



JUNE 4, 2009

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- 4 • Second Block classes begin
 - *Smash*
- 5 • Blood Drive
 - Faculty Jazz Ensemble, "Four"
 - President's Q & A
 - *Smash*
- 6 • Battle of the Dance
 - *Smash*
- 9 • Devotional, President Henry B. Eyring
- 10 • Blood Drive
 - Midterm and First Block grades due

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Q & A

A Question and Answer Session with President Clark and the vice presidents will be held Friday, June 5, at noon in Taylor 120. Questions may be submitted in advance via e-mail to Kathy Webb or President Clark. The next Q & A will be held Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m.

President Henry B. Eyring to speak at devotional

President Henry B. Eyring will be the BYU-Idaho devotional speaker on Tuesday, June 9 in the Hart Auditorium. Tickets will be required for admission to the Hart Auditorium. Tickets are free, on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be obtained at the Ticket Office, www.byui.edu/tickets, and at campus ticket kiosks.

New Financial Planning Workshops scheduled for June

Deseret Mutual announces new June workshops to help you reach financial success. Access to free financial planning services is a part of your employer-provided benefits. Deseret Mutual's experienced financial planning staff now offers individual consultations and group workshops to assist you in your financial planning needs.

Financial planners can address your concerns about sufficient life insurance, wise investments, document preparation for estate planning, and the differences between Roth and 401(k). If you need help examining your spending, building a cash reserve, or saving more for retirement, make an appointment with a financial planner who visits the campus monthly, or attend one of the new financial workshops starting in June.

Set up an appointment by calling Human Resources at Ext. 1130. Future financial planner visits are scheduled for June 23-25, July 21-23, and Sept. 22-24.

The new financial planning workshops starting in June will address:

- Understanding your investment and contribution options in the Thrift Plan
- Investing during a recession
- Saving for emergencies
- Preparing for retirement: early, mid, and late career

The workshops are designed to allow for plenty of informal question-and-answer periods, so come prepared to participate in a lively discussion about financial benefits and investment concerns. Workshops have limited seating. Please RSVP to Human Resources at Ext. 1130.

Workshop dates & times: MC 226

Wednesday, June 24: 9 – 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 25: 9 – 10:30 a.m.



Shon J. Eckert

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- Financial Planner, Deseret Mutual, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2008-current
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BYU–Idaho students discuss Middle East with Egyptian guests

Students and faculty laughed and learned as two bright-eyed, smiling Egyptians introduced Muslim beliefs during a special forum held May 21 in the Thomas E. Ricks Building. The speakers addressed six classes of BYU–Idaho students enrolled in World Ideologies in Conflict: Middle East, an international Foundations course.

Matthew Whoolery, who teaches the Middle East course, taught at the American University in Cairo before moving to Rexburg. Thinking it would be exciting for students to meet someone from the Middle East, he arranged for one of his former students from Egypt, Samar Shata, to come with her husband, Khaled Rashad, to speak to the group.

During Fall semester, Whoolery arranged a similar meeting with the president of the Student Muslim Association at BYU, but thought it would be even better for students to meet somebody from the Middle East. When Shata and Rashad moved from Egypt to Vancouver, it provided a perfect opportunity.

“I think part of the Learning Model is doing more than just opening books and reading articles,” Whoolery said. “I think meeting real people from the Middle Eastern culture will help students internalize what they learn.”

At the forum, Shata and Rashad briefly introduced themselves before taking questions from the audience. Questions led to a variety of conversation topics. Egyptian breakfast foods, intricate Islamic beliefs, and the courtship process in Egypt were only a few discussed.

The most extensive point of discussion was the five pillars of Islam (Muslims’ most basic religious beliefs). The conversation led the students and guests to marvel at how similar the LDS and Muslim cultures are. William Lane, a freshman, said he was surprised at the similarities between his own convictions and the beliefs of Middle Eastern culture.

Because American religions are often portrayed as once-a-week rituals, Shata and Rashad were impressed that the LDS faith is a way of life. They said Latter-day Saints are very similar to Muslims because both religions translate their beliefs into actions. It’s more than just a tradition.

“When I am around Mormons, I feel like I am around Muslims,” Rashad said.

Idaho research moves forward with new grant and collaboration

Administration and faculty members attended a May press conference to announce a \$16 million grant awarded to BYU–Idaho and other Idaho universities to further biomedical research.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded \$16 million to the Idaho Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), which will distribute the money among all 10 universities in Idaho. Created in 2001, INBRE provides research opportunities to undergraduate students and offers professors more collaboration with other Idaho universities.

For the next five years, BYU–Idaho will receive \$85,000 annually from the grant, \$25,000 more than they received each of the last five years. BYU–Idaho will use most of the money to send students on internships to state universities. The grant will also allow students to perform more primary research on campus.

“The benefits of this program to students are huge,” said Jason Hunt, BYU–Idaho’s research coordinator. He gave one student’s case as an example. BYU–Idaho senior Elizabeth Hays has been invited to share data from her INBRE-funded research at a conference in Pittsburgh this summer. Without the grant it would have been impossible to perform her research.

“These are big conferences,” Hunt said. “Presenting research and having your name on a published abstract as an undergraduate is quite a big deal.”

Steve Christenson, the BYU–Idaho site coordinator for INBRE, said exposing students to more research allows them to discover whether or not they like the field, then build their resume.



INBRE also ensures the student research is effective by allowing more collaboration between universities. Once a year, there is a statewide INBRE conference, where the universities meet together and talk about how they are utilizing the INBRE funds. Professors get to know each other and talk about research ideas and methods.

In addition to awarding money to each university in the state, INBRE awards money and opportunities to individual students. This summer, two BYU–Idaho students, Giovanni Crosland and Benjamin Jaderholm, were selected as INBRE fellows to perform research with professors at the University of Idaho and Boise State University. Along with their fellowships, they were each awarded \$5,000.

March *Ensign* cover produced by Dan Burr, Department of Art



Painting © by Dan Burr

Dan Burr of the Department of Art illustrated the recent March *Ensign* cover featuring his digital painting of one of the Ten Virgins pouring oil into her lamp.

Burr was originally commissioned by Church magazine editors to produce two interior paintings for the *Liahona* magazine. But when the editors saw his work, they changed their minds. “I never imagined it would be on the cover,” Burr said.

Requirements for the pieces included one of the women from the Ten Virgins parable pouring oil into her lamp. A nighttime setting with warm light was also requested. “They wanted a warm, sensitive piece,” Burr said.

The other illustration was to have the group of five prepared virgins with their lamps lit, waiting for the bridegroom. Rather than using pencils and paintbrushes to produce his work, Burr utilizes the computer to create digital paintings. He achieves a realistic feel by referring to photos of people and places as he paints to create one collaborative piece.

“The quest is to make a beautiful painting that’s complete: anything and everything you can put into a painting to tell the story. Whether that’s subtle light or a thin stream of oil pouring into a lamp,” Burr said. “You must be careful not to overstate

things by adding too much information to the paintings.”

Burr shared how quickly he was able to finish the cover painting; “It literally painted itself, which only happens occasionally. I suppose the Lord steps in on occasion and lets me know what it’s supposed to look like. I was just the paintbrush on this one.”

As a professor in the Department of Art, Burr saw this assignment as an opportunity to show his class the process of completing a project. He taught the method of selecting appropriate clothing for models. He also described the best approach to photographing subjects by creating interesting shadows through various light sources. Usually Burr has family and friends model for his projects. But for this particular project, he had five of his students model.

Tim Tanner, fellow art professor, considers Burr to be a very capable and versatile illustrator. “He can handle all sorts of subject matter and approach all of them expertly. It is a great experience for students to have access to such professionals as we have at BYU-Idaho,” Tanner said.

Burr is currently working on two illustrating projects with *Deseret Book*, one of which is an Easter book. “It will give me an opportunity to work with more serious art,” Burr said. “It will be a challenge to paint Christ in more sensitive scenes.”

Burr has illustrated for magazines and produced young adult book jackets for 20 years. The last five years he has concentrated on children’s picture books and has seven titles published. He began working with Church magazines almost 10 years ago.

NEXT WEEK’S DEVOTIONAL PRESIDENT HENRY B. EYRING



President Henry B. Eyring was named first counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, February 3, 2008. Previously, he served as second counselor in the First Presidency to President Gordon B. Hinckley since October 6, 2007. He was ordained to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on April 1, 1995, having previously served as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy since October 1992.

President Eyring also served as Commissioner of Church Education since September 1992, as first counselor in the Presiding Bishopric from April 1985 to September 1992, and as Church Commissioner of Education from September 1980 to April 1985, and again from September 1992 to January 2005.

President Eyring was president of Ricks College, from 1971 to 1977. He was a member of the Graduate School of Business faculty at Stanford University from 1962 to 1971.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in physics from the University of Utah, a master’s of business administration, and a doctorate in business administration from Harvard University.

Born in Princeton, New Jersey, May 31, 1933, he has served the Church as a regional representative, a member of the General Sunday School Board, and as a bishop.

Elder Eyring is married to the former Kathleen Johnson, and they are the parents of four sons and two daughters.



Employee Profile

Reed Stoddard
Counselor

Coming to BYU–Idaho felt like coming home for Reed Stoddard.

After growing up in St. Anthony and graduating from South Fremont High School, Stoddard decided to stay in Eastern Idaho and attend Ricks College. Eventually he transferred to BYU before obtaining a master’s degree in social work from the University of Utah. Stoddard stayed in Utah to work as a counselor in Ogden, but he couldn’t stay away from Eastern Idaho for long.

He said BYU–Idaho’s simple lifestyle and freedom to talk about gospel topics at work drew him back home.

Stoddard is now the director of the counseling center and loves his job. “BYU–Idaho students are good people,” he said. “Helping them be happier and making their lives more satisfying is a very enjoyable part of my life.”

Another joy in Stoddard’s life is his family. His oldest son is attending graduate school in Indiana, his second oldest is working toward a degree in political science from BYU–Idaho, and his wife is attending classes part time at BYU–Idaho. He also has a son serving in the Baltic Mission and two daughters, 11 and 15.

His favorite thing to do is spend time with his family. Stoddard especially likes going on hikes and playing in the park with his children. He also enjoys reading, playing sports and coaching his daughters’ soccer teams.

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Parent Education Class

Explore a number of parenting topics and techniques. The class is June 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 2-3 p.m. in Clarke 219.

Surplus Sale

The University Surplus Sale will take place June 3 and 4. For more information check out our Web page at www.byui.edu/surplus, or see our items at the Auxiliary Service Building, north entrance, on the days of the sale.

Bedding Plant, Tree and Shrub Sale

Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Benson Greenhouses.

The Horticulture students have grown a huge assortment of bedding plants, trees, shrubs and perennials to choose from this year. The greenhouses are located on the south side of the Benson Building.

FOR SALE

Two Amana 8,000 BTU air conditioners for a 20x20 ft. room. Used, 6 months. In original boxes. \$100 each. 20 black vinyl padded chairs, great condition. Perfect for kitchen table or office use. \$18 each. Contact Julie at harkerj@byui.edu or 208-313-0331.

1999 Dodge Grand Caravan. Great condition. 152,000 miles. Only selling because child #6 is on the way so need a car with more seats. Bought 9 months ago for \$2,500: make an offer. 208-313-3323 or 496-3165.

Male German Shorthair Pointer free to a good home. Two-year-old male dog, neutered, all shots are up-to-date. Good with children, crate trained, & shows a desire to hunt. He is a good dog; however, I don't have the time to work with him. Phone Jeremy Slade at 201-0038.

Home for Rent. Spacious 1,750 sq. ft. charming home for rent. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet private lot.

Great location near Rexburg's beautiful Nature Park. Please call Parley at 208-317-1160.

BIRTHDAYS

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Scott Steed, Religious Education
- 5 David Olsen, Music
Nathan Wood, Mechanical
- 6 Bryan Fillmore, Exercise & Sports Science
- 7 Todd Blanchard, Accounting
Paul Cox, Mathematics
Ryan Hales, Communications
William Lundin, Business Management
- 8 R. Sidney Ahrendsen, Career & Academic Adv.
Marva Pothier, Internships
David Pulsipher, Hist/Geo/Poli Science
Kort Black, Infrastructure
- 9 Matthew Christensen, Health Science
Aaron Sanns, Scholarships
- 10 Roger Adams, Software Eng.



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