalm & Selah: A Poetic Journey Through the Book of Mormon*.

Psalm & Selah is based on the lives of people found in the Book of Mormon. "Many of the works investigate unheralded lives from the Lehite and Jaredite civilizations," Bennion said. In his writing, he used the lyric poem and the dramatic monologue as instruments to help readers explore these lives.

"We hear so little in the Book of Mormon from folks like Sariah, Leonti, Ammaron, and others, that I have often wondered what their reaction to miracles and challenges must have been. Thus, this work imagines the inner attitudes and experiences of servants, soldiers, wives and other obscure persons of the ancient American church."

Bennion's love of writing can be traced to his high school years. "My interest in language developed the more I read and the more I wrote. Toward the conclusion of my undergraduate experience and even during my first year of graduate school, I started writing poetry on a more regular basis."

After high school, Bennion graduated from Ricks College with an associate degree in 1994. He then attended BYU and graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in English. After a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, Bennion attended the University of Montana and earned a master's of fine art in 2000. He has been teaching at BYU-Idaho ever since.

Today, poems by Bennion have appeared in LDS literary journals such as *Dialogue*, *Irreantum* and *BYU Studies*. His new book is scheduled to be released later this year.

"I have tried to create a work that adheres to high aesthetic standards, and I hope the book will resonate with the beginner and advanced reader of poetry."

Spotlight on learning: Brother Jason Scott Earl illustrates the Learning Model

This is the first article in the Learning Model Applied series. This series focuses on faculty members recommended for implementing the Learning Model in effective and creative ways.



“I’m sold on the Learning Model; I don’t think I can teach the material any other way,” said Jason Scott Earl, faculty member in the Department of Business Management.

Throughout the past 18 months of his employment at BYU–Idaho, Earl has discovered a way to integrate the Learning Model into his teaching methods. Earl designs his lessons around case studies, online simulations, peer instruction, course projects and online polls.

“You have to somehow design the learning experience so students will go out of the classroom and learn,” Earl said. “It involves a huge amount of preparation and students being extremely prepared.”

Security and Safety Office prepares university for worst

As word of a possible swine flu pandemic sweeps the nation, BYU–Idaho stands prepared.

The Security and Safety Office works full time to ensure BYU–Idaho is prepared for any emergency: pandemic, earthquake, flood, fire, winter storm, terrorist attack or other perils.

“There is no small emergency with us,” said university Safety Officer Eric Harmston.

One way Harmston and his department prepare is by constantly increasing the university’s food storage. Right now, BYU–Idaho has enough food to sustain all on-track students and employees for seven days. When the new food court is finished, they should have enough to last up to nine days. This would last until rations could arrive from Church warehouses.

The Security and Safety Office also stores a sufficient amount of N-95 masks, named for screening 95 percent of air-borne germs.

Tips to Implement the Learning Model

Tip 1: Case Studies and Online Polls

Case studies are a great way to teach, Earl believes, because students have to analyze what is read and come to their own conclusions. Students are asked to give feedback through online polls before they defend their arguments in class. Earl uses the information in the online polls to help him conduct the class, ensuring a balanced discussion.

“At the end of class, sometimes I’ll do a class poll to see if students’ opinions have switched. If they have, then I know they have learned something,” Earl said.

Tip 2: Personal Work Experiences

Earl also teaches students using his own personal work experiences.

“Brother Earl gives us scenarios to analyze based on his own experiences, and then we give our proposals regarding what we would do in each situation. After hearing the class’s feedback, he then tells us how he actually handled the situations,” said Trey Oler, a student who previously took Earl’s New Venture class. “It is interesting to see how close our proposals are to what he actually did.”

Oler feels students are more willing to open up and be comfortable since Earl is willing to share his own experiences with the class.

Earl has found his personal business career experiences to be beneficial in the classroom. But teaching, he finds, has far-reaching benefits as well.

“Teaching at BYU–Idaho has been a great experience,” Earl said. “It’s the first time I’ve had a job where I come home from work and my wife says—‘you’re actually happy.’”

Security and Safety employees also teach students, employees and other community members how to act in case of an emergency by offering CPR, first aid and community emergency response training courses.

In addition to preparing for emergencies, the university actively tries to prevent them. The Security and Safety Office posts reminders to wash hands in all campus bathrooms, properly disposes of hazardous waste, and regularly checks fire and intrusion alarms. They also ensure the university is in compliance with all health, safety and environmental codes.

“We make it so students and employees have less accidents,” said Byron Gilbert, hazardous materials specialist. “We make the university a better place to be, a safe place to be.”

Visit the Web pages at www.byui.edu/security and www.byui.edu/safety.

Library Week focuses on office assistants



Come learn about the David O. McKay Library's available resources during Library Week, held May 11-15.

This semester the Library is focusing on office assistants. Librarians will be visiting office assistants throughout the week with information on what the library has in store for them.

Each day students and employees have a chance to win free giveaways. There will

also be three drawings everyday for free books, consisting of popular LDS fiction or books written by general authorities. Each day is a new drawing, so be sure to put your name in everyday.

"There's more to the McKay than you think," said Laurie Francis, reference librarian.

Spring enrollment shows BYU–Idaho students are taking more credits

Enrollment statistics released this week for Spring Semester 2009 show Brigham Young University–Idaho students are taking more credits.

According to statistics from the BYU–Idaho Student Records and Registration Office, while total enrollment only increased by 0.5 percent from last April, the full-time equivalent (FTE) increased by 6.4 percent. FTE is calculated by dividing the total number of credits being taken by 15, a full credit load.

The head count stands at 11,169 students compared to 11,112 for the 2008 Spring Semester. FTE rose to 9,370 compared to last year's 8,808.

University Registrar Kyle Martin said it is a good thing for more students to take higher credit loads. It means students are progressing toward their degrees faster.

"I think it really validates that the Spring Semester is becoming an equivalent, viable option for the winter/spring, spring/fall students, which bodes well for the enhanced enrollment goals we have over the next several years," Martin said.

The student body consists of 2,951 freshmen, 3,059 sophomores, 2,362 juniors and 2,797 seniors. There are 3,243 married students, comprising 29 percent of the student body. About 42 percent of BYU–Idaho students have served full-time missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There are 6,169 female students (55.2 percent) and 5,000 male students (44.8 percent).

The university has 316 international students, representing 52 countries.

NEXT WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL

RUSSELL T. OSGUTHORPE



Russell T. Osguthorpe was serving as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy when he received the call to serve as the

general president of the Sunday School. He has also served as a stake president, stake and ward Young Men president, counselor in a bishopric, branch president at the Provo Utah Missionary Training Center, and president of the South Dakota Rapid City Mission. He has also been a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Brother Osguthorpe holds multiple degrees from Brigham Young University including a PhD in instructional psychology. He currently serves as director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and as a professor in the Department of Instructional Psychology and Technology at Brigham Young University.

Brother Osguthorpe is married to Lola Sedwick Osguthorpe, and together they have five children.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Bruce Satterfield
Religion Faculty

Bruce Satterfield has a history of travel that has taken him all over the world. He has lived in Arizona, Hawaii, Utah, and even Jerusalem, where he studied Biblical archaeology. But “I love Idaho,” he said. “I wouldn’t live anywhere else.”

Satterfield’s hobbies include astronomy, bird watching, and spending time in the great outdoors. He also enjoys movies, particularly “sci-fi flicks of the 1950s. My little grandson likes to watch them with me,” he added. His favorite music is “whatever is best at the moment for what I’m doing,” he said. “There’s driving music and there’s bird watching music and there’s music that I’ll listen to in my office.”

The gospel is one of the most important things in Satterfield’s life. “That’s why I teach it,” he said. “I grew up in the Church, but I became spiritually converted when I was 17. All I wanted to do from that point on was teach the gospel, so I have.”

When asked for something that most people don’t know about him, Satterfield grew thoughtful. Then he said, “Well, I won’t give a lot of details, but I was kidnapped when I was a kid.”

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**History, Geography, Political Science
Department Head Named**

At the beginning of Spring, Shawn Johansen was invited to serve as the interim chair of the Department of History, Geography and Political Science while Sean Cannon is on active military duty overseas. This assignment will take effect this semester.

Department of Business announces upcoming chair

Beginning this Fall, Kent Lundin will serve as the new Department of Business Management chair.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank BYU-Idaho for the plant sent to my son after his recent heart surgery. He even agreed to keep it in his own room. (He’s a teenager). We appreciate the concern of the Administration, Student Services and the Student Records & Registration Office during this stressful time for us. Your prayers have been felt and we have been greatly blessed to be a part of BYU-Idaho.

Brenda & Jeff Hintz

My wife and I would like to sincerely thank all the faculty and staff that have extended their caring support through our recent adventures getting our new baby boy, Miles, into the world. Through all the extra visits to the hospital for transfusions and surgeries so many of you were willing to pitch in and help us out wherever you could. The cards and flowers at the hospital were also much appreciated. Our family truly has been blessed by being a part of this university.

The Kory & Annie Godfrey Family

FOR SALE

3.2 acre lot. Approximately 5 miles north and east of Teton, ID with amazing views of the Grand Teton. Power and phone have recently been installed. Asking \$49k for all 3 acres. Absolute must-see. Call 805-717-2553 for more information.

22-inch flat panel widescreen monitor. Less than one year old, HDMI and VGA inputs, 1650 x 1200 bright, clear display. Built-in speakers, headphone jack. Black, tilt. Hannspree #HF-229H. \$125 obo, call Joshua at 208-201-3203.

Set of golf clubs for sale. Set includes driver, 3 & 5 woods, Tommy Armour replica Tour Series Irons #3-SW, Putter, Nike Stand Bag. Great beginner set. \$80 obo. Call Greg or Kristin at 356-4874.

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Kent Leavitt, Mechanics
Michael Lewis, Univ. Comm.
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Karen John, Sociology
Troyce Miskin, Health Science
Jennifer Wadsworth, Dance
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Kendall Peck, Physical Science
Reed Stoddard, Counseling
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Ryan Nielsen, Music
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Jane Haerberle, University Store
Danae Romrell, Math
Douglas Thompson, Tech Support
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