



## Summer Semester renamed Spring Semester



Starting in 2009, the name Summer Semester at Brigham Young University–Idaho will be changed to Spring Semester. This change is to reflect when the majority of the semester occurs, in the spring.

“The name change will also avoid confusion since there is now a Summer Session,” said Bruce Kusch, the associate academic vice president for curriculum.

Summer Session is held between the Spring and Fall semesters. The Summer Session will include freshmen programs and other courses for a growing number of students who remain in Rexburg in July and August. Summer Session classes in 2009 will run from July 27 to September 4.

### Every Employee a Teacher

*By Patrick Powell, Human Resources*

As expressed so well in his inaugural address here at BYU–Idaho, President David Bednar stated that “every employee at BYU–Idaho is a teacher.” He continued by saying, “Everyone at BYU–Idaho—faculty, staff, students, ecclesiastical leaders, and so forth has a responsibility to impact others for good. Each interaction with a student or colleague is a potential teaching and learning opportunity.”

As we move forward, looking for opportunities to teach and influence, it is good to remember that most of the time teaching opportunities come to us in very common and ordinary-looking situations. Too often we wait for high-powered and glamorous-looking opportunities to exert our

teaching muscles, not recognizing the opportunities that exist all around us. As so beautifully expressed by Will Thompson, “There are chances for work all around just now, opportunities right in our way.” (“Have I Done Any Good?” Hymns, 223)

Truly, opportunities to reach out to others and teach are plentiful here at BYU–Idaho. And while these opportunities may come in very ordinary-looking situations, we have a wonderful opportunity to teach and build testimonies of the gospel of Jesus Christ and influence the lives of the young men and women who attend this university.

Remember, regardless of the setting in which we work, every employee is a teacher and has the opportunity to profoundly influence, for good, the students who attend BYU–Idaho.

### David Warner to speak at devotional



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David Warner, the director of the Music and Cultural Arts Division of the Priesthood Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will speak at the campus devotional on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Hart Auditorium. Warner also has served as chairman of the Church General Music Committee. Prior to his current position, he served as a faculty member at BYU in Provo and as the artistic director of the Boise Opera and the Film Actors Theatre of Los Angeles.

He has directed television specials seen nationally on PBS, as well as film, professional theater, musical theater and opera productions. Some of his projects include *Savior of the World* shown in the Conference Center theatre, *Light of the World* produced by the Church for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, and the Nauvoo Pageant in 2005.

The last devotional of the semester will be held Dec. 2 featuring Scott Bergstrom, institutional research and assessment officer at BYU–Idaho.

## Birthdays

- 13 Preston Haley, Exercise & Sports Science  
James Helfrich, Computer Science & Engineering  
Victoria Mecham, Sociology/Social Work  
Mary Welch, English
- 14 Kevin Cook, Tech Support  
Jack Labaugh, Communication  
Melanie Orr, Recreation Management  
Kathleen Tomazin, Home & Family
- 15 Denise Merrill, Foreign Language
- 16 Louis Buhrey, Biology  
Ralph Kern, Teacher Education  
Trent Rose, History/Geography/Political Science  
Susan Whitfield, Theatre
- 17 Melinda Reese, Food Services  
Ben Stoddard, Bookstore
- 18 Craig Johnson, Mathematics
- 19 Daniel Baird, Academic Learning  
Louise Benson, Admissions  
Chris Henrichsen, History/Geography/Political Science  
Janet Ruud, Ag/Life Sciences  
Gordon Saathoff, Accounting

## For Sale

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*Home gym.* \$110, Performance 355 Series combo weight bench, pulley-bar and leg lift: padded bench w/padded upright, long weight bar w/4 clamps, 2 free-weight bars, 175 lbs of weights in varying sizes, two 20-lb bar bells. Call 390-1940.

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## Jenny Oaks Baker to perform with Symphony Orchestra

Violinist Jenny Oaks Baker will join the BYU–Idaho Symphony Orchestra as the guest soloist for Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto in D, Opus 35, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 20 and 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Barrus Concert Hall. Tickets for the concerts can be purchased from the BYU–Idaho Ticket Office by calling 496-2230 or online at [www.byui.edu/tickets](http://www.byui.edu/tickets). Tickets are \$4 for BYU–Idaho students and employees, and \$8 for the general public.

## Nov. 13-19

## Steady Upward Course helping students

In January 2008, the Student Honor Office implemented a student facilitated class. This class, called Steady Upward Course, is intended to help students with Student Honor violations better understand the purpose and mission of Brigham Young University–Idaho.

“If the student can understand the purpose of the university hopefully his or her attitude will change,” said Mike Lehman, director of the Student Honor office.

A student who is in violation of Student Honor may be invited to take Steady Upward Course. In a situation that involves a minor violation such as the dress and grooming standards or breaking curfew, the student may have the opportunity of taking the course and not have their incident recorded. A student is usually assigned two to six classes depending on the violation.

Each class is offered weekly for an hour. Students are asked to read and study one of six foundational talks. They will then discuss the talk during class. These talks, which include *A Steady Upward Course* by President Henry B. Eyring; or *Out of the Small Things Proceedeth That Which is Great* by President Kim B. Clark, are to help students understand the purpose university better. The classes generally have six to eight students attending and are lead by a student facilitator.

“We felt students would be more comfortable with other students rather than having faculty members oversee the discussion,” Lehman said.

The course focuses only on the talks and never on the student’s violation. This helps maintain student confidentiality.

“We’ve received positive reaction to this course,” Lehman said. “Students feel very comfortable and they don’t feel judged.”

In one case, a student was assigned to attend Steady Upward Course. After the student completed the classes, she wanted to teach others what she learned. She volunteered to be a student facilitator the next semester and was chosen to be the student director over the course for the upcoming winter semester. As a student director, she will manage the program and receive a scholarship for doing so.

“This class is a more positive and encouraging way for students to learn about the mission of BYU–Idaho,” Lehman said. “Plus, most students like that their violation won’t be put on their record.”

The program not only applies the learning model, but utilizes the student-leader, disciple-leader, and peer-to-peer learning models.

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