Greetings from the Chair

As we come to the close of another school year, we wish all of our faculty and students a pleasant summer vacation. We also send out our warmest aloha to all of our alumni. The first 6 months of 2011 have been fruitful and rewarding. We love our work. We work with some of God’s choicest and always look forward to news from our graduates out there in the real world. We’re proud of you and all you do to represent the school and its prophetic mission.

We hope you enjoy reading about recent ELT news and achievements, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Aloha,

Mark James, Chair
Search for New Faculty is Over

Under the direction of Ellen Bunker, a department search committee put in many hours of work, evaluating, interviewing, discussing and weighing . . . and the final results are in. Ellen submitted the committee’s recommendation. The name was approved and a contract offer was extended to Robb McCollum. Robb McCollum is the lead instructor at the University of Virginia Center for American English Language and Culture. He and his family will arrive in the islands near the end of the year and Robb will begin teaching for us in Winter semester. Welcome aboard!

Changes to the TESOL Major

We have recently received final approval to make a few small changes to the TESOL major and to establish a new course—TESOL 430 (Teaching ESL to Young learners). We look forward to implementing these changes. Aubrey Olsen has been given the assignment to develop the TESOL 430 course. She and Ellen bunker will travel to Asia this summer to visit several local institutions to observe instruction first hand.

Recent Faculty Travel

In February Earl Wyman and Mark James left for the Cambodia TESOL conference and spend 3 days in Hanoi on the way over. There they met up with Ho, Thanh Lan ('07), one of our graduates, and with counterparts in the College of International Relations and Languages at the Vietnam National
University. Both “sides” made presentations and shared the work of their respective departments. Later, the university president joined a handful of faculty for lunch. Both Earl and Mark felt they learned much about the status of ESL in Vietnam.

With Ho, Thanh Lan (’07) and faculty at the Vietnam National University

Vietnam National War Museum

Cam TESOL Conference

Angkor Wat
Like General McArthur,
Norm Evans Returns

Norm Evans (former dept chair) was recently in town to help HPU review its TESOL program. He came out to visit campus and presented the results of his research concerning the development of our international students’ writing ability over the course of their stay here. The results were fairly positive. On average, non-native speakers improve their written linguistic accuracy to near native speaker freshman levels by the time they graduate. This seems to correlate with the recent data being gathered from the testing of senior international students (ibt TOEFL). The question of how good is good enough remains to be discussed. The administration is planning to discuss this question soon.

Seal Team Six

Ok, you’re probably wondering what the connection is with ELT! Well, as some of you may already know, one of our TESOL alums, Stephen Templin (’94), is now not only a university professor (at Meio University, Okinawa), but a world-renowned author as well. He and his special forces friend, Howard Wasden, teamed up a couple years ago to work on a book about Wasden’s life as a sniper for Seal Team Six. That book hit the shelves just a couple weeks after Seal Team Six ambushed bin Laden’s compound. Talk about great timing! Steve’s not content to rest on his laurels, however . . . he’s already contracted to write 2 more books and is defending his doctoral dissertation in June.. We wish him well!
EIL Online Enrollment Reaches 500!

As of the Spring and Summer Terms this year, the online EIL course enrollments reached 500. The number of students enrolling each term has steadily increased. The online courses began with ten students in one class (EIL 229 Intermediate II Reading) during Spring 2008. The enrollment increased in the subsequent semesters and terms (except for Winter 2009). The current enrollment during the Spring/Summer terms for 2011 is 134.

These students are enrolled in six different EIL classes—four Intermediate II classes and two Intermediate I classes. A third intermediate course, Intermediate I Listening/Speaking, will be available Winter 2012.

Currently on campus, we have 49 students who have previously studied English online. We are pleased to have these students on campus, and we expect this number to continue to increase as more and more of the online EIL students qualify and come to campus.

Wendy Larson completes her contract with the ELT Department this July. While working here at BYUH, Wendy has actively sought to teach a wide variety of classes, participated in the development and teaching of the online EIL classes, and served as a level coordinator for the EIL program. She and her husband, Dave, added a son to their family while here at BYUH. She will be moving with her family to Corvallis, Oregon to work at Oregon State University. We will miss her great contributions to our department but are happy to have worked with and learned from her. We wish her and her family a warm aloha.

Farewell to Wendy Larson
To commemorate Alice Pack’s 100th anniversary (born April 5, 2011), the ELT Department decided to establish an annual lecture in her honor. Dr. Lynn Henrichsen seemed like the commonsense, hands-down choice for the inaugural lecture. Alice was one of his most influential mentors, and they produced some fine work together here at BYUH back in the 70’s. His tribute to Alice constituted most of his lecture and the content of that tribute will soon be available on our dept website.

After the lecture, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

This will surely help to make sure Alice’s legacy lives on in the minds of our faculty and students. Of course, the Alice Pack Fund continues to thrive and bless the lives of our students. We thank all those who contribute to this fund. Several former students (TESOL alums) recently sent in sizable donations from their modest teacher
The TESOL Society may be the longest running academic club on the BYUH campus and continues to serve the students and faculty associated with the TESOL profession. Our current officers and leaders include Courtney Powell (Missouri) as President, Brent Laing (California) as Vice President, Molly Shields (Oregon) as Secretary, Monica Veccario (Italy) as Treasurer, Neco Hubner (Germany) as VP for Academics, Aiwen Soh (Singapore) as VP for Activities and Jihu Ju (Korea) as VP for Communications. How’s that for “harmony amidst diversity”?

A new policy now restricts clubs to one major social during a semester or term rather than an opening and a closing social. The new shortness of terms especially (but also the shorter semesters) have made past openings and closings come very close together. With the number of classes in which our students study together, socials are a little less necessary than for other clubs. We also try to have occasional off-campus social activities and participate in service activities as well, and we regularly sell cotton candy at Food Fest. Our cotton candy machine, which has served us so faithfully and well for the past decade recently announced its need for a new heating coil. A replacement is pending, but we’ll be ready for Fall!

Being an academic club and closely connected to the ELT Department gives us additional opportunities to associate with one another. In the past academic year there have
been several such activities. In February the annual Hawaii TESOL conference was held here on our campus and the plenary speaker was our former BYUH TESOL faculty member (now in Provo), Dr. Lynn Henrichsen. TESOL Society members not only attended but were also involved in the preparation of the convention packets and assisting with registration and technology needs. Some of our students presented posters as well!

Two weeks later, the Hawaii Association of Language Teachers (HALT) held their annual conference and invited as their guest speaker Dr. Stephen Krashen. This fortunate and rather rare opportunity allowed a good number of BYUH TESOLers to meet “the MAN.” Krashen rocks!!!

All Sold Out! (as usual)

Dr. Stephen Krashen and Yeo (his favorite disciple)
Six of our faculty attended/presented at the annual TESOL Convention. And, for the 12th year in a row, Earl Wyman brought some (7) of our students to the conference. Those who went say the local food was awesome (oh, and so was the conference). The LDS TESOLers’ annual dinner at a famous French Quarter Cajun restaurant, was well-attended (over 50 people!). Thanks again to Earl for arranging a place for all to gather. It’s always fun to meet with old friends and make new connections.
This year BYU-Hawaii hosted the annual Hawaii TESOL conference on our campus. Mark James chaired the conference, and more importantly, Surfin’ Tacos (Hauula) provided a most awesome lunch which everyone gave an A+. There were an impressive variety of presentations and the best poster session yet, thanks to the good work of our TESOL majors. A number of our majors also got some great experience helping staff the conference (registration table, publishers’ exhibit, tech equipment, session introducers).
Congratulations Graduates!

Desiree Arthur
Ma Ying Bowles
Katherine Chiu
Terence Chung
Lindsay Ellsworth
Yeonsuk (“Sugi”) Heo

Boo Kyoung Jeon
Yeo Jeong Kim
Mira (“Mina”) Lee
Tsin Wing Lo
Li Mei Low
Hui Chen Pan

Rachel Smith
Jarod Temple
Chenyi To’a
Sela To’a
Michelle Ushijima
Megan Weaver
Ka Ting Wong
Sumyabayar ("Sumya") Damdinsuren ('10) was recently baptized. Sumya was the Mongolian teacher at the National Health Sciences University in Ulaan Baatar who agreed to house Mark James and his 2 student interns--Danielle (Huysmans) Makise ('09) and Kat (Scarpelli) Mulyono ('09)--when they taught ESL there in the summer of 2008. Sumya then came to BYU-Hawaii in the Fall of 2010 for a semester of study (she being the 3rd teacher from HSUM to come for advanced TESOL coursework). We are so pleased to learn of her acceptance of the gospel and wish her well.

Linda Fekitoa ('78) made a surprise visit to BYUH and stopped in to say hi to the dept chair. Linda is the Principal of Saineha LDS High School in Vava’u Tonga.

Thanh Lan Ho (’07) was very generous in helping Earl Wyman and Mark James see the important sites of Hanoi during their recent visit this winter. When not busy showing BYUH faculty around town, she teaches ESL there.

Fanny Law ('00) recently returned from yet another successful presentation at the annual TESOL convention (in New Orleans). Seems like there isn’t anything she can’t do!

Hitokazu Matsushita ('08) continues to find success in his work with professors at BYU-Provo conducting research on computer-assisted elicited imitation language assessment techniques (esp. in Japanese). Way to go, Hito!

Melissa Meline ('10) recently received her mission call---to the Japan Fukuoka Mission. Ganbatte!!

Glen Penrod ('83) is back at the Washington D.C. campus of Georgetown University after working in Korea in a joint teacher education program. In
addition to teaching Business and Professional English, Glen continues to improve his eslgold.com website.

Elizabeth Snyder ('01) continues to work on her doctoral degree at the University of Iowa and recently became the BYUH alumni chair for the Iowa/Nebraska chapter. Keep up the good work, Elizabeth!

Stephen Templin ('94) recently defended his dissertation. You can call him “Dr. Templin sensei” now!!

Margaret (Racule) Vance ('02) recently walked in BYUH’s April Commencement Exercises after completing all her coursework for her 5th Year Degree in Education. She recently finished her student teaching at Sunset Elementary School.

Valmene (Teriipaia) Whippy ('08) says goodbye after graduating and working this past year as our ibt TOEFL test coordinator for the Vice-President’s Office. She and her husband, Marques Whippy, are off to find their fame and fortune. Au revoir!

Mihyang Yang ('03) emailed to say she still works at DLI and recently got married and is working on her Ed.D. at the University of San Francisco. Make us proud!