

Student talents to be displayed at Y Unforum today

Student accomplishments will be the highlight of this year's Unforum.

The Unforum will be held in place of the regular Devotional at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

The theme of the program is, that even though most students come from different beginnings and live lives full of different courses, they are all led through the same path of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Program co-director, Becky Riewe said she hopes to emphasize that people come to BYU for different reasons, have a variety of experiences here and then depart in different directions, but one thing binds us all — the gospel.

She said we often hear about how great BYU is, but do not often hear about the wonderful things BYU students are doing.

Some of the accomplishments to be showcased include a student who played Cosette in Les Misérables on Broadway, students who developed a radar enemy detector and a department that took first place in national ice cream taste testing, Riewe said.

— Christy Shepherd

WORLD

U.S. to demand prompt return of Navy plane

WASHINGTON — American negotiators will press for prompt return of a detained Navy surveillance plane when they meet with Chinese officials Wednesday in Beijing.

On the eve of the talks, the Bush administration ventured no prediction on the outcome. But State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday that the Chinese government had advised that the talks would be "non-polemical," meaning businesslike and not marked by harsh rhetoric.

The U.S. delegation will insist on prompt return of the plane and also talk to the Chinese about ways to avert further collisions, Boucher said.

The EP-3E aircraft was seized by Chinese authorities after an emergency landing April 1 on Hainan island in southern China. The crew was released last week after protracted negotiations.

There have been no U.S. surveillance flights since, but White House and State Department officials said they would be resumed at some point.

— Associated Press

NATION

Price to bump passengers may increase soon

WASHINGTON — The government may require airlines to pay more for bumping passengers from oversold flights, a practice that has been increasing.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said his department is looking at the regulations that tell airlines how much they must pay passengers forced to give up their seats — rules that have not been changed since 1978.

Under federal rules, if there are too many passengers for a flight, the airlines must first ask for volunteers willing to give up their seats in exchange for compensation.

If there are still too many passengers, the airlines can then bump passengers involuntarily, but in most cases must give them \$200 (\$400 if they will be delayed more than two hours beyond their originally scheduled arrival time) and fly them free to their destination. The passengers can either use their tickets some other time or get a refund.

— Associated Press

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Home sweet home soured

SUU blemished the Cougars' perfect home record at Miller Park, defeating BYU 15-12 on Monday.

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Israelis strike back at Syrians

3 Syrians killed, 6 injured in Israeli airstrike

Associated Press

DAHR AL-BAIDAR, Lebanon — Striking deep into Lebanon to retaliate for guerrilla attacks, Israel launched an airstrike against a strategic Syrian radar station in the central mountains Monday — the first time Israel had targeted such a significant Syrian outpost in almost two decades.

Three Syrian soldiers died and six were wounded, a Lebanese security officer said.

Syrian security forces sealed off the area in the barren mountains just north of a highway linking Beirut with Damascus, Syria's capital.

The airstrike was in response to Hezbollah guerrilla attacks in recent months, an Israeli army spokesman said. The most recent was a cross-border attack on Saturday that killed an Israeli soldier near the Chebaa Farms area, where the borders of Lebanon, Syria and Israel meet.

Israel has repeatedly accused Lebanon and Syria, the main power broker in Beirut, of



AFF Photo

A Lebanese anti-aircraft gun takes up a position in Beirut, Monday, after Israel pounded a Syrian radar station at Dahr al-Baydar, killing three Syrian soldiers and wounding six. The raid came in retaliation for the killing of an Israeli soldier in a missile attack by the Lebanese Shiite Hezbollah militia. BYU students in Syria are safe, according to program directors.

BYU students safe, not target of violence

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In response to recent Hezbollah guerrilla violence in the Golan Heights, Israel launched an air strike against a strategic Syrian radar tower. The airstrike against Syria is the first time in almost two decades that Israel has targeted such an important station.

BYU students enrolled in the intensive Arabic program in Damascus, Syria, are fine said program director Kirk Belnap.

"Every time something like this happens, there tends to be demonstrations." Students in Damascus are safe and have been advised to be cautious and use good judgment, Belnap said.

"Syrians are frustrated with the U.S. government," he said, "not the citizens." Frustration stems from America's continued support of Israel. In spite of their frustration with the U.S. government, the Syrian people treat BYU students and Americans with respect, Belnap said.

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Y students complain about early ousting

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Students at Brentwood Park Apartments in Provo found notices taped to their doors Saturday reminding them to vacate April 21st — the first day of BYU finals.

Of the 155 students residing at the complex, 80 percent attend BYU, the majority of whom signed contracts agreeing to the move-out date.

The notice indicated checkout procedures and times, as well as fees for students staying extra days. But Sean Squire, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Stockton, Calif., who noticed the term date on this year's contract matched last year's date, said Brentwood's manager had not verified information contained in the rental agreement.

After complaints from students, as well as the encouragement of BYU off-campus housing, Brentwood management amended contract terms and extended the checkout date to April 24, one day before the last day of finals.

But because contract terms do not stretch to the length of BYU's schedule, tenants at the complex said management has acted irresponsibly and unprofessionally.

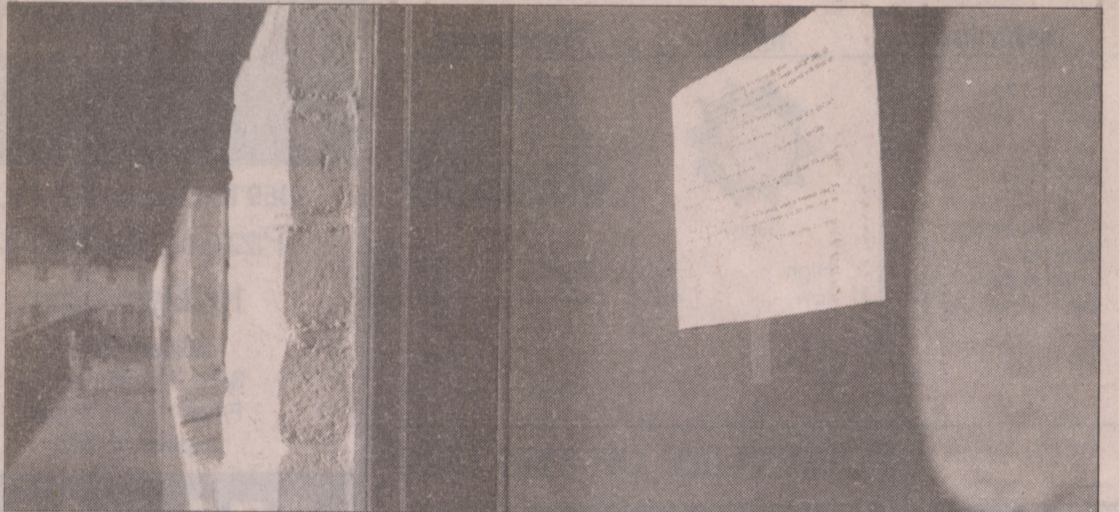
William Thompson, an official in the Off-Campus Housing Office, said his office sends out a bulletin every three months to apartment management, but also said many managers do not pay attention to the mailing. The bulletins outline semester schedules for the current and subsequent year, and suggests times when renters should start and end the contract period.

"When I signed, I assumed the contract would go all the way through finals," said Ariana Lobo, a junior in horticulture management from Portland, Ore. "I planned out last month when I would take my finals, but now this has really thrown a wrench in things."

Brentwood management said they intentionally chose the 21st for students to vacate in order to accommodate the surge of students moving in and out of the complex as semesters change.

Apartment complex management said they hope to plan in better accordance with both BYU and UVSC's schedules for next year.

Lobo said she has enjoyed her experience at Brentwood and even appreciates the improvements the new management has made at the complex, so much



Irinna Schwenke/Daily Universe

Tenants at Brentwood Park apartments found notices taped to their doors Saturday telling them to vacate their apartments by April 21st. Though management pushed the date back to April 24th, some occupants are still frustrated with the arrangement.

that she has signed for another year. But Lobo, and other students who still face a conflicting housing schedule with a binding contract, said the improvement by management does not alleviate the main problem.

Henry Patterson, a junior in vocal performance from Castro Valley, Calif. said the notice to leave on the 21st bothered him,

but he said that students are responsible to read the fine print.

"Students don't read their contracts until there's a problem," said Thompson. "We have situations like this every year, but if students would be more careful and point out that they needed more time for finals when they signed contracts, they could resolve problems before they became a problem."

A Brentwood representative said she wants BYU to step in and standardize dates that they contract out to students.

But Christina Henley, manager at King Henry Apartments in Provo, disagrees.

Like many of the apartment buildings in surrounding areas, Henley said they have to accommodate both BYU and UVSC students.

Y professor creates man-made gems

Dr. Hall crafted diamonds in New York

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Tracy Hall was sitting in an isolated General Electric Laboratory in Schenectady, New York, on Dec. 16, 1954, when he made a discovery that revolutionized the diamond world, he said.

He had created the first man-made diamond.

"We weren't making cubic zirconium," he said. "We were making diamonds."

Hall's description of the events of that historic day is engraved on a statue depicting the discovery.

"My hands began to tremble. My heart beat rapidly. My knees weakened and no longer gave support. My eyes hit a clap of flashing light from dozens of tiny, triangular faces, and I knew that diamonds had finally been made by man," he said.

The successful experiment led to exciting times for the Hall family.

"Scientists from around the world came to our home, and some would pull me aside and say, 'Do you know your dad's a genius?'" said Sherlene Bartholomew, one of Hall's

daughters.

The excitement died, however, when General Electric took the credit for the discovery and spread it around throughout the department instead of recognizing Hall as the creator, Hall said.

Hall said he did not approve of the way his employers handled the situation, and he decided to leave the company.

"I think he dreamed of doing something significant, and it really broke his heart the way the whole thing turned out," Bartholomew said.

Hall did not go without work for long, however.

The administration at BYU was so impressed with Hall that they offered him a position as a chemistry professor and gave him the choice of being either the dean of

the school or the director of the research department.

"I came to BYU as a full professor," Hall said. "I didn't have to go through the ranks."

He continued to conduct research during his 26 years at BYU and developed two more diamond presses that outstripped any other diamond press of the time, he said.

Hall, now retired, is still involved at BYU. He is taking English 220, Writing Personal History, from Professor Don Norton.

"The man is absolutely brilliant," Norton said. "He can recall exact details from his earliest years."

Norton has an added interest in his student because he will be writing Hall's biography.

"The family has requested we do a complete life story on him," Norton said.

"I will be focusing more on his personal life because his scientific work is already well documented."

Although his discovery in 1954 revolutionized the diamond industry, his most significant contributions were made in his own home, Bartholomew said.

"We want to remember him as the wonderful father he is and want anybody else who might read the book to appreciate the same," she said.

His family is the most important aspect of his life, and he is proud of his children, but Hall said that the day he created diamonds will remain one of the most exciting of his life.

NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled from staff and news service reports

New York Times Co. losing money

NEW YORK — The New York Times Co. reported a steep decline in first quarter earnings Monday and lowered its profit outlook for the rest of the year, citing an advertising slowdown and higher newsprint costs. The company reported earnings of 36 cents per share from continuing operations, a penny per share below the expectations of industry analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call, a financial research service. The company had lowered its forecast for first quarter earnings in early March.

In the first quarter a year ago, per-share earnings were 46 cents as a surge in promotional spending from Internet and technology companies lifted newspaper advertising revenues by 15 percent.

Net income for the period declined 26 percent to \$61.3 million from \$83.1 million, and revenues fell 5 percent to \$778.2 million from \$821.8 million. Excluding the sale of a magazine group, seven regional papers and other divested businesses, advertising revenues fell 6.7 percent to \$544.3 million.

Shares in The New York Times Co. were off \$2.84 to \$38.50 in mid-day trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Tax Day giveaway awards \$10 million

NEW YORK — A securities trader from Atlanta won \$10 million Monday in iWon.com's second annual online sweepstakes.

"Now I can find extra time to golf and maybe even improve my handicap!" said Stephen Fowler, who works for United Parcel Service.

The Web portal company periodically gives away prize money to people who visit its site.

The three finalists for the \$10 million Tax Day giveaway were assembled at the main post office in New York City, where they drew for the grand prize. The two other finalists won trips to Hawaii and the Caribbean.

Fowler said he will not quit his job managing UPS investments. "I honestly love what I do and will not stop just because I won the money," he said.

Cincinnati curfew lifted as riots cease

CINCINNATI — A citywide curfew that helped end rioting over the police shooting of an unarmed black man was lifted Monday, and the mayor promised reforms, saying: "We have an opportunity for a new Cincinnati."

"The curfew will not exist as of today," Mayor Charles Luken said at a news conference at City Hall.

Luken said the state of emergency declared Thursday would remain in place as a precaution.

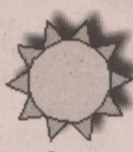
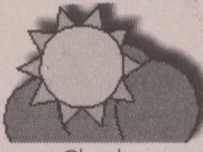
The curfew — from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. — began Thursday to stop three nights of arsons, store looting, beatings of white motorists and clashes with police in Cincinnati's black neighborhoods. Windows also were broken in some corporate offices in the downtown business district.

Dropping the curfew paves the way for Tuesday's Cincinnati Reds home night game to go on as scheduled. The curfew had been cut back to 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday night. The Democratic mayor said he wanted to give families more time to celebrate Easter without violating curfew.

CORRECTION

An article about online courses on page 6 of Monday's Daily Universe contained incorrect information. The article, with the headline "Online courses offer variety to students," included a quote attributed to Scott Howell, director of the Center for Instructional Design. The quote should have said that CID is working with faculty and university evaluators to learn whether "hybrid" online courses — faculty and online materials working closely together — "can improve student learning, can demonstrate efficiencies and extend the reach to more students." Also, there are more than 300, not 4,097, independent study courses at the university level offered through BYU. The Daily Universe regrets the errors.

WEATHER

Yesterday	Today	Wednesday
High 72 Low 45	 Sunny	 Cloudy
Precipitation Yesterday 0" Month to date 1.88" Year to date 4.75"	High 72 Low 44	High 70 Low 43

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY



"O my son, do not let us be slothful because of the easiness of the way; for so was it with our fathers; for so was it prepared for them, that if they would look they might live; even so it is with us. The way is prepared, and if we will look we may live forever."
— Alma 37:46

Natalie Smith, 20, an elementary education major from Mt. Airy, Md., likes this scripture because "Christ really did prepare the way for us — all we have to do is look to Him."

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Locks of Love helps children

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Long-haired people with big hearts are being asked to donate their ponytails to the Locks of Love hair drive.

Salons throughout Utah County are offering free haircuts, to those who donate their hair between today and Saturday.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that collects donated hair to make wigs for children, ages six to 18, who have long-term hair loss. The hair loss can be from disorders, such as alopecia areata, or from medical treatments or accidents.

Krystal Reed, a committee head for the drive, said that the salon owners were very excited to participate in the drive.

"I just tracked them down and asked them to help, and all twelve were really excited to help," Reed said.

Reed got involved with Locks of Love after her friend saw an Oprah Winfrey episode about the organization. Her friend was so

touched by the organization that she called Reed and told her she had to donate her hair.

Reed had been growing out her hair for 10 years, but thought it was a good cause so she cut and donated 13 inches of her hair.

The minimum length of hair that can be used for the wigs is 10 inches, and all colors and textures are welcome, Reed said.

It takes about 10 to 12 ponytails to make one wig, she said.

To make the wigs, a cast of the child's head is created so that the wigs can be exactly fitted. The wigs are vacuum fitted to the child's head, so that they are very secure and can be worn during sports, showers and all the everyday activities that children do, she said.

Benjamin Troy, the manager of The Under Cut in Provo, has been offering free haircuts for donors since the event last May.

For more information about which salons are offering free haircuts, call Krystal Reed at 434-4510. For more information about Locks of Love, call 1-888-896-1588, or go to www.locksoflove.org.



Kristel Goff/Daily Universe

Brrrrrrrr!

Certel Sparks gets out of the outdoor pool at Foxwood apartments on Friday. Anyone who braved the cold water in the 57-degree weather received a free T-shirt.

Living organ donations increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of living organ donors climbed by more than 16 percent last year, the largest one-year increase ever, with more than 5,500 people giving away a kidney or a piece of their liver.

Donations from the dead edged up by less than three percent in 2000, continuing the slow pace of recent years, the Department of Health and Human Services said Monday.

The data come a day before HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson unveils a major donation initiative, including introduction of a national donor card and new effort with businesses and unions to promote donation.

Among participants in the campaign, called "Workplace Partnership for Life," are Fox News, General Motors, the United Auto Workers and Verizon Communications.

"We're encouraged by the progress that has been made in the last year, but there's still a very long way to go," said Thompson, who has regularly talked to audiences about the need for organ donation since taking office.

His initiative comes after several years of debate over how to distribute scarce organs for transplant but relatively little focus nationally on how to increase the total number of donors.

Until now, most of the effort has been channeled into media campaigns and toward requiring hos-

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—Tommy Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services

pitals to report deaths to their local organ banks so transplant professionals can identify potential donors and approach their families about donation.

In 2000, a total of 22,827 organ transplants were performed, an increase of 5.4 percent over 1999,

according to data compiled by the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's transplant system.

The increases were much more dramatic among living donors, who now make up nearly half of all organ donors.

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