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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Horticulture Competition Awards

A 16-member student team recently took first place in a National Horticulture Competition, having ousted approximately 60 schools. The BYU-Idaho team was awarded \$5,000 for the university and captured eight individual scholarships of \$1,000 each, plus job offers. This high team placement marks the third time in recent years that BYU-Idaho has captured the national title.

Post-Secondary Agricultural Students

Organization Awards

The Post-Secondary Agricultural Students Organization (PAS) took some top awards at the National PAS Conference last month. Students captured three first-place awards, two second-place awards, and one third-place award.

Interior Design Competition Awards

Two students in the Department of Interior Design recently won awards in the National Kitchen & Bath Association kitchen design competition. Dawnelle Sarlo won fifth place and Lacey Madsen received

Gregory Moeller appointed to 7th District Court Judgeship



Gregory Moeller, BYU-Idaho adjunct faculty member, was sworn in as a 7th District Court judge last Friday, April 24. Moeller replaced Judge Brent Moss, who retired.

“My family and I are very excited about this new opportunity. Although my new duties appear daunting at times, I can clearly see the opportunities to make a positive difference in many lives,” Moeller said.

Governor C.L. Butch Otter appointed Moeller on April 2. “I am pleased to be able to bring these judicial district benches back up to strength. The Idaho Judicial Council provided me with excellent slates of nominees for these vacancies, and I am confident those I selected will serve the people of their districts and Idaho well and honorably,” said Governor Otter in an April 2 news release.

Prior to his investiture, Moeller was a partner in the Rexburg law firm of Rigby, Andrus & Moeller. He also taught Media Law & Ethics in the Department of Communication.

While excited about this new opportunity, Moeller will miss teaching.

“I have loved teaching for five semesters at BYU-Idaho and will miss my interaction with the students,” Moeller said. “In many ways, my teaching at the university is partly responsible for me seeking this judicial position. Studying the First Amendment and discussing our important constitutional rights reawakened feelings I hadn’t felt for many years. It reminded me of why I went to law school in the first place.”

Moeller grew up in Fremont County, Idaho. He has a bachelor’s degree and law degree from Brigham Young University. Moeller has been a partner in the Rexburg law firm of Rigby, Andrus & Moeller since 1990. He and his wife, Kathy Ann, have five children.

Top majors remain the same despite changing economy



With American unemployment rates at unprecedented highs, recent and soon-to-be graduates prepare to enter a struggling workforce filled with competition and discouragement. One might wonder if our current economic state is changing the way students choose majors, causing them to pick fields they never would have thought of.

Students in the top-enrolled majors at BYU–Idaho make up 33 percent of the student body. And statistics show that the top majors now are the same ones as in previous years. These majors include general studies, business management, elementary education, biology and health science.

Professors in these departments believe students choose these majors because of the broad field of opportunities available upon graduation, regardless of the state of the economy.

Bruce Kusch, associate academic vice president of curriculum, believes these majors have historically been and will continue to be the top-enrolled majors at BYU–Idaho.

“I expect that these majors would be desired even in spite of the current circumstances that the country is experiencing economically,” Kusch said.

According to Kent Barrus, academic advising director, students base their decisions on one of four philosophical perspectives: values (if they want to raise a family or earn a high income), interests, talents and personality type. Lifestyle choices also play a role in major selection.

For example, elementary education majors can have a marketable skill but still be able to stay at home with family.

“A fair number of women may not want to be the primary breadwinner in the home, so they become well-educated and have a safety net for family security,” said Van Christman, department chair of the Department of Elementary Education.

Not only does this major offer a degree, but employment opportunities are everywhere. “If circumstances dictate, a person who has a current teaching license has a fairly good chance of finding a job,” Christman said.

According to Barrus, students studying business management may be attracted to the major because they are interested in earning a high income or being an entrepreneur.

Tyson Poulton, a sophomore studying business management, enjoys applying the knowledge he learns in his classes. “Every business class is anchored by simulations, which give students the opportunity to actively study and learn. We are applying what we learn immediately,” Poulton said.

Barrus also believes that employability factors into the popularity of biology and health science majors.

Doug McBride, health professions advisor, predicts that more students will move from other avenues into health science. “Health science will be drastically needed in the future,” he said. “The population will increase, and elderly will increase. Job security in health careers is going to be very solid.”

When it comes to the popularity of general studies, many students choose to attain an associate degree before selecting a specific major. This may add to the high enrollment number for the major.

“We look at majors that have interest to students, and we look at majors that will prepare students for careers and for graduate school. BYU–Idaho has approximately 60 different majors in various disciplines at this point,” Kusch said. “That’s a fairly wide range of majors to appeal to the unique and different interests that students might have.”

Because BYU–Idaho has only been a four-year university since 2001, it does not offer all the same majors as other schools.

However, BYU–Idaho plans to raise the number of majors offered as the number of students increase. “What those will be, when

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The top five majors at BYU–Idaho rarely change, but how do they compare with other schools?

Top 5 Majors at BYU–Idaho:

Business Management
General Studies
Elementary Education
Biology
Health Science

Top 5 Majors at BYU:

Management
Exercise Science
Psychology
English
Biology

Top 5 Majors at ISU:

Nursing
Elementary Education
Biology
Secondary Education
Psychology

Renowned English faculty adds new translation to repertoire

BYU–Idaho English faculty Steven Stewart translated a book of fables titled “Microfictions,” one of many works he has translated from Spanish to English.

“Translating is a lot like writing an original poem with the hardest part already done for you,” said Stewart. “You never read a poem as closely as when you translate it, and I love the experience of reading the poets I translate that closely and deeply.”

Stewart received an associate degree from Ricks College, and his bachelor’s and master’s in English from BYU. Stewart then received his doctorate in creative writing from Florida State University and taught at the University of Nevada, Reno for several years.

Stewart grew up in Rexburg and moved back several years ago to teach. “It seemed like a great opportunity and place to be. My dad, Lynn Stewart, taught in animal science for many years,” Stewart said.

He has published and translated poems in journals such as *Diagram*, *Apalachee Review*, *Poetry Daily* and *Harper’s*.

Stewart has seen a lot of success with his translations. In 2005, he was awarded a Literature Fellowship for Translation by the National Endowment for the Arts for his work on the Spanish poet Ángel Crespo’s prose poems. His book

of translations of Rafael Pérez Estrada, “Devoured by the Moon,” was also a finalist for the 2005 PEN-USA translation award.

“I served a Spanish-speaking mission in the Spain Seville Mission from 1992-1994. For me, learning a new language very naturally propelled me toward translation,” Stewart said.

“One thing I view as very influential to my development as a translator is the fact that a new translation of the Book of Mormon into Spanish came out while I was on my mission. My language and scripture study really merged as I spent a lot of time looking at the then new and old translations of the Book of Mormon and comparing them to each other and to the English version.”

“Microfictions,” written by Ana María Shua, is being published by the University of Nebraska Press and contains Stewart’s translations of the short-short stories (hence the name: “Microfictions”).

Shua, who visited BYU–Idaho last Fall for the English department’s pre-professional conference, is a “significant figure of contemporary Argentinean writing,” Stewart said.

Today, Stewart is seeking a publisher for his translation of the manuscript “Poemas en Prosa” by Ángel Crespo.

NEXT WEEK’S DEVOTIONAL

ANNE G. WIRTHLIN



Sister Anne G. Wirthlin, former first counselor in the Primary General Presidency, was released in 1999.

Sister Wirthlin is from Salt Lake City and is a graduate of University of Utah. She has actively served the Church throughout her life. She served with her husband, David B. Wirthlin, in presiding over the Germany Frankfurt Mission from 1989-1992. A year later she was called to the General Board of Young Women. Following her service among the youth she was called as the first counselor in the General Primary Presidency where she served for five years.

She also had the opportunity to serve with her husband at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah from 2001-2003. Sister Wirthlin has also served as matron of the Nauvoo Temple and assistant to the matron of the Salt Lake Temple.

Sister Wirthlin and her husband are the parents of six children and currently have 19 grandchildren.

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they will be implemented, and how many there will be is still unknown at this point, although we are working on a few new proposals,” Kusch said.

“The increase in student enrollment is just one of many ways the university is striving to utilize this campus and offer a powerful learning experience to more students,” said President Clark in a Jan. 9 press release.

“To have accomplished what we have accomplished with as many majors as are offered now is nothing short of miraculous,” Kusch said. “We have been given direction from the Board in terms of where our educational focus should be, and any new majors that are offered are approved by the Board of Trustees.”



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Brian Carter
Video Production
Coordinator

“I’ve always been interested in the visual arts,” said Brian Carter, video production coordinator. “Because of high production costs, it used to be almost impossible to be a filmmaker, but that’s changed. Now I do video production for a living.”

Dedicated to his craft, Carter loves Rexburg for its cinematographic possibilities. “The cool thing about Rexburg,” he explained, “is that you can go in any direction and hit a different kind of terrain. To the north you have the sand dunes. To the east, the Tetons. Go south and you get Salt Lake City, and in the west, there’s huge desert if you go far enough. As a filmmaker, I’ve got resources. There’s probably nothing I couldn’t shoot.”

In his free time, Carter enjoys spending time with his family, especially outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. He is the father of seven children, ages 18 months to 16 years. “I like to road trip on my motorcycle,” Carter said. “And I like to write music: pop-rock. Less pop, more rock.”

Carter enjoys working at BYU-Idaho. “I love the spirit here,” he said. “I know that’s pretty cliché. But we’re all on stable ground here. You hear about standing in holy places, and this is one of those places.”

FOR SALE

Prime building lot in one of the best neighborhoods in Rexburg. This lot is within short walking distance of both the temple and BYU-Idaho. The lot has fantastic views of the valley and the temple, and its backyard edges up against a fully landscaped open-space park. It is a must-see. Asking \$70,000. Call 360-0510.

5 small pine trees for \$30 each, or \$135 for all five. Also, a Ping Zing 2 sand wedge, \$25. Contact Ferron at ext. 2125 or at home 356-0219.

Light brown carpet for sale. Frieze/shag. Great condition. 46 sq. yards for \$450. Call Jim 356-0970.

1 small utility trailer, 1 7/8 in. hitch, \$75. 1989 Geo Spectru, 2-door w/ extra snow tires, \$500. 1998 Plymouth Grand Voyager w/ child seats, 116k miles, Nokia tires, \$3,000. Dining table with walnut formica top and 6 chairs, \$75. Call Doug at x7120 or 356-6242.

Red Oak computer desk. In good condition. Has 2 drawers with a slide-out tray for keyboard. Measures 53 x 30 in. \$75 OBO. Call Craig 359-1445.

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Gregory Carson, Food Services
Sean Kelley, Food Services
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Lori Hansen, Theatre
Charlie Jones, Sr, ROTC
Patricia Saurey, OnLine Learning
- 25 Elizabeth Bossard, Communication
James Gordon, Internship/Careers
Angela McCabe, Music
Tyler Patrick, Home & Family
Steven Wright, Communication
- 26 Tammy Neumann, Food Services

- 27 Brent Ashcraft, University Store
Stephanie Blackham, Cashier/TicketS
Renee Christensen, Cashier/Tickets
Murray Hunt, English
John Ivers, Language/Letters
Kurt Miller, Enterprise Info Systems
Billy Plant, University Security
- 28 Owen Anderson, Home & Family
Heidi Barker, English
Sarah Jackson, English
- 28 Sidney Palmer, Biology
- 29 Mark Berntsen, Exercise/Sports Sci
Seth Deming, University Aid
Logan Frederickson, Biology
Jerald Gee, Teacher Education
Darrell Holm, Grounds/Sign Shop
Elizabeth Lawrence, Home/Family
Nolan Parson, Interior Design
Jon Perdue, AV Productions
- 30 Dean Cloward, Teacher Education
Ann Marie Harmon, Mathematics
Chris Mathews, ROTC
Daryl Olsen, Business Management
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Michael Lenhart, History
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Lynette Robertson, Home & Family
- 4 Fenton Broadhead, Admin
Robert Kohler, Health Science
Bert Pincock, Carpenter Shop
Derik Taylor, Student Activities
David Walker, Exercise/Sports Sci
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Emily Hamblin, Foreign Language
Joelle Moen, English
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Robert Clayton, Geology
Donald Hendricks, Counseling
Brian Memmott, Univ Comm
Dan Peterson, Tech Support
Orren Squires, Academic Tech



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