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"You don't have to get married the first day."

- Caleb Despain

"Don't drive anywhere on the first snow day!"

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"Understand that everyone comes to BYU-I with different life experiences and goals. Love everyone anyway."

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"Get your associates degree even if you are planning to stay at BYU-Idaho for your bachelors. You never know what's going to happen."

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recommend going to the Latin dances."

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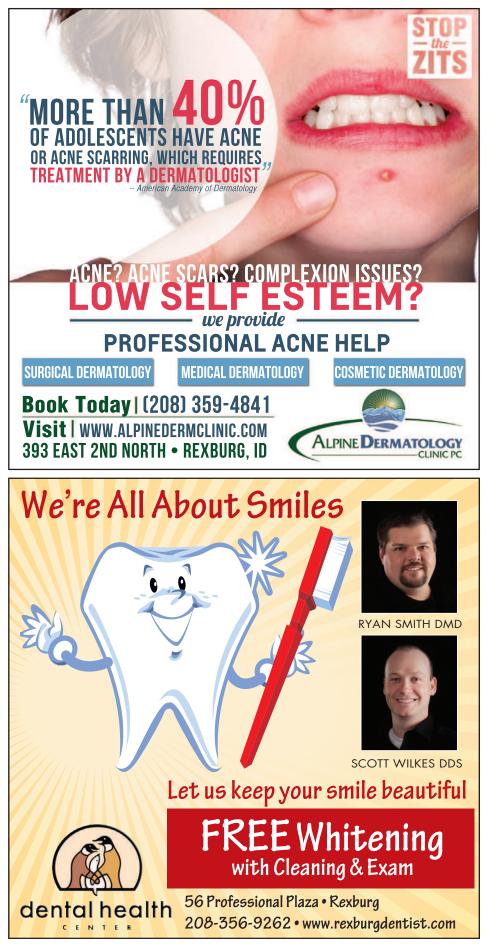
you you know

Millions of students participate in online learning each year, and that number continues to grow, according to the Sloan Consortium. A growing number of colleges and universities now offer distance learning courses, and some students find

it possible to complete their degrees without ever visiting campus. Online learning enables students to take classes according to their own schedules and complete coursework without having to commute to campus. This is particularly attractive to students who work full time or have families. Convenience is not the only reason to consider online education. According to a 2010 meta study

from the United States Department of Education, students who took online courses performed better than those taking the same courses through traditional instruction. Students who mixed online learning with traditional classroom work performed even better.





Winter parking restrictions in place

REXBURG – Winter weather is definitely here and overnight parking restrictions within Rexburg's city limits are in effect. Between Dec. 15 and March 1 Rexburg's parking ordinances prohibit all overnight parking on city streets from 2 a.m. until 7 a.m. for snow removal and other winter street maintenance.

The overnight restriction applies whether or not there is new snowfall.

Capt. Randy Lewis, of the Rexburg Police Department, said the regulation is not intended to



be punitive, but there is active enforcement of the regulation. Vehicles found in violation of the regulation may be ticketed or towed, leading to a \$15 citation or towing and storage fees.

"We encourage anybody who has vehicle problems, and the car has to be left on the street overnight, to call us and we'll work with them," Lewis said.

Most permanent residents are probably aware of the winter parking restriction but students will also have to ensure that they have an off-street parking. a



Freshmen Feel They Chose Right Amanda Hill

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REXBURG - Brand new BYU-Idaho freshmen shared their experiences of how they chose the university, saying that it's all good things so far.

Ohio native Sandra Dickey said she couldn't even bring herself to apply to another college. She said she sat with applications in front of her, "Staring at them for hours on end, trying to think of something to put down on it, but I just couldn't."

She feels she was meant to attend BYU-Idaho. She thought about applying to a school in New York and at another university near her home, but she did not feel right about either option.

"I felt 'blah' for even thinking about applying to them. This is just 'Yes!' Excited feelings, so ready for it," she said.

When Dickey thought about what she would do at another college, she drew up blanks. But she said at BYU-Idaho she knows exactly what she wants-to become a teacher.

Angeles Garcia chose BYU-Idaho for reasons related to spirituality. She grew up in an area where very few others shared her LDS faith, and she wanted something different.

"I wanted to be able to pray with my roommates and be able to walk to church, not having to worry about if I'm gonna be able to say my prayers at night and not have any problems at all," she said.

For Kylee Hill of Arizona, coming to BYU-I was a way to escape many of the negative influences she would face at a non-religious college.

"I wanted to be able to know that I wouldn't have to deal with too much of the daily pressures," she said.

Hill also decided on BYU-Idaho because it would give her access to a "close-knit church base." Not to men-

tion it was a lot closer to her home than her first choice: Sheridan College in Canada.

Other students like Erin Cruz say they always knew they wanted to attend BYU-Idaho and were spared the ordeal of filling out an array of applications.

Missionary preparation was another factor for Cruz, as well as for Garcia. Both girls hope their time at BYU-I will prepare them to be missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"I'm kind of using this experience to help me become a better missionary and disciple of Christ," Cruz said.

All four students had positive things to say about their experiences thus far. Dickey's favorite part about the university so far is how caring the professors are.

"All my teachers were hilarious already, off the bat. I really like how they're automatically caring about us."

For Dickey, everyone in her path has been kind and helpful, which has made it easier for her, a "little, shy person coming from almost the middle of nowhere," to acclimate. She said it has been "straight-up awesomeness."

Garcia and Hill agreed that if they have found a drawback to the university, it has to do with the popular nickname: "BYU-I Do." Hill worries that pressure to get married will be a problem.

"I can already tell it's going to be pretty strong," she said.

But despite this and other potential drawbacks, the freshmen say they have enjoyed their experiences at BYU-Idaho, even down to the cold Rexburg weather.

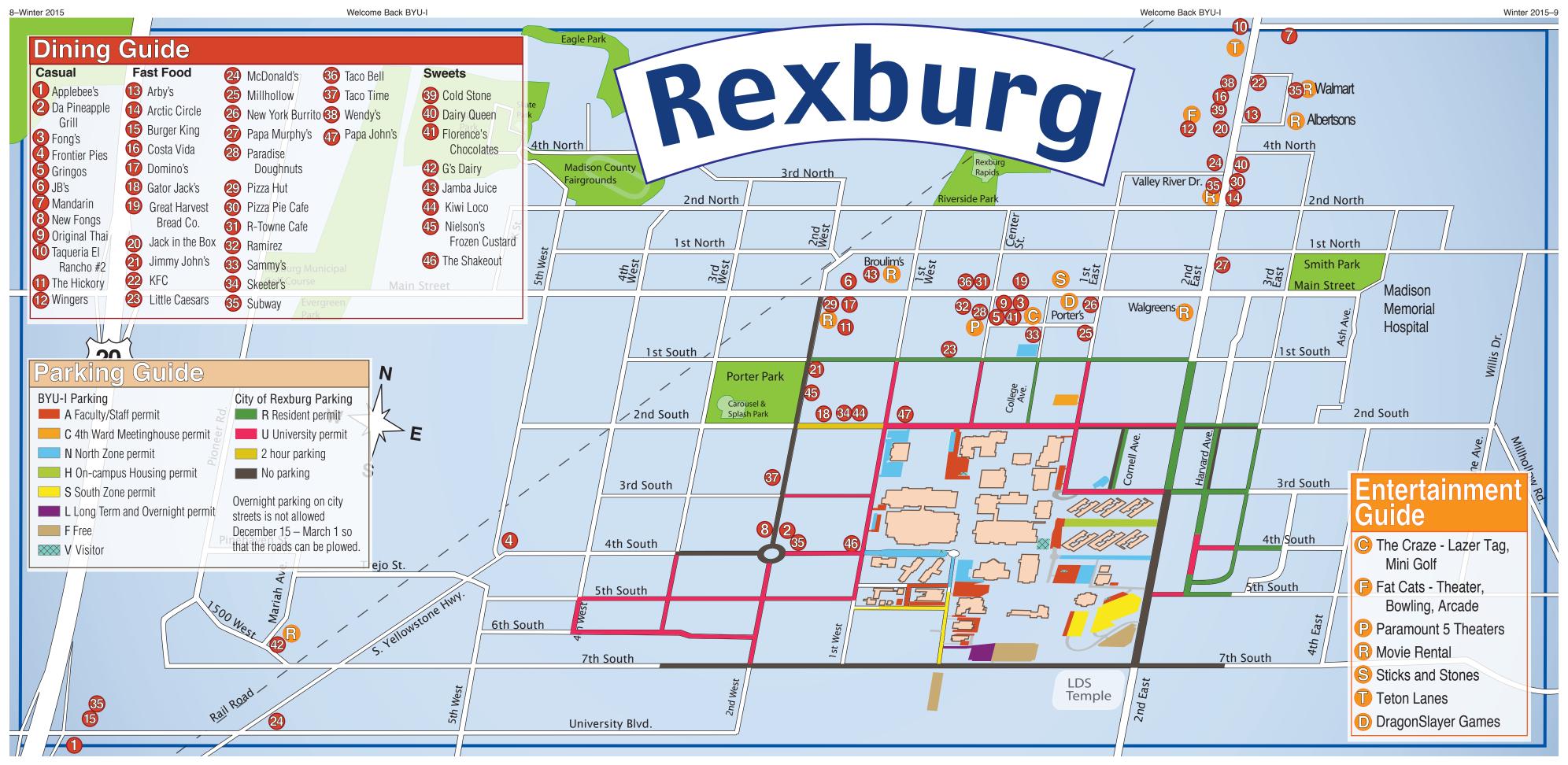
"If you're thinking about coming here, you should definitely go. You'll have a great time," Dickey said.











Eight places to visit this semester

A s a student at BYU-Idaho, day after day is spent inside classrooms. Nights are filled with homework and, for many of us, a social life and fun are distant cousins. However, open your eyes a little more and see the hidden treasures Rexburg has to offer. These eight wonders of Rexburg are some of my personal favorites.

Sand Dunes

Home to some of the largest dunes in the world, the sand dunes are internationally known. People come from all over the world to come to these sand dunes including Europe, Asia and Canada. This 10,600 acre area is composed of white quartz sand blown in from off of the Teton and Snake rivers and is a beautiful place to kick back, relax, and have some fun.

Green Canyon Hot Springs

Off of Highway 33 near Newdale, Idaho, just 40 minutes away from Rexburg, Green Canyon Hot Springs has entertained visitors for over 100 years. With a rich history rooted in the Upper Snake River Valley, the Neibaur family has run Green Canyon Hot Springs since 1953. Originally named Pincock Hot Springs, after its original owners, the current hot springs was rebuilt at the bottom of the canyon, east of its original location. The hot spring features three pools, including a cool pool at 55 degrees and the hot pool at a sizzling 105 degrees.

John H. Pincock bought the land surrounding Green Canyon Hot Springs initially to mine, process and sell lime to the nearby sugar factory for production. Shortly after, they discovered the "bathing pool" nearby, and purchased the water rights, as well, and Green Canyon Hot Springs had begun.

If you are planning on visiting this winter, make sure and plan accordingly because the springs is only open Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, from noon until 9 p.m. Single entry rates are \$5.75, or \$7 for a day pass, or season passes can be purchased.

The Craze

Located at 30 College Ave., the Craze is a great place to bring your family and

friends for a night of fun. Built in what was once the biggest hotel between Salt Lake City and Canada, the old Idamont, the Craze houses a two-level Lazer Tag room, black-light miniature golf and an arcade. The Craze offers date night and FHE specials.

Paramount Theater

On Center Street you'll find the Paramount Theater. Owned by the same company that owns the Teton Vu Drivein Theater, this theater is the cheapest place in town. It's \$3 dollars for general admissions except on Tuesdays when they have a \$2 dollar special. A great place to come watch films with friends and family.

Romance Theater

The Romance Theatre is also one of the unique landmarks of Rexburg. Opening its doors in 1917 the theatre went from showing silent films, to movies with sound, and now to holding such events as "Upper Valley Idol" and the Rexburg Film Festival.

"R" Mountain

The North and South Menan Buttes in southeastern Idaho are two of the world's largest volcanic tuff cones. The buttes rise about 800 feet above the surrounding Snake River plain. It's a great place to view wild life, find creatures like scorpions and lizards, as well as get a beautiful view of the area.

Civil Defense Caves

The Civil Defense caves are large tubes formed from lava that snake underground for thousands of feet. Because of the insulating qualities of Lava, the interior of caves are cold, even on the hottest days of the summer. There is usually ice at the entrance to the cave. So be sure to bring jackets, and good footwear along with flashlights.

Tabernacle

The building is used as a civic auditorium which seats 1,000 people and is well known for its excellent acoustics. An Austin pipe-organ was restored to enhance the musical programs which occur there. Concerts are held in the tabernacle throughout the year. \ge



The outdoor pool at Green Canyon Hot Springs.

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TABERNACLE, REXBURG

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Tips to help students choose the right major

A s recent college graduates can no doubt attest, the job market for young people can be difficult to navigate. Many recent graduates are still struggling to find full-time employment, and some might be wondering if they chose the right major.

Though choosing a major is about more than just finding a job, the financial burden of earning a college degree can't be ignored. According to the Project on Student Debt, 71 percent of college seniors who graduated in 2012 had student loan debt, with an average of \$29,400 per borr ower. In fact, between 2008 and 2012, the average student loan debt at graduation increased an average of 6 percent each year. So while the right major should incorporate a student's interests, skills and strengths, it's also important to find a major that can help students earn a living after they walk across the stage and receive their diplomas.

The following are a handful of tips college students can employ to ensure they choose the right major.

• Don't jump into it. Some students might want to pick a major before they ever step foot on campus. While that strategy might work for some, it should only be employed by those students who are wholly certain a major is for them. Some students choose a major early on because they feel they may get a head start at navigating their way through a job market that recently endured

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exceptionally high levels of unemployment. But the pressure of finding a job should not be what drives students when choosing a major. Unless you're entirely certain that a particular course of study is for you, give yourself some leeway and wait to choose a major. The first year or two of college is a great time to expand your academic horizons so use that time to your advantage.

• Don't procrastinate. While rushing into a major is a mistake, it's also foolish to procrastinate with regard to choosing a course of study. According to The College Board's annual survey of colleges,

the average tuition and fees at private nonprofit four-year colleges for the 2013-14 school year was \$30,094, while public four-year in-state tuition and fees averaged slightly less than \$9,000 for the same year. So no matter which type of college or university a student enrolls in, he or she will be making a significant financial commitment. Waiting too long to choose a course of study may find you paying for courses you ultimately won't need, increasing your already expensive tuition along the way.

• Use the resources at your disposal. Students undecided about a college major should make use of their schools' career development departments to help them get on the right path. Many such departments provide assessment tools to help students find a major that synthesizes their interests and skills with a field of study. In addition, the personnel within career development departments have dealt with hundreds, if not thousands, of previous students who found themselves in similar situations, and that experience can prove invaluable to students who might feel lost with regard to choosing majors.

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BYU-I Sports programs offer students a chance to get involved

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The university offers both recreational and competitive leagues. The competitive leagues require more time and commitment from students in the form of practices each week.

For many students, the recreational leagues are preferable.

Jordan Hughes, who competes in the recre-

ational sports basketball league at BYU-Idaho, said one of the benefits of recreational leagues is that it doesn't require a lot of time, which is one of the common themes of those who enjoy the recreational leagues.

"It is an opportunity to participate in activities I enjoy and it takes very little time or commitment to it is easy to fit into my schedule," said Hughes.

Kristin Johnson, who has participated in the recreational league ultimate frisbee program,

said she enjoys recreational leagues because "you don't have to be great in order to play."

"Rec sports provide a way for everyone to get involved and have fun," said Johnson.

Others enjoy the challenge of competing at what may be a higher level in the competitive leagues.

Brandon Rhoton has competed in both recreational and competitive leagues, because it takes him back to a high school mentality.

"(Competitive sports entails) playing for a purpose, playing for a win. Rec is more to just have fun. I didn't focus too much on winning when I played rec sports," said Rhoton.

Rhoton even decided to go out for competitive soccer. He made the team and said it was a great season that he enjoved a lot.

Rhoton added that he thinks having a sports program, even if it isn't an NCAA program, is beneficial.

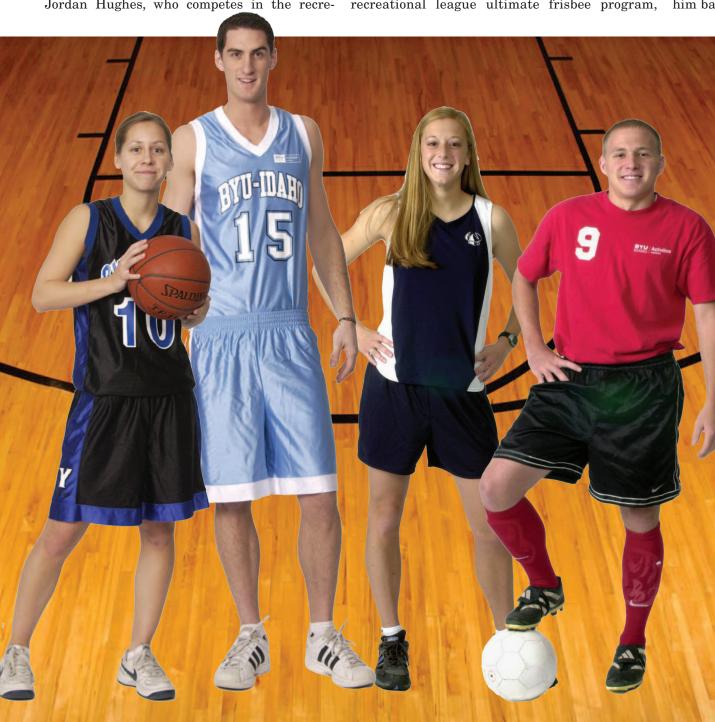
"I'm fully supportive of the competitive sports program. I know it helps kids find a focus and get involved in school. If it weren't for rec sports or competitive sports, I would probably just go to my classes, do my homework, and not be involved at all with the school. I would probably just do other things," Rhoton said. "I don't know what I would do without sports.

Anthony Penn hails from California and is a sophomore at the university. He said he prefers competitive sports because it requires more effort and all of the athletes are devoted to the sport they're playing.

Penn competes in the basketball league and said even though it is competitive, it builds friendships and sportsmanship.

"We cheered each other on, even though it was opposite teams. I had a lot of fun with it last year," Penn said. "I know a lot of people on my team last year, they became friends almost instantly. I've seen them around campus and they still hang out together. I think a couple of them are now roommates."

Whether one enjoys the challenge of a competitive league or would rather just play for fun, there are options for everyone at BYU-Idaho. 2



Tips to help students choose the right major

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• Know the requirements if you have a specific career in mind. While many majors are not difficult to navigate, some fields of study have strict guidelines that students should be aware of almost immediately. For example, students hoping to attend medical school after graduation need to determine which courses they absolutely must take in order to qualify for medical school. In addition, students with such specific plans in mind often must choose their majors as early as possible so they can plan their curriculum in accordance with the standards they will need to meet to be considered for postgraduate work.

Choosing a major is a decision college students should not take lightly. But students who are unsure of what they want to study should approach the process of choosing a major with patience and an eye on finding a course of study that matches their interests with their skills.





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2015 INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



A smuch of the world slowly recovers from the far-reaching economic downturn that began in 2008, the International Monetary Fund has predicted a 3.2 percent growth for the global economy in 2015.

Some countries, including the United States, have already witnessed an uptick in industrial growth. But other nations are not seeing the same level of success. Slow growth and inflation is plaguing areas of South America. Trade surpluses in Germany are likely to shrink in 2015. There is still steady growth in areas of Asia, but China's projected 7.1 percent growth, though high compared to other nations, is the country's lowest in 15 years.

With regard to the American economy, job growth and more qualified people returning to the marketplace continue to benefit the economy. But uncertainty as to whether the Federal Reserve will begin to raise the federal funds rate in 2015 continues to loom over the American economy. The higher the federal funds rate, the more expensive it is to borrow money. Since the end of 2008, the federal funds rate has been unusually low. The low rate was essentially an emergency measure in the wake of the financial crisis, and it's still an unknown if the country's economy can survive without the low rate.

Forecasters are saying the demand side of the American economy will have solid growth, but the supply side is still sketchy. Higher taxes and a loss of benefits to lower-income workers may impact the job market and overall economy.

But certain industries have emerged as the safest bets for employment possibilities and success in 2015. A recent survey from researchers at Michigan State University found certain job sectors anticipate strong hiring growth of recent college graduates and others with industry experience.

Growth in information services, which includes telecommunications, publishing, motion pictures, and broadcasting, is expected to surge. Finance and insurance remain strong and safe bets for employment as banks now will make up for cutbacks during the recession. Other strong employment contenders include management consulting, accounting, law, computer design, and engineering services.

Health and wellness services appear recession-proof as well. IBISWorld Industry Research notes pilates and yoga studios were highly resistant to the recession. With a predicted annual growth of 4.8 percent, these health and wellness industries are targeted for growth and increased success in 2015.

Pieces of the global economic puzzle are coming together while others are falling out of the mix, and it should be interesting to see how the world economy reacts in the new year.

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