



OCTOBER 8, 2009

## CALENDAR | OCTOBER 8-14

- 8 • Emergency Disaster Workshop
- 9 • Broadway Revue
  - Spirit Week Luncheon  
12:45 p.m., Taylor Cultural Hall
- 10 • Jim Brickman concert
- 13 • Devotional, Elder Dallin H. Oaks

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Apples, Apricots and Plums

The Married Student Gardens project allows couples to learn principles of cultivating and utilizing fresh garden produce. Students are anxious to learn how to process fruits such as apricots, apples, plums, etc. If you have these trees in your yard and are willing to share fruit, please contact Kriss Jacobson at Ext. 2599 or [jacobsonkr@byui.edu](mailto:jacobsonkr@byui.edu).

### New Chair Announced

Stephen Smith has been invited to serve as the new chair for the Department of Sociology and Social Work.

### Elder Dallin H. Oaks to Speak at Devotional

Elder Dallin H. Oaks will speak at the BYU-Idaho devotional on Oct. 13. Tickets are required for admission to the Hart Auditorium.

## Dance and Theatre departments merge

Two departments within the College of Performing and Visual Arts—Department of Dance and Department of Theatre—merged this Fall Semester, bringing the arts to a new collaborative level.

Academic Vice President Fenton Broadhead explained that theatre and dance are often combined in universities. “The mix of sharing, teaching and learning transpire much easier in larger departments,” he said.

Until the merge, both departments functioned with a limited number of faculty. However, the union will now facilitate exposure to more teaching styles and leadership opportunities as department members work together to serve more students.

Richard Clifford, new chair of the Department of Dance/Theatre, said he looks forward to the positive effects the merger will have on students. Clifford explained that the new department will bring more opportunities for teamwork in other areas. “Collaboration is one of the more important and enriching things for artists. The cross training now available allows our dance and theatre students to express themselves more fully.”

## New associate Academic vice president announced

Rob Eaton, a professor in the Department of Religion, replaced Clark Gilbert as associate vice president of Academic Development on Sept. 25. Gilbert left an opening when he was appointed president and chief executive officer of Deseret Digital Media in Salt Lake City.

“I’m excited about the potential we have at BYU-Idaho to do great things for so many people,” Eaton said. “I’m especially enthusiastic about the tools for online education.”

Eaton will continue Gilbert’s work of maintaining high-quality continuing education at BYU-Idaho and will also be developing more online courses to accommodate the university’s growing enrollment.

Gilbert said he is sad to leave BYU-Idaho, but he knows Salt Lake City is where he and his family are supposed to be now. “As we leave, we really understand how wonderful this place is,” he said. “BYU-Idaho is truly one of the most special places in the whole Church.”

## Students, employees and alumni celebrate rich history during Spirit Week

Torches in hand, the classes of 1915 and 1916 paraded down Main Street to Ricks Academy. Wanting to leave a legacy on campus, they raised two 15-foot lights in the shapes of an “R” and an “A” on the roof of the Jacob Spori Building, symbolizing the light and understanding of the school’s influence.

On Oct. 6, 2009, BYU-Idaho students lit torches again to kick off Spirit Week and honor those students from years’ past, who laid the foundation for BYU-Idaho.

“Spirit Week carries the traditions of Founder’s Day and Homecoming Week,” said Steve Davis, director of the BYU-Idaho Alumni Association. “I think it is important to involve the community, students and alumni in reflecting on BYU-Idaho’s history and celebrating the future.”

Tuesday’s torch lighting ceremony commemorated events dating back 121 years to the founding of Bannock Stake Academy on Nov. 12, 1888, when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints named Jacob Spori the first principal.

Eight years later, students and employees celebrated the first annual Founder’s Day on the Saturday closest to Nov. 12. Students

marched down College Avenue and Main Street to the Rexburg Tabernacle, where they met for a speech by one of their leaders. After that, the march became tradition.

In 1923, Ricks College added an athletics program and held its first Founder’s Day football game against Montana State Agricultural College. Although the Vikings lost 40-0 that day, Ricks College athletics went on to produce nearly 100 first team All-Americans, 61 individual national champions, 17 national championship teams, and three Olympic gold medalists before being phased out in 2000.

In 1926, Ricks added a dance to the festivities. In 1941, the college included bands, floats and a pep club in the march. Alumni also participated in the celebration for the first time. Unfortunately, because of World War II, there was no football game that year. However, Ricks students refused to have Founder’s Day without football. They attended the game between Madison and Sugar-Salem High Schools instead.

Ricks College officially changed Founder’s Day to Homecoming Week in 1968 as it published “The First 80 Years,” a book about





Starting in 1970 during Homecoming Week, more than 600 Ricks College students holding the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood took part in the annual Moroni Marathon, which encompassed a log saw competition, tug of war, the Gold Plate Relay, and wheelbarrow races.

the history of Ricks College. The emergence of Homecoming brought more new activities such as painting the “R” on “R Mountain.”

Homecoming continued for 34 years. In 2002, two years after announcing its transition to become a four-year university, Ricks renamed Homecoming Week as Spirit Week. “Our goal with Spirit Week is to connect with the pioneers that established this institution for us, reflect on their sacrifices, and celebrate the future that lies ahead of this great university,” said Ryan DeGraw, who is in charge of the event this year.

Spirit Week 2009 includes a rodeo, concert, service project, Spirit Cup Challenge and Spirit Rally Relay Race.



**NEXT WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL**  
ELDER DALLIN H. OAKS



Elder Dallin H. Oaks currently serves as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Elder Oaks graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Brigham Young University and a law degree from The University of Chicago Law School. He practiced and taught law in Chicago until his call to serve as president of Brigham Young University in Provo. Elder Oaks served as president for nine years until his appointment as justice of the Utah Supreme Court.

Elder Oaks also served as an officer or member of the board of many business, educational and charitable organizations. He is the author or co-author of many books and articles on religious and legal subjects.

Prior to his call to the Quorum of the Twelve, Elder Oaks served as regional representative, stake mission president and as a counselor in a stake presidency.

Elder Oaks and his late wife, June, are the parents of six children. She died July 21, 1998. On August 25, 2000, he married Kristen M. McMinn in the Salt Lake Temple.



## EMPLOYEE PROFILE

**Jodi Howard**  
Athletic Trainer  
Student Act/Peer  
Instruction

Siblings, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents waited anxiously as midnight approached in Island Park. With Y2K seconds away, they didn't know what to expect. The clock struck twelve and...silence. The room turned black.

BYU-Idaho Athletic Trainer Jodi Howard's nephew had snuck around the house and flipped the breaker switch. As the lights turned back on, the family laughed and added one more story to their list of Island Park memories.

"I love creating memories," Howard said, "and spending time with my family at the cabin is the best way to do it."

Whether gathering together for the holidays or four-wheeling in the summer, Howard said the family always has a blast. She has vacationed in the Island Park area since she was a little girl, but it wasn't until she had kids that she started recording it.

"When I had my first child, 18 years ago, I decided I should keep thoughts and experiences organized for my kids by scrapbooking," Howard said. "I've been doing it ever since."

Howard now has three children and loves raising them in the same area she grew up in. A Rigby, Idaho, native, Howard hasn't strayed too far from home. She attended school at Ricks College and Idaho State University, where she met her husband, Richard. After finishing school, they returned to the upper valley and they don't plan on leaving anytime soon.

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### Ropes Course

The ropes course can now be scheduled through the Scheduling Office in addition to scheduling through Scott Hurst. Please contact the Scheduling Office at Ext. 2248, or contact Scott Hurst at ropescourse@byui.edu or Ext 2137. The ropes course is currently open to students, academic departments, activities, associations, societies, and campus wards and stakes. At this time we are not able to service off-campus groups.

### FOR SALE

10 black vinyl padded metal chairs, \$15 each. New, great for office or kitchen table. Contact Julie at 313-0331 or harkerj@byui.edu to purchase or request a picture.

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent my wife. They put a smile on her face. She loved to see them while she was recovering from her operation.

*Blake Grover*

I just wanted to thank you for the thoughtful plant and kind words at the passing of my father, Wayne E. Kimball. Though it was an expected passing, sympathetic words at times like that are very much appreciated. My husband and I consider it a great blessing to have moved to Rexburg and to be associated with BYU-Idaho. Thank you for all that you do for faculty, students and the community.

*Terry and Cynthia K. Call*

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Student Financial Aid Office for the plant that they sent to my husband as he recuperates from his surgery. It is a beautiful plant and greatly appreciated by both of us. You don't realize how wonderful each one of you are. Thank you again.

*Dee and Ronald Lindsay*

Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent to our brother, Tom Koontz, for our mother's funeral. Your thoughtful actions and words are greatly appreciated.

*Robert and Barbara Schwartz*

As my wife and I have welcomed a new child into the world, we express our appreciation for your well wishes, concern and friendship. It's great to have such a supportive department that understands the adjustment and excitement accompanying the arrival of a new child. Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement.

*Mark and Kristine Bennion*

### BIRTHDAYS | OCTOBER 8-14

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Sharlene Lewis, Health Sci  
Mitch Loveland, Business Management  
Sam Nielson, Library
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Hector Becerril-Garcia, Chemistry  
Gloria Horrocks, Testing Center  
Brett Johnson, Physical Facilities
- 10 Janet Christensen, English  
Susan Dicus, Nursing  
Sheldon Lawrence, Academic Learning
- 11 Ron Bennett, Communication  
Tony Carpenter, University Communications  
Laura Cook, Art  
Angie Hays, Student Health Center  
Bruce Kusch, Academic Admin.  
Les Manner, Chemistry  
Candyce Miller, Business Management  
Mary Taylor, University Operations
- 12 Chris Beard, Internal Audit  
Kyle Martin, Student Records  
Gary Purse, Religious Ed.  
Garrett Saunders, Math  
David Stowell, Math
- 13 Jeff Hamblin, Home & Family  
Marybeth Lemon, Chemistry  
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