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CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 19- DECEMBER 2

- 19 • University Forum, Andrew C. Skinner
 - *Pioneer Song*
 - Sinfonietta
 - Nashville Nights
- 20 • Social Events Game Night
 - *Pioneer Song*
 - Sacred Music Series Concert
- 23 • Faculty Temple Day
 - Non-Teaching Day
- 24 • Thanksgiving Pie Social
 - Non-Teaching Day
- 25 • Non-Teaching Day
- 26 • Thanksgiving
- 27 • Non-Teaching Day
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Theatre seeks papers

BYU-Idaho Department of Theatre & Dance seeks original papers and projects related to Shakespeare's Macbeth. We are striving to provide a safe forum for published work by early career researchers. For more information, visit <http://www.byui.edu/theatre/>.

BYU-Idaho offices merge to create consistency in student residence expectations

Brigham Young University-Idaho merged the Housing Office with the Student Living Office this week, creating one place where students, ecclesiastical leaders and apartment managers can turn with questions about university living standards.

“The primary place to prepare disciple leaders is in the apartment,” said Kevin Miyasaki, dean of students. “Therefore, the more we can develop gospel-standard living in the apartments, the better BYU-Idaho will be able to fulfill its mission.”

BYU-Idaho has been developing a program for teaching and encouraging raised living standards since Jan. 2008. The program, called Student Living, focuses on instating love, shared responsibility and respect in student apartments.

“Our goal is to make each apartment a place where students don’t just stop to sleep and eat,” said Troy Dougherty, director of the new Housing and Student Living Office. “Each apartment should be a haven where students can thrive spiritually, socially, emotionally and academically.”

Dougherty said apartment managers play a critical role in establishing a proper culture in their apartment complex. They are more informed than anyone else of the comings and goings of students, he said. Therefore, Student Living utilizes apartment managers as a main avenue for emphasizing these principles. However, managers have historically turned to the Housing Office as their main connection to the university.

“In the past, the Housing Office had trained apartment managers on administrative duties, then Student Living began training them too,” Miyasaki said. “This merge brings the two offices together for a consistent and unified message.”

In order to deliver that message, BYU-Idaho has reorganized four new full-time positions: two education and standards managers, one business operations manager, and one owner and developer relations manager.

“As personnel from the Housing and Student Living offices come together with a unified purpose and mission, we will be able to do more than we’ve ever done to help fulfill the university’s mission,” Dougherty said.

BYU-Idaho stays environmentally friendly



BYU-Idaho construction meets U.S. Green standards as campus expands.

As the Green Movement brings new environmental and energy specifications throughout the nation, BYU-Idaho stands strong behind already established practices.

“We have always tried to conserve energy and build long-lasting facilities at BYU-Idaho,” said Rulon Nielsen, facilities planning and construction director. “We have to be wise stewards of the Church’s tithing dollars.”

Construction on the Hyrum Manwaring Student Center and the new auditorium is the most recent example of the university’s environmental awareness. BYU-Idaho adheres to many of the U.S. Green Building Council’s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. However, the university chose not to officially certify the buildings through LEED because of the certification’s high cost.

Automated lighting and advanced insulation are two major ways BYU-Idaho will conserve energy in these new buildings. The lights in the Crossroads, for example, measure how much light enters the room through windows and doorways. The high-intensity discharge (HID) bulbs, designed to use less power than regular bulbs, produce just enough light to illuminate the room to optimal brightness. Smaller rooms use motion-sensor lights to eliminate unnecessary power use.

One of the auditorium’s major energy-saving features is its high level of insulation. Each of the outside panels is 10-inches thick, two inches of concrete and eight inches of insulated foam. This design cuts energy use for temperature control after the building is finished. It also cuts costs and energy that would be spent on extra concrete—four inches of concrete would be used on each panel in alternative designs.

Another energy-saving effort is the connection between the auditorium and the John W. Hart Building. Workers are building a hallway between the two facilities so existing shower resources in the Hart Building can be fully utilized. This action will save on building costs and space.

The new buildings will include low-flow toilets and motion-sensor sinks to conserve water use. The Crossroads also uses state-of-the-art exhaust hoods, which vary the speed of exhaust fans depending on what is being cooked.

“It seems like a lot more work is put into projects at BYU-Idaho than most places,” said Mandy Martineau, FFKR Architects project manager. “Every decision is really thought through, discussed and looked at from every angle possible. The Church wants to make sure things are built right.”

Another major energy saver for BYU-Idaho is the new chiller building, which will cool both buildings. It combines water-cooling and air-cooling systems for what project architect Jackson Ferguson calls one of the most efficient temperature control systems in the state.

Nielsen said these features are all added to create value at BYU-Idaho and make it a longer-lasting institution with minimal life-cycle costs. He said the features also improve the quality of education.

“The best part of working on these projects is striving to meet President Clark’s and the university’s main goals,” Ferguson said. “These buildings are gathering centers for students, with the intention to support them, bring them together and enhance their education.”

Professors with more than one responsibility

One thing that makes BYU-Idaho unique is the fact that professors aren't only responsible for secular learning, but are also deeply involved with spiritual instruction—often through their callings as ward or stake leaders of student wards.

With 92 student wards and nine stakes on campus, it's common for some students to hear class lectures during the week and church sermons on Sunday from the very same person.

"When I was first called as a bishop, I was nervous that some of my students might feel uncomfortable with me as their professor and as their bishop. But I quickly learned that wasn't the case. Students can discern when church is church, and school is school," said Kurt Gifford, associate dean for the Department of Economics.

After serving as a bishop for two years, Kent Davis, a biology instructor, averages about four students from his ward who are also in his on-campus classes. Davis ensures that he works hard to avoid favoritism in his classroom. "I try not to favor the students that are in my ward, but I do tend to call on them to pray more frequently than others," Davis laughingly stated.

The professors aren't the only ones who are a little intimidated at first.

Student Katie Allen shared that she was really nervous when she realized the man on the stand on Sundays was the same man giving her anatomy lectures three times a week.

Allen remembers thinking: "Oh no! If I do poorly on a test, my bishop is going to know. How will he treat me at church? Will it be awkward?" But her apprehensions changed quickly that semester. "I loved having my bishop as my professor too. I feel like we have a different connection than just his students," Allen said.

It's evident that the students are learning from the teachers here at BYU-Idaho, but many believe the roles are often reciprocated. Alynda Kusch, a faculty member in the Department of Home and Family and a counselor in a stake Relief Society Presidency, said, "It's wonderful to be in a position where the teacher becomes the student. I learn so much when the students teach. I find great strength in hearing the testimonies of my students when I visit the student wards."

At BYU-Idaho, students become teachers, and teachers share both secular and spiritual lessons. As Katie Allen put it, "We really are getting the best of both worlds."

NEXT WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL

GARY C. CORNIA



On July 1, 2008, Gary C. Cornia began his tenure as dean of the Marriott School of Management. Cornia previously served as director of the school's George W. Romney Institute of Public Management since 2004. He succeeded Ned C. Hill, who served as dean from 1998 to 2008.

Cornia earned his PhD from Ohio State University in 1979. In 2006 the National Tax Association presented him with its Stephen D. Gold Award. From 2002 to 2003 he served as president of the National Tax Association. From 1990 to 1998 he was associate dean of the Marriott School. In 1998 Cornia was named the Marriott School Outstanding Faculty member, the highest award given by the school.

Cornia currently serves on the boards of three fixed income funds and one equity fund as well as the Land Reform Training Institute in Taiwan and the Utah Governor's Tax Review Commission.

Cornia also serves in the high priest group leadership of his ward, currently. He and his wife, Laurel, have five children and seven grandchildren.





Employee Profile

Michelle Hepworth
University Operations
Facilities Service
Center Representative

Swinging away from her high school dance partner, Michelle Hepworth, now a Facilities Service Center representative at BYU-Idaho, kicked her leg up just as she had been taught. The outcome, however, was not what she expected. Whack! As her partner fell to the floor, Hepworth realized her timing was a little off. She had dropped him with one kick.

“I decorated my partner’s locker for a week after that,” Hepworth said. “I bought him tons of pop and candy. I felt so bad.”

Luckily, Hepworth’s dance career only went up from there. Eventually becoming president of her high school ballroom dance team, Hepworth went to Ricks College on a dance scholarship, serving as vice president of the ballroom team. After graduation, she taught dance classes in Rigby, where she is originally from.

“After a couple years, I decided it wasn’t good to make my hobby into a job, because then I didn’t enjoy it as much,” Hepworth said.

She moved to Salt Lake to work for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ facilities management before deciding to return to Idaho. She has been working at BYU-Idaho for a year now and is excited to be part of such a great institution.

“I firmly believe BYU-Idaho is building tomorrow’s leaders,” Hepworth said. “Students here receive a secular education and a spiritual education. They learn to stand for what’s right.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Program

The free annual Thanksgiving Program featuring the community choir and other guest performers will be held Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Rexburg Tabernacle.

FOR SALE

Paper and Styrofoam rocket kit. Rockets are safe for family use and launch 200-300 feet. Invested \$400, will sell for \$200. Call Dave at Ext. 2128 or 356-4807.

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BIRTHDAYS | NOVEMBER 19-DECEMBER 2

19 Daniel Baird, *Academic Learning*

Louise Benson, *Admissions*

Janet Ruud, *Agriculture*

Lee Saathoff, *Accounting*

20 Mike Godfrey, *Home & Family*

Greg Hazard, *Academic Learning*

Vione Migel, *Ag Bus, Plant & Animal Sci.*

David Ward, *English*

21 Mike Lehman, *Student Honor Office*

22 Brent Bean, *Communication*

Mike Farmer, *Software Eng.*

Brenda Pincock, *Chemistry*

23 Jack Harrell, *English*

Betty Oldham, *Executive Offices*

Jace Thompson, *Custodial*

Lee Warnick, *Communication*

24 Steve Davis, *Alumni Relations*

Diedre Murdoch, *Dance*

Marche Young, *Teacher Education*

25 Cody Anderson, *Health Science*

Michael Groesbeck, *Biology*

Melanie Kennelly, *Mathematics*

Shirley Stavast, *Nursing*

26 Ron Kinville, *Architecture & Construction*

Jeremy Laporte, *Foreign Language*

Barbara Miller, *Communication*

Kristine Summa, *Information Technology*

27 Martin Raish, *Library*

28 Colleen Fyfe, *University Store*

Beth Hendricks, *Communication*

Jo Anne Kay, *Teacher Education*

Kristina Miller, *Student Media*

Cathie Shirley, *Cashier & Ticket Services*

Ryan Stapleton, *Stores & Receiving*

Judy Steiner, *A/V Production Services*

29 Byron Gilbert, *University Security & Safety*

Linda Mitchell, *Geology*

Lei Shen, *Foreign Language*

Alan Young, *Online Learning*

30 David Collins, *Chemistry*

Paula Criman, *Health Science*

Marie Parkinson, *Health Science*

Terry Wall, *LDS Philanthropies*

1 Kelly Burgener, *Performing & Visual Arts*

Lary Duque, *Teacher Ed.*

2 David Davis, *Teacher Ed.*



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