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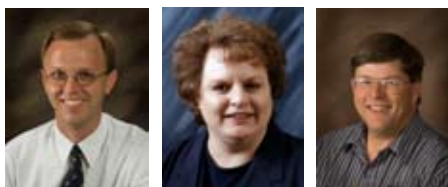
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All-employee meeting

An all-employee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 from 2-4 p.m. in the Taylor Chapel. The university administration encourages all employees to arrange their schedules to attend. Faculty with classes during the second hour of the meeting are encouraged to come for the first hour and then slip out for class.

Spring Semester 2009 Exemplary Employees



Alan Young

Mary Ivie

Greg Edwards

Three BYU–Idaho employees were presented the Exemplary Employee Award on May 12 to recognize their outstanding work.

Alan Young, Curriculum Development director; Mary Ivie, office assistant for the Department of Information Technology; and Greg Edwards, carpenter, were given a plaque and monetary reward and recognized at devotional.

“These individuals have all exhibited, over a number of years, exemplary behavior and outstanding work. This is a way to let them know we recognize and appreciate them,” said Larry Rigby, chair of the Employee Advisory Council. “They set good examples for the rest of us to follow.”

Young, Ivie and Edwards were nominated by fellow employees, selected by the Employee Advisory Council and approved by the President’s Council. Three employees are honored every semester. Five years of work experience at BYU–Idaho is required for an employee to be eligible.

Alan Young has worked at BYU–Idaho for 10 years. As Curriculum Development director, he develops courses for the online learning initiative. He said his favorite thing about BYU–Idaho is the people. “Everyday there’s a feeling of support, encouragement, help and excitement,” he said. “That’s a big deal.”

Mary Ivie has worked at BYU–Idaho for 25 years. She first came to the university as the catering coordinator. After 19 years, she moved to her current position as office assistant for the Department of Information Technology, where she takes service requests for telephone and network problems, and A/V services. Like Alan Young—her favorite thing about BYU–Idaho is the people.

Greg Edwards began working at BYU–Idaho 10 years ago. He does remodeling on campus, specializing in drywall. He loves his co-workers, but said the best part of his BYU–Idaho experience has been the students. “I do it all for the students,” he said. “They’re so great to work with. They make me want to do my best on everything.”

BYU–Idaho’s Dance Alliance shares the Spirit on Russian tour



First day in Russia, Dance Alliance visits Red Square in Moscow. Photo courtesy of Janie Fisher

BYU–Idaho’s Dance Alliance performance group brought a spiritual message of hope to nearly 6,000 people during a multi-city tour of Russia April 11-29.

The traveling dance group consisted of 36 students and five advisors. As the group traveled through Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kazan, Saratov, Volgograd, and Rostov-na-Donu, they brought a message reconnecting audiences with emotions that may seem dormant and forgotten in the country of Russia.

“The show was about experiences in life: losing loved ones, reuniting, losing hope, regaining hope. The message was very close to their hearts,” said Tadayoshi Sakota, a student and dancer with Dance Alliance. “There was something about the show that touched the Russian people in a way most professional shows can’t.” Audiences throughout Russia experienced dance for all tastes. The show had something for everyone: energetic hip hop, graceful ballroom, and artistic contemporary numbers. “The audience response was overwhelmingly positive,” said Brian Felt, tour director.

Gary Larsen, artistic director, shared that he loved to look out into the faces of audience members during the show. “The people were dumbfounded. The Spirit was so strong, they didn’t know what to do: clap, cry or laugh.”

When the Russian audiences especially liked something in the show, they did not clap sporadically like audiences in the United States. In Russia they clap together, in rhythm, creating a steady beat with their clapping, dancers and directors commented. As each performance ended, the dancers were able to mingle with the audience. Although audience members couldn’t communicate through language, “their tears, smiles, and hugs said it all,” explained Mackenzie Mitchell, Dance Alliance member.

For many of the students, this was their first missionary-like experience. “Dance Alliance is a company that not only represents BYU-Idaho, but the Church as well. One audience member mentioned that she could tell we were dancing with our hearts. I believe that is because we have the Light of Christ. It was truly a blessing to share the Light of Christ with the people in Russia,” Mitchell said.

Don Sparhawk, Center Stage/Performance Tours coordinator, explained that the Europe East Area Presidency initially requested for a performance group from a Church school to come to Russia.

Larsen shared that the Kazan mission president attended one of the performances. After the show he approached Larsen and said, “I know something is going to change because of this.”

Another comment came from the U.S. Consulate in St. Petersburg, General Sheila Gwaltney, who introduced the show. She thanked the group for coming and for representing America so well, Felt said.

Proceeds from the shows went to non-profit groups: orphanages, rehabilitation centers for handicapped children, hospitals, children who have lost a parent. “These kids, who should be full of light and love, have seen too much of life already. We wanted to show them that we care,” Larsen said.

With eight performances spread across Russia, Dance Alliance was well received and well worth the hard work, Larsen commented. “So many times we are concerned with the bottom line: costs, liability, risks. But with this tour, there were doors that we were able to open that couldn’t have been opened any other way. That is the bottom line for me,” Larsen said.

Spotlight on Learning:

Brother Philip Allred applies the Learning Model through the week

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



Brother Allred discusses a scripture with student.

“I’ve realized I need to fix my assessments; there’s much more I can do to include the Learning Model in my class,” said Philip Allred, Department of Religious Education, speaking of his Old Testament class.

However, Allred isn’t without assistance in this endeavor. He also teaches a Family Foundations class, the curriculum for which was specifically developed around the Learning Model. He is now pondering and proving what he learned through Family Foundations to better execute the Learning Model in his other classes. Following are some ways he is expanding the Learning Model in the classroom.

Monday and Wednesday

Mondays and Wednesdays are a class discussion in Allred’s Old Testament course. Students are asked to come prepared by reading the assigned passages beforehand.

Allred stands at the chalkboard and jots down key ideas that he wants to focus on throughout the discussion. He also writes down questions or impressions students share about the passages. This facilitates learning by having students engage themselves in class for a more in-depth study of the assigned passage.

“He teaches very well with the Spirit. His understanding, preparation and organizational skills help him to be prepared enough to get students involved,” said Bill Torngren, the chair in the Department of Religious Education.

Friday

During the first half of class, students divide into small groups and discuss three topics, regarding the assigned reading:

1. Determine the key point of the passage.
2. Produce one question to present in front of the class.
3. Ponder a real life scenario that the lesson applies to.

During the second half of class, Allred picks three groups who then present on the topics.

“It’s a very organic driven class,” Allred said. “It’s not a free-for-all because we have certain passages we’re covering. But we never know which direction the discussion will go.”

Though this is how Allred currently runs his Old Testament class, he still sees weak points.

“Some courses apply the Learning Model stronger than others,” Allred said. “I’m still working on some areas.”

With Allred’s varied courses, he pulls the strengths from one course and then applies them to his other classes.

“We need to combine knowledge improvement and group activities to make the learning experience better,” Allred said, “Together they raise students’ ability to not only know something, but to use it.”

EXEMPLARY WOMAN FIRESIDE

BONNIE D. PARKIN



Sister Bonnie D. Parkin, former Relief Society general president, will receive this year’s BYU–Idaho Exemplary Woman Award and speak at a fireside capping off

Mothers’ Weekend May 31 at 6 p.m. in the Hart Auditorium. Women, men and families are invited to the fireside.

Sister Bonnie Dansie Parkin received a bachelor’s degree from Utah State University in elementary education and early childhood development. Following graduation, Parkin taught third grade and met her husband, Jim, on a blind date.

She has held positions in all the ward and stake auxiliaries, served on the general board of the Relief Society and as a counselor in the Young Women general presidency. She served with her husband as he presided over the England London South Mission from 1997 to 2000. And in 2002, she was called as the Relief Society general president where she served until 2007. Since then she has served as a ward nursery worker and currently as Laurel advisor.

The Parkins have four children and 18 grandchildren—six of which are girls—and myriads of others whom they claim as family by affection. In the early mornings, Bonnie enjoys walking with friends or running on her own. She enjoys gardening, tennis, reading, spending time with family and making her home a happy place for family and friends.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Carol Waite
*Department of
Communication*

“I really love working with college students; they are happy, energetic, and open to ideas. They make me smile everyday,” said Carol Waite, part-time faculty member in the Department of Communication.

While teaching seminary in Idaho Falls, Waite would envisage working at Brigham Young University–Idaho. She loved the academic and spiritual feel of the campus when she visited.

“I could feel the Spirit through my children when they came here,” Waite said, who had four out of her seven children attend BYU–Idaho.

Currently, Waite has 13 grandchildren and looks forward to spending time with her family. One fond memory she has is when she and her husband would take their kids and two canoes to Big Springs at Island Park. The various outdoor excursions created great memories for her children, Waite feels.

Now when she and her husband have free time they can be found spending it in their Jeep, finding trails around southeastern Idaho, especially by Stanley.

Other pastimes Waite enjoys are playing the piano and singing. She used to sing in the Sounds Choir, a community choir in Idaho Falls. On occasion, Waite lends assistance to organizing musical youth groups, as she continues to share her musical talents.

“I love a good concert,” Waite said, “that’s one of the things I love about this campus; there is always a great concert happening.”

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Annual Lagoon Day

Lagoon Day offers fun, prizes, and a free picnic lunch for alumni and their families on July 25 at the Lagoon theme park, just north of Salt Lake City. Discount coupons will be available at the front gate from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Coupons will also be available at the Alumni and Friends Center at 16 East Main St. in Rexburg after July 6. Savings are \$15 per family member.

Idaho Falls Chukars Night

Come join the Alumni Association at the annual alcohol-and-tobacco-free night Aug. 11, and watch the Idaho Falls Chukars play the Billings Mustangs. Game time is at 7:15 p.m., with a free tailgate picnic at 5:30 p.m. Beginning July 27, secure your tickets by contacting the BYU-Idaho Ticket Office at 496-2230 or visit www.byui.edu/tickets. To attend the free tailgate picnic, please RSVP to carpenterv@byui.edu. Please include your phone number.

Temple Worker Policy

If temple assignments are overlapping your full work hours, President’s Council asks that you obtain approval from your department chair or line manager to change work hours. Flex scheduling and vacation time may be used to coordinate work responsibilities with temple service callings. Employees should not accept on-going temple ordinance worker, volunteer, or ward temple assignments that interrupt a significant part of their regular work schedule.

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Dorothy Bischoff, University Store
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Gerald Hansen, History/Geography/Poli Sci
Dale Hillier, University Relations
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Reese Nelson, Horticulture
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Cody Clark, Paint Shop
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Allan Walburger, Economics
Alan Young, Best of EFY
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Jill Evans, Career & Academic Adv.
Bradley Hill, Custodial
Jason Shaw, Biology



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