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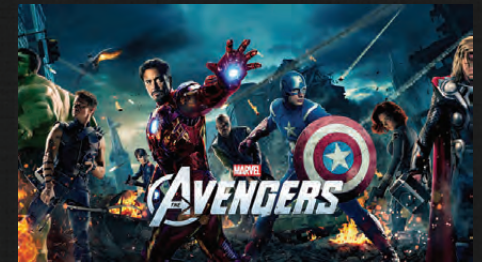
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The Green Canyon Hot Springs provide an opportunity for guests to get away and soak up some fun. Featuring two different pools which are heated by a natural hot water spring that reaches 115 degrees Fahrenheit, Green Canyon is the ideal destination for college students hoping to treat themselves to a relaxing time.

The water in the pools is all-natural and untreated. It comes from a hot spring located at the top of a canyon hill outside of the pool building.

"In its natural form, it [the hot spring] looks just like ones in Yellowstone," said Phil Neibaur, joint owner and manager of Green Canyon Hot Springs.

The water is channeled down through the canyon by way of a pipe. The water goes down the pipe and enters the building on the south end. Two smaller springs enter a second pipe and are also brought directly into the pools. A cold water well is then used to regulate the water to comfortable temperatures.

The first pool guests will see upon walking into Green Canyon Hot Springs is what is referred to as the big pool, which is larger than an Olympic-sized pool at 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, making it perfect for groups of friends to have space to move around. The big pool temperature is right around 96 degrees Fahrenheit.

The hot pool is smaller but warmer. It sits near 105 degrees Fahrenheit — which Neibaur said is ideal hot tub temperature. New water circulates every 30 minutes from the hot spring, making it continually clean and warm. The hot pool is cleaned and drained every night.

Before leaving the pool area, one final attraction awaits. Guests can cool off in the cold pool, which sits at a temperature of 55 degrees, if they dare. Young guests will often dare one another to see how long they can last in the cold pool.

"While the pools are obvious attractions, there are other attractions surrounding the main building — the camping grounds and picnic areas. Six group sites are found on the north side and the two are found on

the south side. Those interested in camping can take in more of what Green Canyon has to offer, including hiking, bike riding and fishing.

Whether you just want to take a weekend break from homework, or whether you're looking for group date ideas, Green Canyon Hot Springs may be the perfect fit for you.

"Sometimes you've just got to get out of town and do



something fun and relaxing," Neibaur said. "There are a lot of fun things to do in Rexburg, but sometimes, you just gotta get out of town and do something different."

Spring hours last from April 1 to Memorial Day and are set at Monday through Friday, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Summer hours last from Memorial Day to Labor Day and are set at Monday through Friday from noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Green Canyon is always closed on Sundays.

A single entry pass is \$6.25 while a day pass is \$7.50. For group rates and camping rates, visit www.greencanyonhotspring.com/rates.

To visit Green Canyon Hot Springs, get on Idaho Highway 33 and head toward Driggs. Turn South at mile marker No. 116 (Canyon Creek Road). Go four miles. Green Canyon Hot Springs will be on your left.

President Clark reflects on time as BYU-Idaho president

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On his last day on campus, Kim B. Clark, who until recently was president of BYU-Idaho, took time to speak with reporters about his experiences at BYU-Idaho.

MOST IMPORTANT LESSON LEARNED

Clark told reporters that the number one thing he's learned at BYU-Idaho was the importance of the spiritual aspects of the university.

“I think the number one thing has been how important the spiritual dimension of this work is.”

This is a very large institution with lots of people, thousands of students, lots of activity, but this institution is an institution of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,” he said. “The spiritual dimension is really, really important.

The very first thing we say in our mission statement is, ‘our purpose, is to help every student become disciples of Jesus Christ, to understand His teachings and His gospel,’ and that means that we say a lot of prayers at this university.”

Clark said he feels he and his fellow leaders have received a lot of divine guidance with respect to the direction the university should take.

“We rely a lot on guidance and direction from the Lord, and so one of the things I’ve learned is the Lord’s in charge. And we get a lot of guidance and direction in this work. That’s probably the most important thing I’ve learned,” he said.

GREATEST EXPERIENCES

Clark touched on two of his greatest experiences at BYU-Idaho, telling reporters about this work with the BYU-Idaho center and the Pathway program.

“If I could, I’d like to talk a little about the BYU-Idaho Center. This is a building in which we hold our weekly devotionals. It’s a large and really wonderful building, but I had an experience with that project that taught me a very important lesson about prophetic leadership, so let me just describe to you what happened,” Clark said.

“When I first came I felt — and that feeling was reinforced by President Monson at the time, and the day of my inauguration, I was in the Hart Building with him, actually. I think at the time we were all standing, and I heard him say as he looked around, there were about 3500-4000

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people in the Hart Building, he looked around and he said, 'You need a new auditorium.' And so I actually took that to heart and worked on some ideas, and took to the board with a proposal, with I think what you could rightly call an activity center," Clark said.

Clark said the board approved it, and the original concept for the BYU I-Center, which was a building about half the size of the current one.

He said even though the board approved it, a couple of days later he received a call from the current president of the church at the time, Gordon B Hinckley.

Clark told reporters President Hinckley had called him on the phone, which did not happen often.

"He said, 'I've been thinking about your building,' he said, 'You need to make it bigger, and you need to build it now. We had proposed also expanding this building ... and we organized it so we would do the Manwaring Center expansion first, and then we would build the BYU-Idaho activity center.' and it would all be done in about 2014, it would be a seven year project," Clark said.

He said he was not only surprised by the phone call, but by how emphatic Hinckley was about quickly finishing the building.

"I was little surprised. He raised his voice on the phone to me. 'I am here to tell you to build it bigger, build it now,'" Clark said.

Clark said he and others involved in the project, "Went back to the drawing board," and eventually came up with the idea for the Current BYU-Idaho center.

Clark said the board approved the revised plan, and they went to work.

"That launched us on an amazing project because

in order to do it faster, we had to build both of those buildings at the same time, and if you were on campus during those years, that would've been between 2007-2010, this place was a construction zone. It was really hard to figure out how to go from the Kimball building to the Spori," Clark said.

Clark also told reporters that in order to save time the BYU-I Center needed to be built and designed at the same time.

"Well, the only way to build the BYU-Idaho center that fast was to do it on a design-build process, so we literally were excavating and building the foundation while we were designing the first floor, doing the details on the floor, then once we got it working on the first floor, we started designing the second floor. Incredibly complicated project, but it has been a great blessing, a tremendous facility for the university," Clark said.

Clark said his second greatest experience at the university came in developing the pathway program.

Clark explained to those present that Pathway is "a program where we combine online education from BYU-Idaho with religious education at one of the church's institutes. The church has institutes of religion in many parts of the world, there's over a thousand institutes of religion around the world."

Clark described institutes of religion as "basically buildings where students who are either in college



or working young adults can come and get religious education," and that Pathway creates an opportunity for students to take BYU-I online courses in addition to the standard religion courses offered by these institutes.

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“This program is year long, it runs over three semesters, it’s five credit hours a semester, students take two classes a semester, and it’s like a bridge program from wherever you are to opportunities in higher education or in work,” Clark said.

Clark said that during the foundation of the program it was decided to make courses low-cost. The classes cost only \$65 per credit hour, which is less than BYU-Idaho in tuition costs.

Clark said the program began in the fall of 2009 and has grown tremendously,

“In the summer of 2012, we had about 600 students in our Pathway program. This semester, that’s about two and a half years later, we had about 10,000. We are in 2,087 sites in 35 different countries. It has just mushroomed. It’s amazing to watch,” Clark said.

Clark said the most rewarding part for him has been the positive feedback from those who had their lives changed by the Pathway program.

“It’s just been so heartwarming to receive letter after letter, email after email, testimonials from people who never ever imagined that it would ever be possible for them to get access to education. They just never thought it was possible. They couldn’t afford the tuition they saw around. Many didn’t feel they could do it, many people didn’t feel it; was possible for them. And Pathway has given people hope and has made it possible for lots of people to do that. And I’m sure that program will continue to grow,” Clark said.

CHALLENGES

During the conference, Clark also outlined several challenges he faced during his presidency at BYU-Idaho.

“In that situation the biggest issue we faced was, “how do we grow,” serving more and more students, but not lose that sense of intimacy and personal feeling that has characterized this school for decades? How do you do that so you don’t get bureaucratic, you don’t get so structured that you create so much distance between student and faculty that they just feel like they’re a number, and that was our challenge,” Clark said.

He said solutions to this problem have included maintaining small class sizes, minimizing the amount of supporting bureaucracy needed and encouraging teachers to get to know their students.

Clark also said that during his time here, he has faced challenges when dealing with the City of Rexburg.

“When I came to BYU-Idaho, very soon after I came I met with the leaders of the city, and I could tell in that meeting that there was tension in their feelings about the school. And I think I understood a little bit about where it came from. It’s a kind of classic tension. The university’s a very large institution, a big entity. Lots of students has a impact on the city. It does pay taxes, but it has a big impact,” Clark said.

Clark said that during the meeting he felt there was more tension than normal for some reason.

“I was puzzled about it a little bit, wondered what we might do, and I had a meeting not long after that with Robert D. Hales, who’s a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in the Church.

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And I had known him before I came to BYU-Idaho because he is a graduate of Harvard Business School; I had known him through that connection. I talked to him about our relationship to the city and about our concerns, especially about growth in the city, and he really got after me," he said.

Clark said his "fighter pilot" came out and he was very adamant that Clark's responsibility was to help make the local city and county grow.

"He told me, he said," Look, your responsibility is to make sure the city and county grow in a balanced way with the university." He said, 'It's not good for the university to grow and the city not to grow. It's just not good,'" Clark said.

Clark said that discussion changed his perspective, and he was determined to better the relationship with the city.

He said over the years he has tried to cooperate fully with the city on projects, better share information and get to know the needs of the city's leaders.

He also told reporters that he recognized there will always be tension. The key was simply striving to be open and cooperative with the city government.

HARD TO LEAVE

Clark said he and his wife have enjoyed their time here, and they will be sad to leave.

"When Sue and I came here, we came from Boston. I lived in Boston for thirty-four years. I have to say: something very interesting, it's harder to leave Rexburg than it was to leave Boston, and I think it's because of the love we felt here and the relationship that we have with this community of people. We loved living in Boston and we had wonderful friends there, and I love the Harvard Business School it's a wonderful institution, great friends there.

He said he felt his connection with people was deeper than in Boston.

"But somehow the connection here's been deeper, its been more powerful for us and so now we have to leave and move on' and it's hard to do that. On the other hand, we also leave with a sense that we were called here to lead this institution for a period of time and we leave feeling really good; we love this place, it feels good to us." Clark said.

President Clark ended his remarks by wishing the present reporters well and thanking them for their coverage of the university.

President Clark also told reporters that he is moving with his wife to Heber City, Utah, and getting a new assignment will not be publicly announced until May 1.

He told those present that the new president, Clark Gilbert, would be holding his first press conference on April 21.



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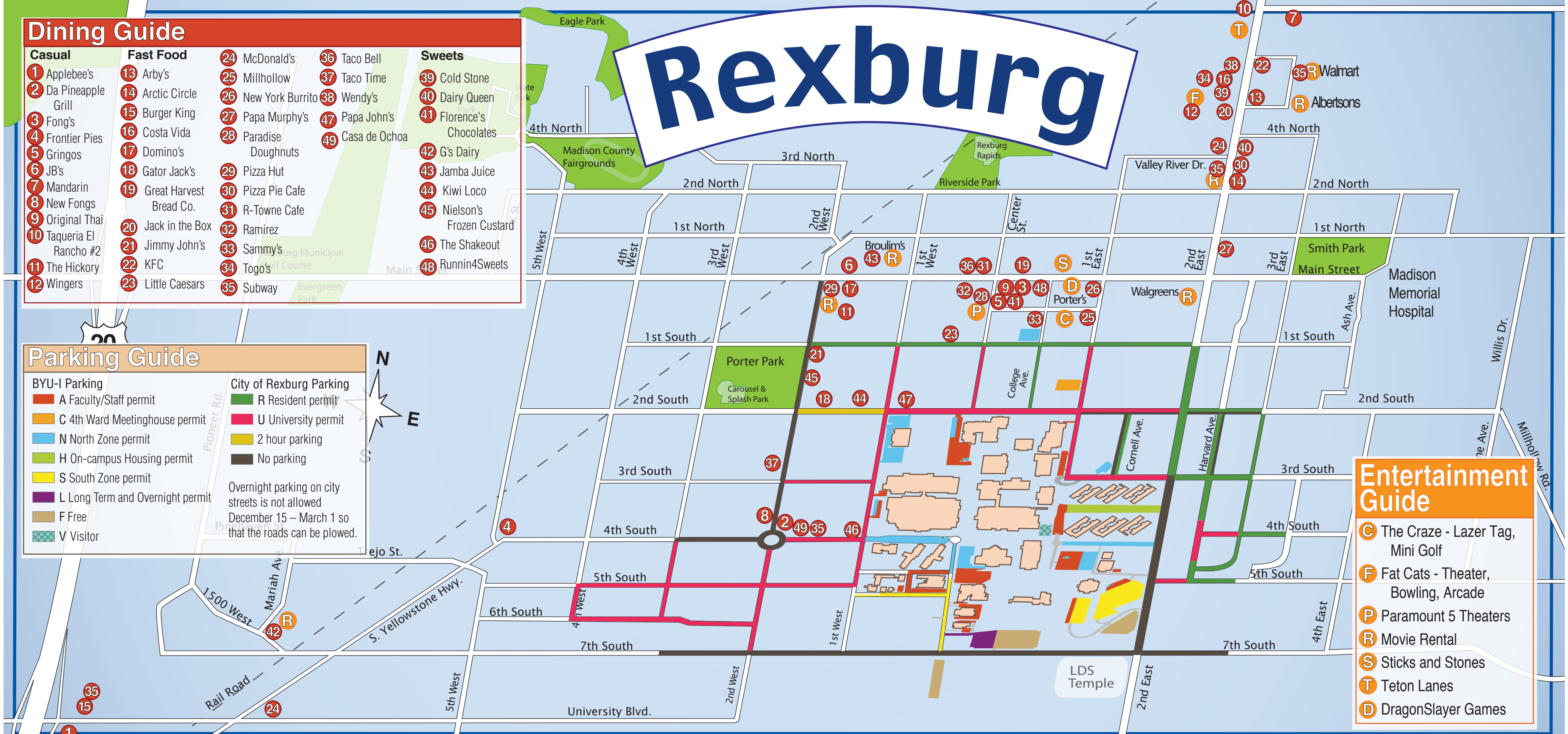
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Foreign BYU-Idaho student reflects on experiences.

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Maxwel Anyanwu's life has taken some interesting turns. A student in his second semester at BYU-Idaho, he never really gave going to college in the United States a serious thought.

He also never thought he would visit Nigeria, where his parents are originally from.

That is, until Anyanwu served a mission in Nigeria for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and he got to do both.

Anyanwu told the Standard Journal it was after his mission that he decided he wanted to go to a church school and applied to BYU Provo and BYU-Idaho.

He said part of what convinced him that he should

come to the United States was spending some time as a college student in India and realizing he wanted to be surrounded by those of his own faith.

"I saw how it was. I saw that in order for one to keep those [LDS] standards, one has to be among people with the same standards. For me, growing up, going to school, I was in a school where I'm probably the only Mormon, me and my sisters," Anyanwu said.

After getting accepted to BYU-Idaho, he got a student visa and has been here for nearly six months studying Mechanical Engineering.

Anyanwu said he doesn't have a specific career goal in mind with his degree, he just wants to keep his options open, but he's fascinated by engines.

He said living in Rexburg is really a different experience for him because he's never lived a place this small or quiet.

"I mean, compared to where I'm from. That city itself has like 13 million people. So it's busy," Anyanwu said.

Anyanwu said although he has had to do a little adjusting



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to a very different culture, he doesn't really worry about being different from others, because he's been a minority in pretty much every country he's lived in.

"I've always been in situations where I'm a minority. It's not a big deal for me. If we take India for example, most people are Indians and we were the only foreigners," Anyanwu said.

He also said the United States is a more open and less judgmental environment than he's used to.

"I would say where I grew up people were more conservative. They're really conservative about things. People are much more open, but back there there's things you just do and don't do. For example, India is a place where most people are vegetarians, so if I have to eat [meat] it might be offensive," he said. "For example, if I tell somebody that I eat beef, people begin to judge you like, 'Oh you eat cow beef, I worship cow, why would you kill cow?'"

One thing Anyanwu said he misses from India is the food, which he said has much greater diversity.

He said his favorite Indian dish is butter chicken, which is a type of curry.

He also said it's been hard because, like any college student, he's had to survive on a few basic foods, like cereal, peanut butter and ramen.

Anyanwu said overall he doesn't favor any one country he's lived in over another.

He said all the countries he's lived in had good and bad things about them.

He said although he has no specific hopes for the future, after getting his degree he hopes to return to Nigeria and help the people there.

Anyanwu also advised students considering studying in the United States to make good use of their time when they're here because every minute counts.

He said that foreign students should have a purpose for being here.

"Always have a purpose in mind. Know why you're here," he said. "Don't forget why you're here. My Dad told me that before I left, he's like, 'Don't forget your purpose in being here.'"



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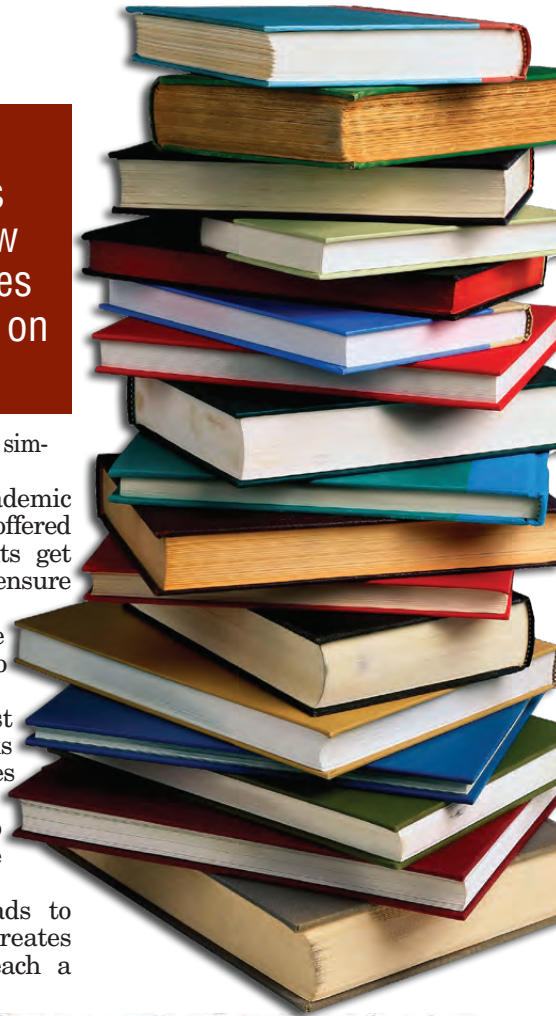
The secret to academic success is simpler than you might think.

DJ Teichert of the Academic Support Centers at BYU-Idaho offered his expertise in helping students get good grades, do well on tests and ensure themselves a quality education.

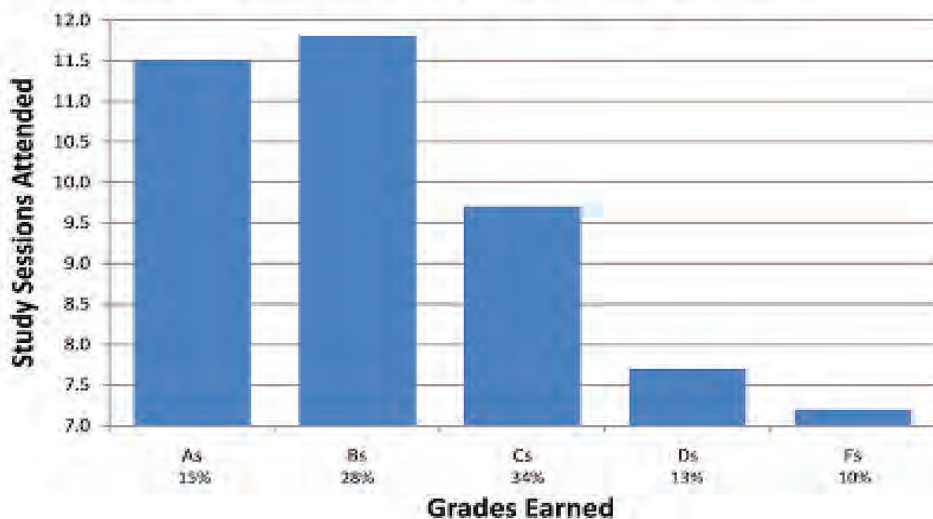
One of the top pieces of advice from Teichert was simply to go to class and get work in on time.

"Probably one of the most important things for students is to show up to all of their classes and turn their work in on time," he said. "Generally if students do those things, they're going to be successful in their courses."

He said missing classes leads to students falling behind and creates a snowball effect until they reach a



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struggling point, whereas students who show up and get work done on time typically end up with As and Bs.

“Students have responsibility to make sure, even if they do miss class, to get their work in on time,” he said. “They should never email or call the teacher after the class is over to state, ‘Hey, I missed class. Did I miss anything?’ They’re always going to miss something.

after class and again within 24 hours go back to that content and engage in self-testing over it, that will aid them a lot in retaining information.”

That reviewing time should be included in the schedules students set for themselves.

Teichert encouraged time for recreation as well, but he said it should be planned out so students have something to look forward to later.

Self-testing is another study tip Teichert emphasized. He teaches students to do Cornell notes, or notes formatted with information on one side of a paper and questions on the other.

“One of the biggest problems students have when it comes to reviewing is they simply reread their notes,” Teichert said. “But they need to get in the habit of testing themselves over the notes that they take or over their textbook readings and formulating questions or trying to predict test questions over the material that they covered.”

He said every declarative statement in a textbook could be the answer to a question, and students should be asking, “What question did that statement just answer?”

“I really believe in self-testing, especially if the student can recite it out loud in their own words or writing it down from memory,” he said.

Students can use peers to help them study, and that also helps in retaining material, according to Teichert.

Some other things Teichert suggested are knowing class outcomes and referring frequently to them, trying to adopt new learning strategies and coming to class ready to engage rather than just appearing.

Although he said no test-taking gimmick replaces thorough preparation, he said drawing a concept map of test information can help achieve good grades on tests.

He said students can draw a map of everything they need to know for a test, trying to draw everything from memory.

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To ask their teachers that is really a no-no.”

Teichert also suggested students follow a fixed schedule during the day. Treat schoolwork like an 8-5 job, he said, leaving those hours exclusively for studies.

He said students should generally spend two hours of work outside of class for every hour they spend in class.

Another important tip he gave was to review notes and class material right after class.

“If they review material for courses soon after their classes, that will aid in retention,” he said. “The greatest amount of forgetting occurs soon after class, so if they can review immediately

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The main topic can go in the middle and branch out to various main ideas.

After trying this from memory, students can go back to their notes, fill in the gaps and start over, redrawing the concept map until they have mastered a visual model of the necessary concepts.

If students do this, when they are taking the test they can easily visualize the things they studied.

Teichert also said not to wait to cram until right before the final.

“The best way to combat stress is to be prepared, and the best way to prepare is throughout the semester,” he said. “I think there is a problem with students getting stressed out, especially as the semester rolls on. A lot of that stress is self-induced because we’re not managing our physiological needs, getting adequate rest.”

He recommended seven to nine hours of sleep every night combined with a healthy diet and exercise. These things will reduce stress and help students stay healthy so as not to get behind.

Use play as a reward for hard work, he said, and try to get eight hours of work, eight hours of sleep and leave some time for play.

“Good students take time out for themselves to do things in their proper order,” he said. “They prioritize their day and their activities in their proper order. Good students have fun, too.”

He also said good students do not blame others for their failures, and they appreciate the time, effort and money that got them to college.



“Good students learn to love learning just for the sake of learning,” he said.

Rather than just do the bare minimum, he said, students find success by going the extra mile and by not being afraid of challenges.

“Just make sure the focus is on the learning and not

the grade,” he said. “Take it a day at a time, especially as the semester rolls on. Everything will work out, don’t take yourself too seriously, but know that you’ve got to buckle down.”

Another part of being a good student is taking advantage of available resources, and BYU-Idaho has a variety of helps for students seeking academic success.

On the second floor of the library, BYU-I has a reading center, an English transitional center, a study skills center, a presentation practice center, a writing center, a math study center, an academic service center and a tutoring center.

According to Teichert, over 400 tutors are hired per semester, and students can schedule tutors by visiting the school website and selecting “tutor request” under quick links. Students can also drop in for study help in the various centers as needed.

The academic support center offers several handouts that give specific strategies for becoming a better textbook reader, becoming a better note-taker, rehearsing and memorizing study material and taking tests.

“Those are greater factors in my mind to a student’s success than their IQ,” Teichert said.

“I think if a student will work hard and manage their time, manage themselves, they’re going to be fine in college. I have seen that over and over.”

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First semester with President Gilbert

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This semester at BYU-Idaho marks the first semester with Clark G. Gilbert as president.

Gilbert replaced Kim B. Clark, who served as president of the university from 2005 to 2015.

Elder Paul V. Johnson, commissioner of the Church Educational System, said, "During his time at BYU-Idaho, President Clark led significant development of the university through innovations in the academic calendar, online education, the introduction of the BYU-Idaho Learning Model and the extension of the university around the world through the online Pathway program."

Now it is Gilbert's turn to leave a legacy at BYU-I, and students and staff alike are excited to see the changes to come.

Angela Fritz, a Rexburg resident who attended the Jan. 27 devotional where Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the president change, said she thought Gilbert was excited and nervous about taking on the new position.

"I think he is confident that he truly has been called of the Lord to do this," Fritz said.

RaeLyn Watkins, a BYU-I student, said she thought the change was great.

"If the Lord called him, more power to him," she said. "It's always good to have some change, and since President Clark has been here so long, it's nice that he will get a break."

Gilbert was inaugurated as BYU-I's 16th president April 13.



CLARK GILBERT AND FAMILY

Gilbert and his wife Christine have eight children.

"Christine and I are thrilled to return to Rexburg, a community full of wonderful people and great friends," Gilbert told the Standard Journal. "We are also especially pleased to continue raising our family in this great environment."

Gilbert will hold a press conference April 21, after which the Standard Journal will release more information on Gilbert and his plans as president.

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Gilbert replaced Kim B. Clark, who served as president of the university from 2005 to 2015.

His previous experience includes working as CEO of Deseret News and Deseret Digital Media, executive vice president of Deseret Management

Corporation, Associate Academic Vice President of Academic Development at BYU-I and faculty at Harvard Business School.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, a master's degree from Stanford University and a doctorate in business administration from Harvard.

According to a press release, Gilbert "has been recognized for his leadership in transforming the Deseret Media Companies in the digital age. During Gilbert's tenure, Deseret News became known nationally for faith and family news coverage, while the creation of Deseret Digital Media has separately enabled the reach of family-focused content to millions of people around the world."

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The range of trail types in the area range from flat land in the urban and rural areas, moderate desert terrain and steep trails geared for those in top shape who are

looking for challenges both uphill and down.

Several abandoned railroad beds are a good place to start and they provide access to other more challenging trails.

Much of the information about trail locations is passed along by word of mouth from biker to biker, so the best thing to do is make some connections with other bicyclists.

One of the most scenic trails is also the longest, stretching from Warm River Campground to West Yellowstone, Mont. The trail is what remains of the Union Pacific rail line to Yellowstone Park and the trailhead is located at the campground east of Ashton on State Highway 47. While it is an uphill pull heading north for several miles, the grade is at most about three percent. The scenic Warm River Canyon has a lot of unique vistas.

Another tour worth taking is the bike path in Teton basin between Victor and Driggs.

Harriman State Park is another scenic area that is great for cyclists of all abilities.

The state park is west of State Highway 20 in Island Park and has trails with a variety of terrain.

Although Sun Valley is a bit of a jaunt from the upper valley, some cyclists say it is worth the trip when the resort shifts gear from winter sports to those that don't require snow.

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Eight places to visit this semester

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As 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.

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 Drive-in Theater, this theater is the cheapest place in town. It's \$3.50 for general admissions except on Tuesdays when they have a \$2.50 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.

Menan Buttes

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 wildlife, 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 the 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. 🎵



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