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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found Sale

All unclaimed items collected by Lost and Found during Winter Semester will be sold on Wednesday, July 1, from 12-2 p.m. in the Manwaring Center West Ballroom. Items of higher value will be sold by silent auction. For more information, visit www.byui.edu/lostandfound.

University Store Closing Early

The University Store will be closing early this Friday, June 26 at 3 p.m. We will be open our regular hours on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and our convenience store will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BYU-Idaho offers new online degree

BYU-Idaho recently introduced a new online associate degree, available to help students who live away from campus to finish their degree. “The new degree will provide the opportunity for students to get the BYU-Idaho experience through distance,” said Online Degree Advisor Kehaulani Molifua, who will be implementing the program. “It will allow the Spirit of Ricks to spread beyond the Rexburg campus.”

About a year and a half ago, BYU-Idaho introduced a new bachelor’s program, the Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.) online degree. University Studies is a general, non-specialized degree, in which students complete two minors and one cluster. With a 30-credit residency requirement, the program was designed to help students who began studying at BYU-Idaho but had to move away from campus. The program allows students to obtain a degree from their home computer. It also allows students who attended BYU-Hawaii or LDS Business College to finish their degree online if they meet the 30-credit residency requirement.

The new online associate degree was designed for those same students. Often, students involved in the B.U.S. program are working to support families, and a degree would help them obtain better employment. The online associate degree gives students an opportunity to have a degree on their resume sooner, allowing them to qualify for a better job while continuing toward a bachelor’s degree. If students are unable to finish the bachelor’s program, they now have the opportunity to obtain a two-year degree.

Alan Young, curriculum development director, said, “It’s designed to help students complete their education while working.”

Young also explained that while students can start the program now, some classes won’t be finished until Fall 2010. There will only be a small number of students admitted into the program each semester. He also said it still needs to be publicized to students and employees.

Since most online students are in frequent contact with their advisors, as the program develops, the advisors will be encouraged to announce the new program to their students who qualify for the program. “Once students know about this, it can be a real blessing in their lives,” Young said.



Left to right; Back: Ben Romney Middle: Kristin Wheelwright, Shae Hunter, Christa Beaty, Dayrol Griffin Front: Liesel Hirschi, Marilee Bass. Photo courtesy of Kristin Wheelwright

Students and faculty create masterpieces, bridge communities

The 2009 theme for the annual Portland Rose Festival was “bridging communities.” BYU–Idaho’s Department of Horticulture did just that as it helped Studio Concepts, a float company in Portland, build floats designed completely out of botanical material for the June parade.

Upon arrival, the company gave the four students and two faculty volunteers illustrations for floats, along with directions for flower placement.

It took the students and faculty three days, working 10 to 12 hours each day to attach all the fresh-cut flowers to two out of the 15 floats entered. One of the floats they worked on was the largest float in the parade, which was about 10-12 feet wide and 60 feet long, said Marilee Bass, Department of Horticulture faculty.

In preparation for the trip, the BYU-Idaho volunteers created large floral arrangements and researched the best techniques in securing the arrangement. “The scale of designs the students do is unmatched,” Bass said. “Sometimes the designs can be five to six feet tall.”

With the department’s help, both floats won awards. One of their floats, representing a Beauty and the Beast theme, won the Sweepstakes Award, which is the highest award given.

BYU-Idaho is developing a tradition of excellence. This is the third time the department has helped Studio Concepts. Their

first experience with the company was in the 2008 Portland Rose Festival. Bass had asked the manager of the floral department at Studio Concepts, Vona Lawrence, if they could help build floats for the festival. Lawrence was familiar with the skills of the department after attending the March symposium held in the Ezra Taft Benson Agricultural and Biological Sciences Building two years earlier, and agreed to have the department help with the parade floats.

“I really feel I was inspired to ask her at that time,” Bass said. The year Bass asked was the same year Lawrence was planning on retiring. “We were able to build a connection with the new manager, because he was able to see our skills when we helped construct the floats for the festival.”

The new manager appreciated their talent and hard work and asked the department to help in the 2009 Pasadena Tournament of Roses in January. With the department’s help, their float received the President’s Trophy, which is one of the top four awards given.

“This opportunity is very exclusive,” Bass said. “Hardly any other horticulture departments in the nation are asked to help in these festivals. We hope to make connections with other float companies in the future.”

Department of Horticulture creates oasis for campus



The Thomas E. Ricks Demonstration Gardens located on the south side of the BYU–Idaho campus is full of a variety of flowers, trees, shrubs, fruits and vegetables.

This area is not only for the public to enjoy, but also for hands-on learning for horticulture students.

Each semester, three horticulture labs maintain the 10 acres of gardens. Each lab has different duties that teach students new skills. Students enrolled in the Landscape Construction class build and install special features throughout the gardens, such as the waterfalls. The students in the Production course cultivate plants; and the Landscape Management class maintains the look of the garden, which includes mowing and weeding.

In the classroom, students create a design to be implemented in the gardens. Students and their professors look at each sketch and pick the best elements out of each sketch to make one cohesive design. The design then is built into the gardens. Currently, students are enhancing an area east of the Ezra Taft Benson Agricultural and Biological Sciences Building that will soon be called the Spirit Garden. This project will be completed next year, making it a two-year task.

The artistic skills the students learn prepare them for future competitions and careers. “The industries love our students because of the skills they have developed,” Toll said. “Our students are highly sought after across the nation.”

For instance, every week the department receives calls from companies throughout the country that are anxious to deliver speeches and interview the students. When the speaker comes they receive a tour of the Ricks Gardens to showcase the work and skills of the students.

Throughout the years, students have developed the Ricks Gardens into an area with six waterfalls, a gazebo and a picnic shelter. However, the site wasn’t always this developed. Before 1977, this place was used as a pasture and cultivated cropland, and a small area was used as an informal garbage dump.

“Sometimes when digging we’ll run into tin cans and other garbage,” Toll said. “It’s cool to think about how much this land has changed. The Department of Horticulture has created an oasis for this campus.”

This change can be accredited to Kim Black, former horticulture instructor, who wanted the 10 acres to be a place for students to learn. He also wanted it to be an area for the horticultural industry and the community to gain an educational experience.

The gardens are a resource for community members to discover how to implement the different landscape styles and techniques into their property, said Toll. “We demonstrate and test plants that will grow in Eastern Idaho, such as fruit trees and strawberries.”

Another amenity the gardens provide is a place for relaxation, engagement pictures or social gatherings. Additionally, the public can pick apples from the 400-apple orchard, which are sold by the pound around August.

NEXT WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL PRESIDENT DEE F. ANDERSEN



President Dee F. Andersen is the former President of the Mount Timpanogos Utah Temple.

President Andersen graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting at Utah State Agriculture College.

President Andersen served as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and completed that service as the budget and accounting officer for the units in England. After the war, he worked for various business organizations and CPA firms in Utah and Idaho. He served as the administrative vice president of the University of Utah and later of BYU in Provo, Utah.

In 1970, President Andersen was called to be the associate commissioner of education of the Church Educational System. He also served as the executive assistant to the Presiding Bishops Office, organizer and first managing director of the Information Systems Department, and worked with the First Presidency to correlate the long-range planning efforts of the Church.

President Andersen has served the Church in many other capacities including as bishop, stake president, member of the Young Men's General Board, mission president of the Hawaii Honolulu Mission, as a missionary with his wife in the Ohio Cleveland Mission, and currently serves as High Priest group leader in his ward.

He and his wife, Frances, are the parents of seven children, 29 grandchildren, and currently they have 17 great-grandchildren with two more on the way.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Jeff Hamblin
Department of Home
and Family
Faculty

From a young age, cooking has been a hobby for Jeff Hamblin, Department of Home and Family. While on his mission in Italy, he would spend his preparation days recreating the meals he had been fed by local families.

Along with his interest in cooking, Hamblin dreamed of teaching English. Hamblin earned his master's in English and doctorate in education. Hamblin then attended the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Ore. Today, as a culinary arts instructor at BYU-Idaho, Hamblin has made his hobby his career.

"I'm always talking food; it's always in my thoughts. But cooking is still a hobby, believe it or not," Hamblin said.

Though he has a strong love for creating dishes, he shared that spending time with his family "is the best pastime of all."

Hamblin and his wife have four children under the age of 13. Together they enjoy fishing and camping, raising chickens, and are preparing to raise horses.

"I'm a country boy," Hamblin confessed. If he weren't doing his dream job of teaching at BYU-Idaho, he would probably run a dude ranch, he said.

Hamblin can also be found woodworking. He enjoys crafting lawn furniture, bookshelves, cabinets and beds.

Who is his role model? "In terms of a chef it would be Patrick O'Connell. I love his work and his philosophies about food," Hamblin said.

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Construction Update

In order for site work to continue at the Auditorium, construction trailers are moving to the west half of the Biddulph parking lot, which will be fenced off.

Outdoor Resource Center Summer Sale

June 25-July 11. Receive 15 percent off all retail and rental items (not valid with other offers). The ORC is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 208-496-2137 or e-mail orc@byui.edu.

Testing Center Holiday Hours

The Testing Center will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. The last test will go out at 4 p.m. We will be closed July 3-4.

Automotive Service Offered

We are looking for 13 cars for fuel system service maintenance. Submit a request by calling 496-1861 or check out www.byui.edu/Automovite/CarRepair.htm.

FOR SALE

2003 Buick LeSabre. 76,000 miles, great condition, loaded, leather interior, new tires. Asking \$7,900 OBO. If interested, please call 313-2816.

Mobile Home. Nice 13x78, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Located in the Millhollow Community. \$22,800. Good investment opportunity. Call 351-5544.

55-gallon water storage barrels. \$18 each. Used, food grade. You clean. Taking pre-orders now for delivery in July. This will be the last shipment with a limited number available; call early. 356-6641.

16 new, padded black vinyl and metal chairs. Great for kitchen or office. \$18 each. Call Julie at 313-0331, or e-mail harkerj@byui.edu for a photo.

Great looking 1996 Ford F150 pickup. Asking \$3,000, or best offer. Take a look to appreciate. Call 496-1179 or 403-1219.

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Johnnie Cahoon, Accounting Services
Fernando Castro, Religious Ed
Justin Garner, Student Act
William Lewis, Tech Support
Thomas Moore, University Security
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Steven Janes, Communication
- 27 Gary Baird, Biology
Candice Maughan, Music
Barbara McKenna, University Aid
Jason Peebles, University Security
Jackie Terry, Library
- 28 Derek Joos, Computer Info Tech
Wendy Williams, Counseling
- 29 Thomas Fleming, Enterprise Info System
Craig Forbush, Mechanical
Cindy Guthrie, Dance
Bonnie Moon, Mathematics
Brian Seedall, Religious Education
A. Kim Van Wagoner, Nursing
- 30 Doyle Brower, Grounds
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