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All-Employee Meeting

An All-Employee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 from 2-4 p.m. in the Taylor Chapel. The university administration encourages all employees to arrange their schedules to attend. Faculty with classes during the second hour of the meeting are encouraged to come for the first hour and then slip out for class.

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President's Q&A

The next Q&A with President Clark will be Friday, June 5 at noon in Taylor 120. Please come and participate in the discussion.

Richard B. Cluff presents "Gambling: A losing bet"



Richard B. Cluff speaks at university forum.

There is a greater chance for a person to be struck by lightning, killed by a terrorist or die from flesh-eating bacteria than make money at games of chance.

This is one of many facts Richard B. Cluff, a faculty member from the Department of Psychology, shared in a university forum May 21.

Concentrating on games of chance, Cluff talked about the adverse effects of gambling in all forms. First, he listed the seven most common reasons why a person might gamble: to make money, to feed curiosity, to interact socially, to be entertained, to win, to get a rush, or to satisfy an addiction. Then he showed the inability of gamblers to fully satisfy these desires.

For example, he said it is unreasonable for people to gamble for money because their chance of profiting in the short term is worse than 1 in 1.35 million. Even those who beat these odds eventually end up losing their money due to their addiction.

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Russian impressionist artwork on display in the Spori Art Gallery

BYU–Idaho’s permanent art collection of Russian impressionist Sergei Bongart will be on display in the Jacob Spori Art Gallery from May 28 through June 26.

The show will include various quotations from Bongart and a 20-30 minute continual running film, featuring Bongart’s painting style and love of art.

Bongart was born in 1918 and raised in Kiev, Russia. As fighting broke out at the start of World War II, Bongart escaped to the United States and settled in California. While working and living in California, Bongart traveled with a friend to Idaho. He discovered an immense love for the landscape of the Snake River Valley as it reminded him of his home in Russia. Bongart soon purchased a log cabin near Rexburg and began teaching classes at his cabin every summer.

He passed away in 1985, after receiving numerous awards throughout his lifetime including the Grand National Gold Medal and First Prize from the American Artists Professional League, and a Gold Medal Award from the National Academy of Western Art. His artwork can be seen in various exhibits across the world, including the Museum of Russian Art in Kiev, Russia.

Many of the paintings BYU–Idaho owns were completed by Bongart while he lived in the Snake River Valley area.

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After logically refuting each reason to gamble, Cluff quoted many prophets and Church leaders about the Church’s stance on gambling.

“The Church has been and now is unalterably opposed to gambling in any form whatever,” said President Heber J. Grant in a statement issued by the Church in 1926.

In April general conference 2005, President Gordon B. Hinckley said, “Please, please do not fritter away your time or talents in an aimless pursuit. If you do so, it will lessen your capacity to do worthwhile things.”

Cluff bore testimony about the truthfulness of those statements, then closed with these thoughts:

“Brothers and Sisters, let’s say that you were one of those lucky 1:35 million. When you leave the casino, whose money is in your pockets? We have clearly learned that it is not the casino’s.... It is money from people who, because they have lost their paycheck and maxed out their credit cards, now defraud their employers or write bad checks.... That’s whose money is in your pocket.... Win or lose, it will leave you and your loved ones spiritually bankrupt.”

Department of Business Management, taking an integrated approach



In the last year, BYU-Idaho's Business Management Program has received a major facelift. Within just three semesters, the program has completely reworked the first 21 credits required for the major.

Starting Fall 2008, the department combined an accounting course, an economics course and a new four-credit business simulation into one 10-credit class, Business Fundamentals I. The course shows students how to use accounting, economics and business principles together.

Jeff Castleton, a sophomore, called the new course "a flood of knowledge," saying he loves being able to use things he learned yesterday about accounting in his business class today. "The courses seem so much more cohesive and applicable," he said.

The Department of Business Management introduced another 10-credit course in Winter 2009. Built with the same purpose as Business Fundamentals I, Business Fundamentals II combines higher levels of accounting, economics and business.

"We live in an integrated world," said Craig Bell, chair of the Department of Business Management. "We are realizing more and more that students need a breadth of knowledge in addition to a depth of knowledge, and those different types of knowledge need to work together."

The faculty is giving business students that breadth of knowledge by integrating as many subjects as they can for students, so they have a background in whatever business field they choose to go into. If

students want to work on the business end of biomedical research, they ought to know something about biology; if they want to manage a restaurant, they ought to know something about culinary art.

Business faculty are encouraging students to obtain a secondary emphasis and a complementary cluster that relate to their interests and the type of business they want to work in.

In order to help students discover what they're interested in earlier, the department has created another class. First offered in Fall 2008, Business 100 is a one-credit class designed for freshmen. It gives an overview of the business management major and all the programs possible emphases.

Bell called the class a small but critical change in the program because it gives students direction for the rest of their college career.

Only two semesters after introducing these new courses, business professors are already seeing big improvements. Mike Whitesides, who teaches Business Fundamentals I, said he has seen an astounding difference in students' quantitative and problem solving abilities. He also sees an increased ability for students to apply what they learn.

The Department of Business Management is now seeing the fruits they've been seeking since BYU-Idaho was converted into a four-year university. The department has continually made many changes to improve the program.

One change was making the Integrated Business Core (IBC) a required course in 2005. It is a 12-credit course in which students create and run their own business.

Another big change came two years later when the department began requiring both a 90-hour and 270-hour internship to help students gain hands-on experiences.

NEXT WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL SCOTT GALER



Brother Scott Galer began teaching Chinese at BYU-Idaho in 1998. Currently he serves as the chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Brother Galer earned bachelor's and master's degrees at BYU and the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a doctorate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Brother Galer has served the Church in many capacities including as a missionary in the Taiwan Taizhong Mission, and as a Mandarin instructor at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah. He has also served in various Priesthood leadership callings, as a primary and gospel doctrine teacher, and nursery co-leader with his wife. Currently Brother Galer serves as the Sunday School president in his ward.

Brother Galer and his wife, Tricia, are the parents of four children.



Employee Profile

Jeff Newman

Career & Academic Advising

An avid skier, mountain biker and fisherman, Jeff Newman is a real outdoorsman. He especially loves when outdoor activities bring his family together.

His favorite place to go is Table Rock, where he enjoys hiking with his wife and five daughters. He also enjoys spending time with his three grandchildren.

A native of Layton, Utah, Newman obtained his associate degree from Ricks College. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from BYU. Consequently, he is a devoted Cougar fan who regularly dresses and decorates in blue.

He began working at Ricks College in 1988 as the program director for student activities; 10 years later, he moved to the Academic Advising Office, where he currently works as a career specialist. Newman enjoys his job because he likes working with students.

"I love being able to help them," he said. "When they come in troubled or struggling, it is great to see them go out the door with a smile and new direction."

In addition to giving academic advice to students, Newman also teaches a career exploration course. "It's great to see students have that "aha" moment when they realize they can be an engineer, a doctor or whatever they want to be," he said.

Newman said he also loves the faculty and staff that he works with. He especially enjoys seeing teachers care enough about their students to call the advising center for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nutrition Incentive Program

Want a free bike? Come to the Wellness Center, learn how to set up a personalized eating plan, and enter the Nutrition Incentive Program.

William Joseph

William Joseph is performing in a Mothers' Weekend Concert Saturday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Hart Auditorium. "Classical Pop" pianist William Joseph is returning after a successful concert at BYU-Idaho two years ago. He began playing the piano at age five, but it wasn't until after his mission to Australia that he got his break in the music industry. Since then, he has opened for such performers as Josh Groban and Il Divo. In 2006, he won four Pearl Awards for his music. The classically trained pianist is backed up by a band and presents an entertaining program of instrumental pop, classical works and rock tunes.

Dance Costume and Fabric Sale

The Dance costume shop will be holding a costume, fabric and trim sale in the Kirkham foyer on May 28 and 29 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a large selection of costumes and fabrics for sale. Bring friends and neighbors, and come early for best selection.

FOR SALE

Needed: Responsible couple to house-sit our comfortable home in Rigby during fall 2009 semester (Aug 25th - Dec. 15th). For details call 496-1321 or 745-8569.

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Great 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home with plenty of storage. Attached garage. Large fenced yard with mature pine trees, covered patio, and outdoor storage unit. Hardwood floors. Prime location, 1/2 block east of BYU-Idaho. This is a great home! Call me at 208-656-0058.

THANK YOU

To all of the BYU-I community that we have had the opportunity to work with or be influenced by: We sincerely wish to thank all of you for the last 10 years of wonderful experiences and the fond memories that were created here on this great campus. Thank you!

Bryce and Angie Owen

BIRTHDAYS

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Cameron Dixon, Custodial
Maxine Williams, Catering
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Preston McCarty, Infrastructure
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Thomas Morley, Teacher Education
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Scott Wheeler, Art
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Todd Hammond, Religious Education
Roger Jackson, Financial Services
Gary Jennings, Custodial
Paul Jeppson, Technology Support
Tim Taylor, Stores & Receiving
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Susan Garner, Career & Academic Advising
Casey Hurley, Business Management
Angie Miller, Communication
Harold Rose, Student Activities
Dwight Wray, Biology
Steven Zollinger, Internships
- 2 Alvin Lusk, Agriculture/Life Sciences
Mitchell McKay, Music
- 3 Angela Bell, Housing
Steve Holley, Health Science
Lori Ann Morris, Music
Jeremy Slade, Ag Business
Vaun Waddell, English



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