

## ISU faculty and staff show off their dance moves for a cause

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Students may fail to understand that faculty and staff members are involved in other activities outside of school. Friday, ISU professionals exchanged their business suits for old school attire as they boogied the night away to raise money for The Baby Fold.

Unlimited Dance Team wanted to host a spring event that would be entertaining to the campus, as well as profitable, in order to fundraise for an organization. As a result, the team presented Dancing with Faculty and Staff Stars in Braden Auditorium Friday night.

Bianca Gerardi, junior special education major and president of Unlimited Dance Team, said that the event was suggested by Rick Lewis, associate dean of students in the Dean of Students Office.

“We were thinking of something to do in the spring ... [Lewis] brought up the idea that [we] should do something with the faculty and the staff,” Gerardi explained. “He said you guys dance, think of something [that involves] dancing.”

After pondering the local groups, the dance team chose to give all proceeds and donations to The Baby Fold, a local establishment that provides resources and support to families in need. Ticket prices were discounted if attendees brought donations ranging from laundry baskets to diapers.

Faculty and staff were divided into five teams, which ranged from the '50s through the '90s, and each were assigned two dancers from the Unlimited Dance Team.

Although all of the groups had been working hard since December, there would only be one winner.

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Emilie Gill, junior public relations major and secretary of Unlimited Dance Team said they bought shirts for those who participated.

“We bought all of the participants T-shirts that say ‘I danced my decade off’ and then we’re going to iron-on ‘winner’ on the back of the [winners’ T-shirts],” said Gill.

As supporters filled the seats of Braden Auditorium, the night began with a brief history of The Baby Fold from its vice-president of development and public relations, Julie Payne. Shortly after, the Unlimited Dance Team opened the show with a crowd-pleasing performance, which incorporated hip-hop and jazz.



“We are going to dance you from the ‘50s to the ‘90s,” Gerardi said.

The ‘50s group, which included Cat Poffenbarger, Scott Guerrero, and Katie Pratt, were the first to perform.

As the women wore scarves around their necks, the talented group danced to songs ranging from “Great Balls of Fire” to “Go Johnny Go.”

The ‘60s group, which included Richard Kane, Gil Gutierrez, Nena Woo, and Cyndy Ruskowski, appeared on stage with their colorful, hippie costumes.

They moved their hips to tunes such as “Twist and Shout,” “Proud Mary,” and “I Got You.”

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Stacey Mwilambwe, Maureen Blair, Arlene Hosea, Marcus Hamp, Rick Lewis, Terry Lowe and Aaron Woodruff were members of the '70s group.

Prior to the show, Lewis said he was ready to compete.

"I'm very confident, I'm very loose, I'm energetic, I feel lubricated, and I'm ready to dance," Lewis said.

The group proved to be one of the audience's favorite while they danced to "Flashlight," "Love Machine," and "Do the Hustle."

The '80s team consisted of all women, Allison Becker, Kara Pool, and Kallie Bundy. The team danced to songs such as "Celebrate" and "Thriller" in colorful leg warmers, fanny packs, and spandex.

Last but not least, the '90s group had only Student Health Services professionals, including Linda Young, Paula Graves-Hutson, Kenna Fread, Nancy Mishler, Lindsay Ziegenhorn, Erica Heineke, Clara Lehan and Amy Kreinbihl.

As this team performed to "Tootsie Roll," they removed tootsie rolls from their fanny packs and threw them into the audience.

After all of the performances, the crowd voted for the best team by yelling and clapping. The '90s team had a huge fan section with supporters holding colorful, hand-made posters. Ultimately the '90s team was announced as the winner of the Dancing with Faculty and Staff Stars Competition.

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As the show concluded, audience members were asked to join all of the performers on stage for the Grand Finale. Everyone danced away to songs from the 2000s including “Cat Daddy,” “Casper Slide,” and “Teach Me How To Dougie.”

Arlene Hosea, assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs for Diversity, adds that she hopes the Unlimited Dance Team hosts this event again next year.