



OCTOBER 1, 2009

CALENDAR | OCTOBER 1-7

- 1 • All Employee Meeting
2 p.m., Taylor Chapel
- 1 • Faculty Jazz Ensemble
- 3 • General Conference
- 4 • General Conference
- 6 • Devotional, Garth Hall
- 7 • BYU-Idaho Info Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accounting Services Personnel Changes

Accounting Services recently made some personnel changes. Please visit <http://www.byui.edu/Accountingoffice/staffchanges.htm> for updated information.

Racquetball Court Reservations

University employees interested in reserving a racquetball court for the Fall Semester can e-mail websterm@byui.com.

Fight the Flu

Learn several precautions for avoiding the flu or passing viruses to other people. Visit our Fight the Flu Web site <http://www.byui.edu/fighttheflu/>, and learn seven steps for a healthy semester.

New department offers one-stop-shop academic technology support

BYU-Idaho has a brand-new addition to its robust campus—the newly formed Academic Technology Services Department. This new area was created to establish a first-class customer service base, a one-stop-shop students and faculty can turn to for all of their academically related technology needs.

“We want to be efficient,” said Fenton Broadhead, Academic vice president, “We want faculty to see this new department as an asset to them, a polished machine that runs like a very good business.”

Previously, for example, faculty would need to call one department for help with online learning tools, another for help with a classroom video shoot, and another for help using a classroom projector. Now, they can turn to just one department, whether they have a burnt-out light bulb or need high-level technical support.

Among the department’s many objectives, the main ones are to 1) provide an integrated one-stop-shop for all academic technology related issues; 2) provide strategic direction for all campus technology applications, initiatives and support services; 3) build partnerships with other campus departments; and 4) advocate on behalf of faculty and students in campus matters related to teaching and learning with technology.

Department Organization

Part of what makes this all possible is the department’s unique organization. Rather than following the traditional structure of housing the department under one main parent area, it is housed under two—Academics and Information Technology.

“We wanted to create an atmosphere where both IT and Academics work as a team and are equally invested in academic technology issues,” said Vice President Broadhead. “Organizing the department in this way will provide resources to faculty in a more user-friendly manner and will increase efficiency.”

The Academic Technology Services Department is directed by Kent Barrus, formerly director of Career & Academic Advising, and has four working groups:

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BYU–Idaho sells surplus items, conserves tithing dollars

Spencer Cook, a technology coordinator for Sugar-Salem School District, bought four rack-mount server cases and a server fan for \$500 at BYU-Idaho's surplus sale on Sept. 16. A new server case usually costs around \$1,000. "When I come to the surplus sale, I know I can get quality products for a good deal," said Cook, who visits the sale often.

BYU–Idaho holds a two-day surplus sale twice a month, offering used computers, cars, projectors, printers, tables, chairs and other goods at a discounted price. Employees, students and other members of the community are welcome.

"Items at the surplus sale are sold for a very good value," said LaVona Young, the BYU-Idaho purchasing clerk who is in charge of the sale. "When you get a computer that's only a few years old for just \$75—and it includes an operating system—that's an excellent value."

The university sells items it has replaced or no longer needs but still have worth. The sale splits the available items into two categories: quick sale items and bid items. Workers assign a price to all quick sale items, so people can buy them anytime during the sale. Bid items, however, are listed on the Internet at www.byui.edu/surplus so potential customers can place their bids. They may bid anytime before noon on the last day of the sale.

Bidding is closed, meaning participants cannot see what other bidders are offering for the item.

Revenue generated from the sale is circulated back into the departments that contributed surplus goods. For example, if someone buys a car at the sale, the revenue is placed back into Fleet Services' budget, helping purchase and maintain more cars in the future.

"Surplus sales have two major benefits," Young said. "They cycle funds back into the university, allowing us to use less tithing funds, and it allows people to buy quality items at a discounted price."

The next sale will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 from 8 a.m.– 4 p.m. in the Auxiliary Services Building. Customers should enter through the northwest doors. Because of staffing and supervision reasons, people are only allowed to view items on the sale days. For further information and dates of future sales, visit www.byui.edu/surplus or contact LaVona Young at Ext. 2312. Upcoming sales are also posted on the bi-weekly employee e-mail update.



Left: Spencer Cook buys server cases for \$500.



Right: Student Clint Smith purchased a pair of ski boots for \$50—normally sold for over \$100.

One-stop-shop: *continued from page 1*

- A/V Support (led by Keland Draney): provide support for classroom technology, video conferencing, smart boards, photography, classroom video shoots
- Technology Consulting & Training (led by Arlen Wilcock): maintain technology centers, consult with and train faculty in the use of classroom technologies, develop instructional materials, train the Help Desk
- Academic Applications (led by Steve Hancock): research and implement new technologies, (podcasts, wikis, e-books, etc.), I-Learn level 2 support
- Help Desk (led by Paul Jeppson): student and faculty troubleshooting services, provide one-stop-shop support, support laptop initiative, I-Learn level 1 support

In the past, three of these four working groups were housed under IT, and one was housed under Academics. Now, all four groups will work as a team to provide academic technology resources more efficiently.

Benefits

Generally, faculty and students should see an increase in the overall quality of service as they go to just one place for their needs. The department has been designed so faculty and students can receive accurate information and assistance with their technology related projects in a timely manner.

"One of our main goals is to act as a 'partner' with the faculty and students. We're here to help them in the most effective and efficient way possible," Barrus said.

Temple-to-Temple relay proves successful and friendly



Hearts were racing, blood was pumping and crowds were cheering at BYU-Idaho's first ever Temple-to-Temple relay on Saturday, Sept. 19. Of the 350 participants in the event—65 were employees.

"It was a good time, and a good social atmosphere," said Doug Stutz, fitness coordinator for Student Activities.

Participants competed in two-, four- or eight-person teams. With 32 miles to run, the majority of groups included eight runners, each covering between three and five miles. Although colorful relay T-shirts were assigned to the teams, no monetary prize was awarded.

"We knew we weren't competing for a prize—that is what made the atmosphere so fun. It was a friendly way to be involved with both faculty and other students," said student Andrew Sturgess.

The non-competitive atmosphere placed faculty and students on the same level. While each runner was accomplishing his or her leg, cars full of teammates and competitors would drive alongside, cheering each runner on.

"I enjoyed how everyone was really supportive of each other. It was a great time," said Steven Kimpel, a faculty member in the Department of Exercise and Sports Science.

The race started at a church just south of the Idaho Falls Temple and ended approximately 32 miles later at a stake center directly south of the Rexburg Temple. The course was marked with cones as guides for the runners.

Of the eight pass-off points for the relay, most were at local church buildings, where volunteers were stationed providing water, aid and restrooms for participants.

"This was my first relay, and it was great. I was really impressed with how organized the event was," Kimpel said.

By mid-afternoon, the final leg approached for the teams—approximately four miles and mainly uphill to the Rexburg Temple. In the last few hundred feet, team members encouraged and supported the final runner by jogging alongside them and crossing the finish line together.

"We hope this becomes a tradition," said Lisa Robison, Activities advisor, who also participated in the event.

NEXT WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL GARTH HALL



Brother Garth Hall currently serves as the Student Services and Activities vice president at Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Brother Hall graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah State University and a doctorate degree from Brigham Young University.

Before coming to Ricks College as the athletic director in 1997, Brother Hall coached intercollegiate football for 28 years. His coaching career included positions at Utah State University, Brigham Young University, Tulane University, Oregon State University and Idaho State University.

Moving around the country has allowed Brother Hall to serve in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a bishop, counselor in a bishopric, stake high council member, high priest group leader, Young Men's president and advisor, and Scout master. He currently teaches Sunday School and is the ward mission leader. He also serves with his wife, Sharon, as a temple ordinance worker in the Rexburg Idaho Temple.

Brother Hall and his wife are the parents of six children and currently they have 22 grandchildren.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Jim Terry
*Financial Services
Cashier & Ticket
Services Manager*

BYU–Idaho’s Cashier and Ticket Services Manager Jim Terry is not afraid to try something new. In fact, Terry even wishes to try on President Obama’s shoes for a day.

“It would be fascinating to see what it’s like,” he said. “I would also like to give my input on a few issues.”

Terry said he would never really put together a presidential campaign, but it wouldn’t surprise some. He usually finds a way to accomplish his goals.

When Terry decided he wanted to be involved in law enforcement, he earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and law enforcement. After working in California, he wanted to live in an LDS community and closer to family, so he came to BYU–Idaho as a member of Campus Security. When he wanted to give back to the community, he ran for the Madison County School Board and joined the Kiwanis Club (a youth-centered service group focused on leadership).

“I enjoy serving people, especially children, and I enjoy giving back to the community, so the Kiwanis Club was perfect for me,” he said.

Another thing the California native wanted (more than the Lakers to win another championship) was to raise a family. Now, after 32 years of marriage, two children and five grandchildren, he’s accomplished that, too.

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Ropes Course

The ropes course can now be scheduled through the Scheduling Office in addition to scheduling through Scott Hurst. Please contact the Scheduling Office at Ext. 2248, or contact Scott Hurst at ropescourse@byui.edu or Ext 2137. The ropes course is currently open to students, academic departments, activities, associations, societies, and campus wards and stakes. At this time we are not able to service off-campus groups.

FOR SALE

House for rent. 5 bedroom, 2 bath, large kitchen/family room, excellent storage throughout, double car garage, close to campus. \$975 month + gas/utilities. Please call 356-3228 or 313-2044.

Electric white washer/dryer set. Both are large capacity Roper brand made by Whirlpool. Only 2 years old and used in 1-person household, so they’ve been “gently used.” They are clean and in very good condition. Sells as a set only. Buyer responsible for pick up and transportation. \$450 for the set. E-mail leiserd@byui.edu.

2004 Honda Shadow Motorcycle. 5,000 miles, excellent condition. Maroon and black 745 cc. \$4,500. Call Ext 1596 or e-mail fluckigerja@byui.edu.

1995 Chevy Cavalier. 150,000 miles, good condition, white, 4-door, power locks. \$1,200. Contact Ext. 1596 or e-mail fluckigerja@byui.edu.

1994 Ford F-150 4x4 pick-up. 302cid engine, 167,000 miles. Bed liner, running boards and captain’s chairs. Hunter green. Needs tires but runs and looks great. \$3,500. Phone 458-4415 or 709-4402.

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- 1 Lawrence Coates, Hist/Geog/Poli Sci
Wade Gordon, Student Honor
Shannon Neibaur, Housing
Charles Singleton, Campus Maintenance
Stephen Stokes, Sociology and Social Work
- 2 Robert Tueller, Music
- 3 Richard Ballou, LDS Philanthropies
Mary Lammons, Home & Family
Richard Samuelson, Academic Learning
- 4 Jennifer Gohr, Math
Nancy Hayes, English
Deanna Leiser, Student Records
Anita McPherson, Testing Center
Moria Westenskow, Accounting Services
- 5 Dan Dummar, Exercise & Sports Sci
Vincent Jenkins, University Relations
Randy Peterson, Food Services
Seth Ririe, Biology
David Rock, Foreign Language
Brant Wadsworth, Theatre
Steven Webster, Electrical
Tyler Williams, Admissions
- 6 Janell Bettinger, Recreation Management
Jessica Duersch, Home & Family
Allison Engel, LDS Philanthropies
Carole Green, Music
Eric Karl, Computer Science & Eng.
Douglas Ladle, Religious Education
Brian Schaat, Health Science
Kevin Smith, Computer Science & Eng.
Tyler Watson, Health Science
- 7 Devan Barker, Academic Admin.
Lark Hillier, Biology



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