

## Maxwell Visits Campus

Jim Maxwell, CEO and founder of Agriland Farming Company Inc. visited campus to speak with agriculture students in early October. Owner of half a dozen companies focused on permanent crops, Brother Maxwell visited with five different classes. He spoke about pricing strategies and product/consumer awareness. With another group of class he spent time teaching how soil surveys and soil factors affect purchasing and marketing decisions.

Jim Maxwell's successes are in his strategies of vertical integration. Vertical integration is used to describe taking the crop from beginning to the end. Over half of the acreage Agriland farms are in

pistachios but nuts, figs, kiwis, and grapes are also grown. Although some aspects of the business are contracted out, such as the harvesting of pistachios, these crops are packaged and marketed by sister company Pacific Gold Marketing, Inc. and sold to over 8,000 stores nationwide. Because they sell, package and distribute their own crops (and the crops of other farmers) they can more easily control prices and more efficiently meet their own needs. ([www.allbusiness.com](http://www.allbusiness.com))

Having such a prominent business man speaking about the aspects of Ag business was a great opportunity for these students.



## Nursing 50 Year Celebration

Ricks College began offering nursing classes in the fall of 1957 starting "A Tradition of Caring." To commemorate the 50 year anniversary, a grand celebration will be held October 25-26. This celebration will include speakers, luncheons, a reception and tour, musical numbers and the unveiling of a commemorative painting. Speakers will include past and present Nursing Department Chairpersons, Stephen McGary; Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Kim B. Clark; BYU-Idaho President; and will finish off with a Mary Ellen Edmunds, popular LDS author. Those who work with the nursing students in hospitals locally or abroad are invited to the reception. They will have an opportunity to view the facilities. On display will be a virtual I.V. simulator.

In 1965 Pamela Hart graduated from Ricks College with an Associates Degree in Nursing, she along with students and faculty from the last 50 years, will take part in grand celebration on Thursday, October 25, 2007. This is a special occasion for Sister Hart, because she will be retiring this year. She has been able to see much of the growth over the years. One of the greatest changes in the program has been the addition of the RN to BSN program.

With the transition of Ricks College to a four year university came the opportunity for BYU-Idaho offer a RN to BSN program. Beginning in 2001, students who had previously received a RN associates degree were able to apply for this program. According to Hart, although the associates degree is sufficient to take the same Board exams and become licensed equally, the BSN is needed to acquire more administrative positions.

With growth comes change. One such change has been the creation of the Alternate Track program, according to faculty member Kim Van Wagoner, this is "for students who have greater than 30 credits and who are more mature learners."

Donna Funk, a nursing graduate who returned as a professor here commented on the change of semester length, "Nursing students always seem to be stressed, because of the magnified of study time needed on the Nursing courses...The stress level seems to be increased among the students, having to do about the same amount of work in less time..."



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## New Faculty



My name is Garth Waddoups. I grew up in the Arco and Blackfoot areas. I served a mission in the Great San Diego Cal. Mission. After my mission I moved to Logan Utah to attend College. While I was there I met and courted Carolyn Niederhauser. We were married two weeks before I began school. She was, for all of those years and continues to be, my greatest support. We attended Utah State University and received a degree in Biology. We were accepted into Veterinary School at Washington State University where we received a second Bachelors degree in Bioveterinary sciences and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. It was hard to leave (Mountain Home, Idaho) but when they called and invited us to apply at BYU-I we prayed about it and felt this was where the Lord wanted us to be. So we painfully pulled up our roots... I teach veterinary related classes at the livestock center. We are beginning to understand the Spirit of Ricks and all of the wonderful people who embody it.



Steve Kimpel was raised in Wisconsin and is married to Julie. They have four children: Courtney, Katrina, Kayla, and Cody. They recently moved from Colorado where Steve was employed at Colorado School of Mines. Steve teaches in the exercise science department this semester's classes are motor development, evaluation and administration, fitness for life, exercise physiology lab, weight training, soccer, and racquetball. Julie is able to stay home and keep the family activities coordinated. School and previous employment have allowed their family to live in Idaho previously as well as Colorado twice, Kansas, and Indiana. Steve and Julie met in College and Steve served a mission to Missouri.



My name is Jason Shaw. I grew up in the Snake River valley, moving enough to call several places home. My last residence was Pocatello Idaho where I attended for all of my education. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Zoology and Master's degree in Physical Therapy from Idaho State University. I then worked in physical therapy for several years and had many gratifying jobs. However, my most gratifying job turned out to be teaching in physical therapy for the last few years back in Pocatello Idaho, Idaho State University. While teaching I discovered two things. I loved to teach and I loved to take classes in the biological sciences. Eventually, I became so interested in biology that I began a program of study to complete a doctorate in biology with an anatomy and physiology emphasis. I graduated with that degree in 2006. Although I have enjoyed all of my time working in the health sciences and practicing as a physical therapist, teaching has instilled in me the most passion and satisfaction.