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## Utah businesses debate Sunday question

By MARTY TWELVES

An unfamiliar sign to outsiders adorns the doors and windows of businesses across Utah: Closed Sundays.

A number of businesses choose to voluntarily close their doors on Sundays throughout Utah, and in Utah County in particular, even when they open out-of-state. For some, it's a matter of religious conviction. For others, it's a simple matter of demographics.

The University Mall in Orem has always had the policy of shutting its doors on Sundays from the time it opened in 1973.

"We have just taken a good hard look at our community and the

makeup of our community and felt it would be best if we tried to not have our mall open on Sunday," said Rob Kallas, general manager of the mall.

The only exceptions University Mall grants are to the large department stores that cap each end of the mall, like Macy's. However, most of them have chosen to follow the mall's lead and not open on Sunday.

"Any of the three department stores that we have can choose to do that," Kallas said. "They usually will come and consult with us to see what our opinion is. When J.C. Penney was here in this mall, they were against it. When we negotiated and tried to attract Nordstrom to come to our community, that was a big concern to them. They thought it would be wise to be open on Sunday. We had told them that we would arrange some focus groups and let them do a study of

their own as to how the community would accept that. They did their focus study and came back and said, 'We've chosen to close on Sundays.'"

In Kallas's experience, most businesses are initially skeptical about the potential loss in profits, since rent stays the same for them regardless of whether the mall is open six days or seven.

"They pay the same per month whether they're open on Sunday or not, and the way they view it, they're losing up to four or five days a month retailing," he said. "We've tried to explain to them that with the makeup of our population that they likely would not do much more or any in sales and would probably make up anything they lost on those other days just during the week."



Photo by Marty Twelves

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A number of businesses in Utah have decided to shut their doors on Sundays.

# Domination

*BYU holds over 40 percent of all MWC championships as Cougars prepare to leave conference in June*

By KRISTIAN EKENES

BYU bids the Mountain West Conference farewell with more conference titles than all other affiliated schools.

After the BYU men's basketball team ended its season by losing to Florida in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, the Deseret News' Dick Harmon said losing BYU's and Utah's men's basketball programs would be a tough pill to swallow for the MWC.

"The league will sorely miss these two pillars from the Beehive State," Harmon said of the two teams that have a combined 11 MWC men's basketball regular season championships.

BYU owns the most MWC regular season championships in men's basketball with six. Utah has five.

BYU's affiliation with the MWC officially ends on June 30, when it will join the West Coast Conference in most sports, excluding football (going independent), softball (will play in the WAC) and track and field (will compete in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation during the indoor season).

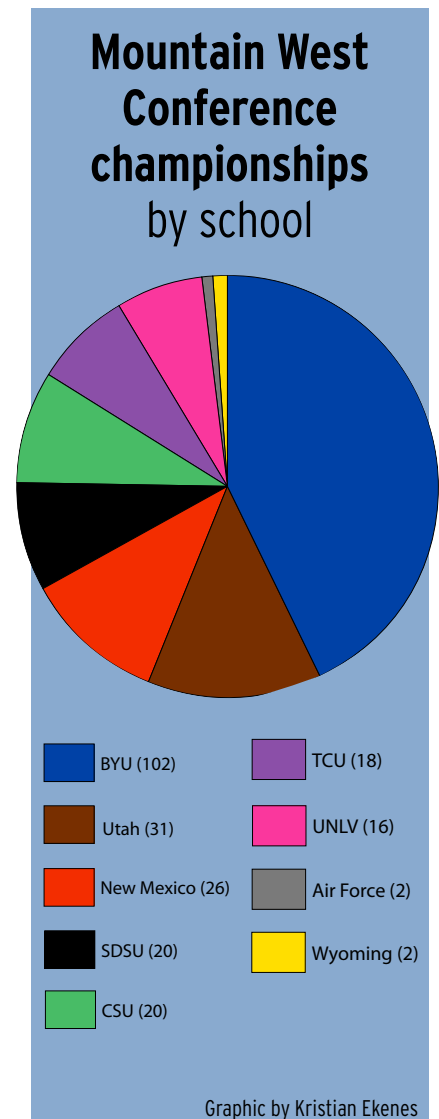
While the MWC will be hurt by the losses of BYU and Utah in men's basketball, how will it be affected by BYU's absence in the other 18 MWC-sponsored sports?



Photo by Chris Bunker

A collection of BYU's Mountain West Conference championship trophies is on display in Legacy Hall.

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Graphic by Kristian Ekenes

## Is cyberbullying still an issue at college?

By LIZZIE JENKINS

An effort to patch a failing relationship had gone terribly wrong, and she was the last person her daughter wanted to tell.

Mary Petersen, a school health-aide from California, said when she found out her daughter was being bullied online by a friend and a former student, she was upset.

"I was so angry, I could have spat nails," Petersen said.

She said her daughter had tried to apologize for a misdeed via email when the messages her daughter received back took an ugly turn. The emails became cruel and even included physical threats. As a result, her daughter became withdrawn.

"She really didn't want to talk to me about it," Petersen said.

She said her daughter was embarrassed to tell her about the emails and afraid of further embarrassment if her mom became involved, but Petersen knew she had a duty to do something.

"In a lot of cases, people can be more cruel when they get to college age because kids don't have the protections of their home, of their families and their schools."

**Ralph Okerlund**  
Utah state senator

"I think one of the best ways to deal with stuff like that is to not keep quiet," Petersen said.

Living in a cyberworld with faster and more sophisticated technologies coming out nearly every day, many students and their parents find cyberbullying to be an issue. Cyberbullying over a long period of time has led to several highly publicized suicides such as Tyler Clementi, a student from Rutgers University who committed suicide

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### BACK TO SCHOOL

Students Kendra Haynie, left, and Janelle Webb take a minute to talk during the first day of classes of the spring term.

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Orlando Lopez lifts a 5-gallon gas can back into his truck after filling it at a Shell gas station where, at \$4.19 a gallon, the price is among the highest in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue, Wash.

**Only oil shock can stop the economy now**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American economy is now strong enough to withstand Middle East turmoil and the Japanese nuclear crisis. Only a big rise in the price of oil could stop it now.

Those are the findings of an Associated Press survey of leading economists, who are increasingly confident in a recovery that is nearly two years old. They expect the economy to grow faster every quarter this year.

In part, that's because the

economists think Americans will spend more freely in the coming months. Higher stock prices have made people wealthier. And a cut in the Social Security payroll tax is giving most households an extra \$1,000 to \$2,000 this year.

American exports and corporate spending, which have helped drive the recovery, are also expected to remain strong, according to the quarterly AP Economy Survey.

The one factor that could make a second recession a

possibility would be a jump in oil prices to \$150 a barrel, economists say. Oil trades at about \$112 a barrel now. The record high, set in the summer of 2008, is about \$147 a barrel.

"The economy is regaining some of its lost muscle and now seems to have a much thicker skin than it did six months or a year ago, and that's helping it handle various negative forces," said Lynn Reaser, a board member of the National Association for Business Economics.

**Gadhafi may lose Libya**

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi has suffered military setbacks in recent days in western Libya, a sign that his grip may be slipping in the very region he needs to cling to power.

His loyalists were driven out of the city of Misrata, a key rebel stronghold in Gadhafi-controlled territory. A NATO airstrike turned parts of his Tripoli headquarters into smoldering rubble.

Hundreds of coalition airstrikes over the past five weeks have steadily eroded his fighting power. NATO says it destroyed one-third of his military equipment, pinned down troops and cut off supply lines.

The introduction last week of armed Predator drones — agile low-flying aircraft better suited to urban combat than high-altitude warplanes — has made it harder for the army to hide his tanks and rocket launchers.

**High voting by Latinos**

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Latinos than ever voted in the November 2010 election as a relatively young population reached the voting age, a fresh sign that the fastest growing U.S. minority stands as a formidable force in electoral politics.

A study by the Pew Hispanic Center found that 6.6 million Latinos, who mainly pick Democrats, voted in 2010, up from the 5.6 million who voted in the previous contests in 2006.

As a share of the electorate, Latinos made up 6.9 percent of the 96 million voters in 2010, up from 5.8 percent of the 96.1 million voters four years earlier. The center released its report on Tuesday.

Among those record voters were 600,000 Latinos who turned 18 each year between 2006 and 2010 as well as 1.4 million foreign-born adult Latinos who became U.S. citizens and therefore eligible to vote, the center said.



Associated Press

Chief District Judge Vaughn R. Walker, of the Northern District of California, speaks at a legal conference in Seattle. Walker retired from the bench at the end of February.

**Prop 8 judge questioned**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The sexual orientation of a judge in California's gay marriage case has taken center stage as supporters of a voter approved ban try to overturn a ruling striking it down.

The sponsors of the ban say they want to disqualify the federal judge who struck down Proposition 8, not because he is gay but because he's been in a relationship with the same man for a decade and might want to get hitched himself.

But experts in judicial ethics say that line of reasoning is unlikely to prevail.

They say while courts have not had to wrestle with sexual orientation as grounds for judicial recusal, judges typically have rejected efforts to remove judges based on personal characteristics such as race, gender, religion or even the contents of their investment portfolios.

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker issued his ruling declaring Proposition 8 to be an unconstitutional violation of gay Californians' civil rights last August.



Associated Press

**TORNADO HITS ARKANSAS**

Becky Bass helps carry items out of the house of her son, Richard Bass, on Tuesday in Vilonia, Ark. The town of Vilonia was heavily damaged when a tornado hit during the night. Richard Bass and his family were home when the tornado hit, but no one was injured.



Associated Press

A woman at a job fair in New York talks to an employer. For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees.

**Women surpass men in earning advanced degrees**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees, part of a trend that is helping redefine who goes off to work and who stays home with the kids.

Census figures released Tuesday highlight the latest education milestone for women, who began to exceed men in college enrollment in the early 1980s. The findings come amid record shares of women in the workplace and a steady decline in stay-at-home mothers.

The educational gains for women are giving them greater access to a wider range of jobs, contributing to a shift of traditional gender roles at home and work. Based on one demographer's estimate, the number of stay-at-home dads who are the primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million last year, or one in 15 fathers. The official census tally was 154,000, based on a narrower definition that excludes those working part-time or looking for jobs.

"The gaps we're seeing in bachelor's and advanced degrees mean that women will be better protected against the next recession," said Mark Perry, an economics professor at the University of Michigan-Flint who is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

"Men now might be the ones more likely to be staying home, doing the more traditional child rearing," he said.

Among adults 25 and older, 10.6 million U.S. women have master's degrees or higher, compared to 10.5 million men. Measured by shares, about 10.2 percent of women have advanced degrees compared to 10.9 percent of men — a gap steadily narrowing in recent years. Women still trail men in professional subcategories such as business, science and engineering.

When it comes to finishing college, roughly 20.1 million women have bachelor's degrees, compared to nearly 18.7 million men — a gap of more than 1.4 million that has remained steady in recent years. Women first passed men in bachelor's degrees in 1996.

Some researchers including Perry have dubbed the current economic slump a "man-cession" because of the huge job losses in the male-dominated construction and manufacturing industries, which require less schooling. Measured by pay, women with full-time jobs now make 78.2 percent of what men earn, up from about 64 percent in 2000.

Unemployment for men currently stands at 9.3 percent compared to 8.3 percent for women, who now make up

half of the U.S. work force. The number of stay-at-home moms, meanwhile, dropped last year for a fourth year in a row to 5 million, or roughly one in four married-couple households. That's down from nearly half of such households in 1969.

By the census' admittedly outmoded measure, the number of stay-at-home dads has remained largely flat in recent years, making up less than 1 percent of married-couple households.

Whatever the exact numbers, Census Bureau researchers have detailed a connection between women's educational attainment and declines in traditional stay-at-home parenting. For instance, they found that stay-at-home mothers today are more likely to be young, foreign-born Hispanics who lack college degrees than professional women who set aside careers for fulltime family life after giving birth.

"We're not saying the census definition of a 'stay-at-home' parent is what reflects families today. We're simply tracking how many families fit that situation over time," said Rose Kreider, a family demographer at the Census Bureau. She said in an interview that the bureau's definition of a stay-at-home parent is based on a 1950s stereotype of a breadwinner-homemaker family that wasn't necessarily predominant then and isn't now.

Beth Latshaw, an assistant professor of sociology at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., notes the figures are based on a narrow definition in which the wife must be in the labor force for the entire year and the husband be outside the official labor force for the specifically cited reason of "taking care of home and family."

Her own survey found that many fathers who had primary child-care responsibility at home while working part-time or pursuing a degree viewed themselves as stay-at-home fathers. When those factors are included as well as unmarried and single dads, the share of fathers who stay at home to raise children jumps from less than 1 percent to more than 6 percent.

Put another way, roughly one of every five stay-at-home parents is a father.

The remaining share of households without stay-at-home parents — the majority of U.S. families — are cases where both parents work full-time while their children attend school or day care or are watched by nannies or grandparents, or where fathers work full-time while the mothers work part-time and care for children part-time.

"There's still a pervasive belief that men can't care for children as well as women can, reinforcing the father-as-breadwinner ideology," said Latshaw, whose research is being published next month in the peer-reviewed journal "Fathering."

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# CYBERBULLY

## Students fight new bullying

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last year after his roommate recorded a sexual encounter of Clementi's and posted it online. "As we see more and more advancements in technology, and more kids with cell phones and all the other things that are available to them over the Internet, some [students] just plain abuse those kinds of things," said Utah State Sen. Ralph Okerlund, who proposed the bill that added cyberbullying to the existing bullying statute.

Wade Jacobsen, a sociology graduate student, conducted a study in 2008 in which students completed a survey documenting their Internet use. Jacobsen said he was intrigued while walking through the open access lab of the library and seeing many students on computers with Facebook up or accessible.

"That's something that wasn't like that just a few years ago," Jacobsen said. "Facebook only started in 2004."

He said his research found 84 percent of BYU freshmen had a Facebook account, but Jacobsen said the number has probably gone up since then.

Of all the participants in the survey, he said only about 8 percent reported they had been a victim of cyberbullying. He said 8 percent was not enough to warrant a study, but

it does not undermine the seriousness of the issue.

"For that 8 percent, that's pretty significant," Jacobsen said.

Aaron Rhoades, a lieutenant with the BYU Police for 32 years, said they do not get a lot of reports about cyberbullying.

"It's more the high school scene versus the college scene," Rhoades said.

He said the cyber-related instances the BYU Police deal with usually involve an individual hacking into an ex's email or other account, changing class schedules and writing hurtful messages to the ex's friends and family. Rhoades said this is usually classified as harassment or stalking.

Stopycyberbullying.org defines cyberbullying as when children or teens use the Internet or other interactive technologies, such as a cell phone, to negatively target another child or teen. The site goes on to explain that the bullying must be between children or teens.

"Once adults become involved, it is plain and simple cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking," the site said.

However, Senator Okerlund said cyberbullying is definitely an issue for college students. He said it does not go away once people go on to college, and it can sometimes be worse.

"In a lot of cases, people can be more cruel when they get to college age because kids don't have the protections of their home, of their families and their schools," Okerlund said.

According to a study in 2010 by Sameer Hinduja and Justin

W. Patchin of the Cyberbullying Research Center, 20.8 percent of 10- to 18-year-olds said they have been cyberbullied in their lifetime.

And this data could be subject to underreporting. In a study conducted by Qing Li, an associate professor at the University of Calgary, fewer than 9 percent of adolescents who have been victims of cyberbullying report it to an adult.

"Many students may have been victimized without identifying the behavior," said Kelly Abbott in his dissertation, "Cyberbullying Experiences of Ethnic Minorities."

In his dissertation, Abbott said one of the dangers of cyberbullying is that messages and images used in the bullying are easily preserved and can be widely distributed by simply forwarding a text or other electronic message.

Petersen said parents have an obligation to safeguard their children from cyberbullies, which means being aware of your child's Internet activity and not being afraid of confrontation.

"If any sort of bullying takes place, don't be afraid to talk to school officials," Petersen said.

Petersen said once she confronted the cyberbullies and their parents, the messages stopped. She said, although it was hard for her and her daughter to go through, it was an opportunity to teach her daughter how to handle difficult situations and learn to rise above them.

"You don't have to be a victim," Petersen said.

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# SUNDAYS

## Stores debate Sunday closing

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At the other end of the spectrum is the Provo Towne Centre mall in the East Bay area of Provo, which is open every Sunday.

Scott Hansen, general manager of Towne Centre, said the goal behind the mall is to create synergy between the businesses leasing space there. Allowing businesses to independently choose to close their doors on Sundays would disrupt that synergy.

Hansen said various stores approached the mall over the years to close on Sundays, but the company discouraged this to avoid damaging other businesses by confusing customers.

"It'd be like going to J.C. Penney and not being able to buy shirts," he said.

When asked about differences between Towne Centre and University Mall, Hansen said General Growth Properties Inc., the company that owns Towne Centre, is a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange, whereas University Mall is privately owned.

General Growth Properties Inc. owns six malls in Utah. Their other properties are Cache Valley Mall in Logan, Newgate Mall in Ogden, Cottonwood Mall in Holladay, Fashion Place in Murray and Red Cliffs Mall in St. George.

Other businesses in Utah County have adjusted their hours on Sundays to compensate for the

drop in foot traffic, such as Romano's Macaroni Grill located in The Shops at Riverwoods.

The Macaroni Grill is open on Sundays, though the hours have been adjusted from the typical store. Most stores operate from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. The one at The Riverwoods opens at noon and closes at 9 p.m. The Macaroni Grill locations at the Fashion Place mall in Murray and Peery Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City operate under the typical store hours on Sundays.

"I think a lot of the businesses around here have adjusted for the location," said Katie Willis, assistant manager at Macaroni Grill. "Sundays are usually our slow days for us."

Sundays have traditionally been a slow day for business in Utah. When it was a territory, no law was on the books to ban stores from opening. However, just two years after gaining statehood, in 1898, the state legislature passed a law closing most businesses on Sunday. The law continued until 1943, when the Utah Supreme Court overruled the law as being too arbitrary in what businesses could open and which ones could not. A number of attempts have been made since to mandate Sunday closings, but nothing has made it past the governor's desk or held up in court.

For many people in Utah County, knowing there is at least one day a week they will not have to work is a nice benefit to have.

"It's nice to have a guaranteed day off," said John Patton, general manager of Magleby's Restaurant's Springville location.

A locally owned and operated chain in Utah County, Magleby's has chosen to close on Sundays.

"I've probably worked three

Sundays in six years and only for special occasions," Patton said.

The furniture store R.C. Willey Home Furnishings is well-known for never opening on Sunday despite Sunday being one of the biggest shopping days of the week.

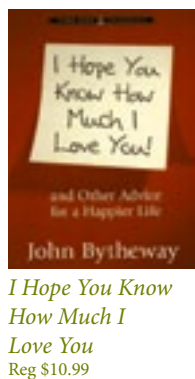
"We've never suffered," said Bill Child, who retired as CEO in 2003. "We've always done well."

For Child, part of the reasoning was tradition. When he took over R.C. Willey in 1954, virtually no stores were open on Sunday. The other part was religious. At one point, Child met with the then president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Spencer W. Kimball, who made comments to the effect that if Child's stores continued to stay closed on Sundays, he would be blessed.

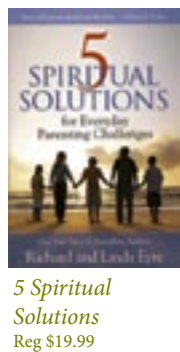
As part of the agreement to sell the business to Warren Buffett's holding company Berkshire Hathaway in 1995, Child stipulated that no store would ever open on Sunday. Buffett agreed, saying that as long as they continued to pull in the same numbers, the stores would remain closed on Sundays.

This understanding was tested when Child pushed to expand the business out of state. Initially wanting to build in Las Vegas, Buffett balked, saying R.C. Willey could not compete in that market and remain closed on Sundays. Child continued pushing, and eventually opened a store in Meridian, Idaho, with the same closed-on-Sunday policy. When the store proved profitable, Buffett relented and approved the opening of a store in Henderson, Nev. Eventually two more stores were opened that were closed on Sundays while maintaining profitability.

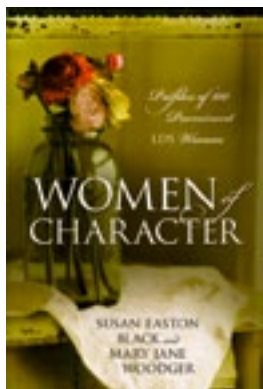
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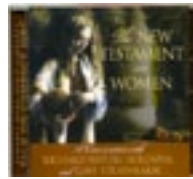
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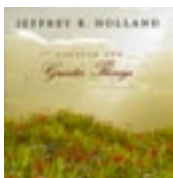
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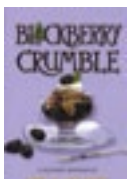
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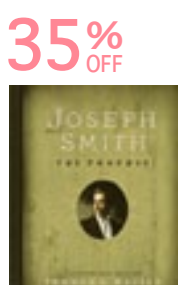
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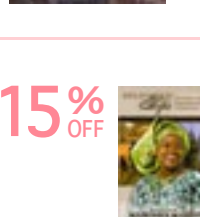
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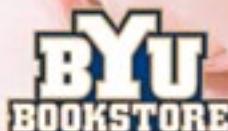


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# BYU, BYU-I make transferring simple

By JESSICA FARLEY

Many students find transferring credits to a different university to be a pain because courses often fail to meet the general education requirements for each school, and sometimes students must take them all over again.

However, faculty at sister schools BYU-Provo and BYU-Idaho are seeking to make transferring credits as painless as possible, despite the differences between each university's general education programs.

According to Raylene Hadley, associate director of admissions services, Provo's general education program underwent a major transformation a few years back.

"We changed from calling it General Education to calling it University Core and the main difference is that University Core incorporates the religion requirements," she said. "It also includes some other parameters in it about the repeating that you can do. There were also some categories like Global and Cultural Awareness that were new."

Likewise, BYU-Idaho's G.E. program was significantly changed when Kim B. Clark became president of the university.



Photo by Mark A. Philbrick

Faculty at both BYU and BYU-Idaho are seeking to make the ability to transfer credits from one school to the other as painless as possible.

Clark did a major overhaul to the program about four years ago and renamed it Foundations.

In a statement found on BYU-Idaho's website, byui.edu, Clark said the Foundations courses are divided into five groups: Eternal Truths, Academic Fundamentals, Science, Cultural Awareness and Connections.

"Foundation presents a focused approach to general edu-

cation, allowing students to explore specific aspects of diverse subjects delving deep into each topic," he said. "The courses are interdisciplinary and have been created through countless hours of faculty collaboration to provide you with the most effective learning outcomes."

Sarah Barlocker, a sophomore at BYU-Idaho, said she is glad Idaho offers the Foundation courses because of the broad

range of topics they include.

"I like the Foundation classes," she said. "Obviously, they may be a bit of a hassle to transfer because they're so unique, but I think they're interesting. One of my favorite classes was that Pakistan class I had to take and I never would have taken it if it wasn't one of the Foundation classes."

Hadley said the uniqueness of the Foundations classes pres-

ents a challenge to BYU's transfer department.

"The Foundations program is created in such a way that most of the courses are interdisciplinary, which means they can be taught by faculty from different disciplines," she said. "It kind of crosses the board so there isn't really a clean class that goes from here to there anymore."

Bruce C. Kusch, associate academic vice president for curriculum at BYU-Idaho, said in an email the universities are unique, but they don't discourage transferring between schools.

"My understanding is that BYU-Idaho provides a large number of transfer students to BYU and vice versa," he said. "In fact, I believe that more students transfer to BYU-Idaho from BYU than any other school. It may also be that BYU-Idaho provides more transfer students to BYU than any other school."

There is a GE office at BYU and there is also a faculty GE counsel that reviews courses that are part of that pool of options students can choose from for their GE selection. They scrutinize the program annually and some classes are added and some are taken out.

"They meet on a regular basis so they are kind of always reviewing," Hadley said.

According to BYU-I's website, their Foundation program is not designed for transfer. However, if students do plan to transfer, the university suggests they figure out which classes to take based on what will transfer to their desired future school.

That is just what Justin Reitz, a BYU student majoring in Civil Engineering, did.

"I went to BYU-Idaho for a year," he said. "It was kind of always my goal to go there for a year and then transfer over to BYU. One of the hard things is that when I signed up for classes, I always had to make sure online through a little process of which classes transfer over because BYU-Provo wouldn't count all of them."

However, both universities recommend students desiring to transfer complete their associate degree before leaving.

Despite the difficulties presented with the diversity of the two programs, Hadley said both schools are doing their best to match up the courses.

"We want to work with them," she said. "The students are always the ones that get hurt if we can't come to an agreement between the two so we're working really hard with them to make sure that students don't get wound up in it. Idaho in return has been really good about accepting a lot of our courses to fulfill requirements there, too."

## MWC BYU leaving with most titles

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To compare BYU's performance to the performance of other MWC institutions in all MWC-sponsored sports, the number of conference championships won by each school in all of the sports was tabulated. Of the 19 sports sponsored by the MWC, 11 (football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and

diving, men's and women's tennis, baseball, softball, women's soccer and women's volleyball) award regular season titles.

The other eight sports (men's and women's golf, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor track and field and men's and women's outdoor track and field) only award tournament titles. To be consistent, the tournament championships in those eight sports were counted as if they were regular season titles.

As of now, BYU has claimed 102 MWC championships in the above mentioned sports since the MWC began in 1999.

BYU's 102 MWC championships make up 43 percent of all the regular season champion-

ships awarded in MWC history. The school that comes in second place to BYU is none other than its rival, Utah, which has claimed 31 MWC titles.

New Mexico follows with 26, while San Diego State and Colorado State each tie with 20. Next is TCU with 18 and UNLV with 16.

Air Force and Wyoming have collected just four combined MWC championships.

Most of BYU's 102 MWC championships come from track and field and cross country.

The Cougars have dominated in track and field for decades. Since track and field is divided into an indoor and an outdoor season between the men's and women's teams, one school can

earn up to as many as four different championships for track and field in one year. That translates into 46 track and field conference championships that have been awarded in the 12-year history of the MWC.

Of those 46, BYU has claimed 41, including every single men's outdoor track and field championship. The Cougars have also claimed 17 MWC titles from the men's and women's cross country teams.

Now that BYU's track teams will be competing in the MPSF in the indoor season and as an independent team in the outdoor season, they will be unable to earn as many future conference titles for BYU.

Some believe it was a bad move for BYU to place its track teams in the MPSF because they will no longer be able to add to their 90-plus conference titles.

"The track team got hosed," said Doug Robinson of the Desert News in an article published on April 12.

Robinson said the track teams lose in BYU's realignment deals because they will be unable to compete for conference championships while losing the competition they had in the MWC.

Men's track coach Mark Robison disagreed.

"The level of competition [in the MPSF] will be so much higher, it's not even funny," Robison said.

The MPSF is composed of schools from the Pac-12, West Coast Conference and Big West. These conferences offer better competition than the MWC, Robison said.

Women's track and field coach Patrick Shane said other MWC schools probably have mixed feelings about BYU's departure.

"I think some teams are going to be delighted because it gives them a chance to move up a spot and possibly compete for a conference championship," Shane said.

Shane said some teams, such as New Mexico, are going to miss the competition from BYU's distance runners.

He agreed with Robison and said BYU's move to the MPSF is a step in the right direction.

Basketball, track and field and cross country aren't the only MWC sports that will miss the Cougars. BYU and Utah are tied for the most MWC football championships, with four apiece.

Among the other sports BYU has dominated include men's swimming and diving (six MWC titles) and women's soccer (six MWC titles).

The only sport in which BYU hasn't won at least one MWC title is women's golf.

How does BYU compare to other MWC teams on a national scale?

Since the inception of the MWC, only three MWC-sponsored teams have won national titles, and they all came from BYU. The BYU women's cross country team won national championships in 1999, 2001 and 2002. On top of that, 17 of 27 individual national champions from the MWC came from BYU.

While BYU, Utah and more recently TCU have flourished in the MWC, all three of them will be gone by 2012.

Craig Thompson, commis-

### BYU CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY SPORT IN THE MWC

M. Outdoor Track	11
M. Indoor Track	11
W. Indoor Track	10
W. Outdoor Track	9
M. Cross Country	9
W. Cross Country	8
M. Swim and Dive	6
W. Soccer	6
M. Basketball	6
Football	4
M. Tennis	4
Softball	4
W. Basketball	3
W. Tennis	3
W. Swim and Dive	3
M. Golf	2
W. Volleyball	2
Baseball	1
W. Golf	0
TOTAL	102

sioner of the MWC, said he is disappointed to see BYU, Utah and TCU leave the conference by 2012.

"It hurts to see them all leave," Thompson said on March 24. "The frustrating part is the conference matured in a way we envisioned. But now it all changes."

David Watkins, a 25-year-old senior studying public health, from Salt Lake City, said he believes the MWC is thrilled that BYU will be leaving the conference.

"I think Craig Thompson and every other coach and athletic director [in the MWC] is happy that BYU is out of the conference," Watkins said. "That's 43 percent of the championships available to share among other schools."

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U.S. Real Salt Lake's goalkeeper Nick Rimando celebrates at CONCACAF Champion League first leg match in Monterrey, Mexico on April 20. RSL will play the second leg against Mexico's Monterrey tonight.

# RSL set for biggest game in MLS history

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Wind or rain, cold or snow, they'll be ready.

Real Salt Lake fans are set to serenade their team today when it plays four-time Mexican League champion Monterrey in the second leg of a home-and-home CONCACAF Champions League final.

Granted, this is not Manchester United vs. Real Madrid. But if RSL can hold its own again against Monterrey, it will get a chance in December to prove itself on the world stage.

"We haven't had that Lake Placid moment for U.S. soccer," RSL general manager Garth Lagerwey said, referring to the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" for the U.S. Olympic hockey team. "That's the opportunity we have in front of us. We have an event to put the world on notice that American soccer has taken another step forward."

The champion of CONCACAF — the soccer group made up of North and Central America and the Caribbean — will head to Japan at the FIFA Club World Cup.

There, it would face five other confederation champions and the host nation. The last three FIFA Club World Cup winners came from Europe: Inter Milan, Barcelona and Manchester United.

Real Salt Lake would be the first Major League Soccer team to qualify under the revamped format. D.C. United won the CONCACAF Champions League in 1998 and the L.A. Galaxy in 2000 but neither title resulted in a FIFA Club World Cup appearance.

RSL has precious little history on its side, and not much money as well. RSL's payroll compared to that of Monterrey

and possible Club World Cup opponents is as low as the temperatures forecast for Wednesday night.

Last week, when RSL played in Monterrey, it was 95 degrees at gametime. Tonight, temperatures at Rio Tinto Stadium in suburban Salt Lake City figure to be in the low 40s.

"The colder the better," midfielder Will Johnson said.

The game is sold out, with 20,000-plus seats quickly snapped up by season ticket-holders at prices between \$20 and \$500. The fans don't care that Real Salt Lake is built with castoffs rather than stars. They embrace the concept.

RSL's payroll for 26 players is roughly \$2.6 million. David Beckham's salary alone with the L.A. Galaxy is \$6.5 million, and he earns another \$15 million annually in endorsements.

Monterrey, seeking its first continental crown in its 66-year history, has several national team members making more than \$1 million.

As Johnson knows, money doesn't always buy happiness. He spent two-plus seasons playing for a pair of Dutch teams but grew tired of feeling alone. In Salt Lake, RSL is tight-knit, as evidenced by a recent Easter brunch where each player brought a dish. Plus, Johnson knows where to go if he craves great empanadas (Fabian Espindola's) or Jamaican jerk shrimp (Andy Williams').

RSL captain Kyle Beckerman, who is suspended for today's game because he picked up a second yellow card in CONCACAF play last week, is one of Kreis' highest-paid players at \$250,000 annually.

Kreis went from player to coach in the middle of the 2007 season. Rather than signing big-name players, he went after those who would sacrifice for a common purpose. Kreis at the

time was 34, the youngest MLS coach.

"It was just unheard of to ... drop him into the middle of that abyss and hope he can swim," said RSL color analyst Brian Dunseth, a former RSL player and captain of the U.S. team at the 2000 Olympics.

The traits that helped earn Kreis league MVP honors as a striker for the Dallas Burn (now FC Dallas) served him well as a coach.

"He definitely wasn't the superstar ... and he's never been a million-dollar player, but he was a guy who earned every single opportunity he's had," Dunseth said.

Kreis guided RSL to the MLS Cup in 2009, his second full season as coach. Now he has the players and fans aiming higher.

Last week, RSL played Monterrey to a 2-2 tie. The two away goals mean RSL advances to the FIFA Club World Cup with a win, 1-1 or scoreless tie. The game would go into overtime and possibly penalty kicks if it ends in a 2-2 tie. Monterrey would advance outright with a victory or 3-3 tie or greater.

Monterrey figures to be dangerous, certainly if Chilean striker Humberto Suazo is healthy. However, it must overcome the loss of striker Aldo de Nigris, who is out with accumulated yellow cards.

Monterrey also must overcome a passionate crowd that is expected to be clad in red. RSL is unbeaten in its last 37 games at Rio Tinto — a far cry from those days at the University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium, on artificial turf with football yard markers still painted on the field.

Kreis can already picture tonight's ending.

"To lift the trophy in front of a sellout crowd, screaming for us, that's the stuff dreams are made of," he said.

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Toni Sorenson

Sara Wells & Kate Jones

Kirby Heyborne

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Meg Johnson

Tristi Pinkston

Frank Cole

Tiffany Fletcher

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11:00 -1:00

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Josi Kilpack

Tres Hatch

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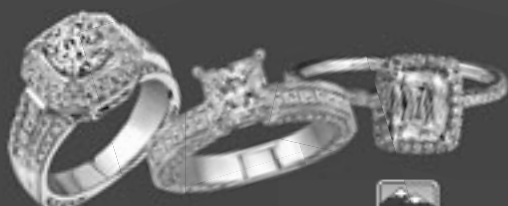
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Col. Michael G. Goett keeps his memorabilia from his days in the Air Force.

## Heroic veterans suffer pains of war long after their service

By ALLISON GOETT

Minutes after settling in for the night, the sounds of guns explode on the barren horizon. The taste of desert air lays thick on his tongue as sweat beads trickle down his sun-chapped forehead. His beating heart rattles his soul as much as the rumbling tanks rattle his body.

He hears his squadron calling him. He knows he must act. With a bravery only possessed by soldiers, he charges into the thick of battle. With a horror only known by the brave, he sees his comrades — his brothers — disappear in a cloud of dust and shrapnel.

He jolts from his sweat-soaked sheets — barely aware he no longer stands on the battlefield. His pajamas feel too light compared to the heavy war gear he thought he wore moments before. Slowly he recalls his location. Slowly he remembers: he'd had this dream before — he could not escape his nightmare.

Similar situations occur every night in the homes of the men and women who bravely fight to defend their country and can no longer separate their memories from their realities.

These veterans join ranks with the millions of soldiers fighting another war on the home front. They fight against post-traumatic stress disorder.

PTSD causes fear, distress and anxiety stemming from exposure to intensely traumatic experiences, said the United States Department of Education in an informational memorandum.

This fear and distress often leaves veterans unable to function in what used to be their normal life.

Col. Michael G. Goett experienced firsthand the bitter taste of returning home from a war zone with PTSD.

"I never wanted it to end by getting disabled," Goett said, "but I wouldn't have changed anything — even knowing this part."

After a six-month tour in Baghdad in 2005, Goett underwent emergency heart surgery. Shortly after, he realized he had injured more than just his heart.

Goett sought treatment for PTSD at the George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center in Salt Lake City. There, he now participates in two major types of rehabilitation: Prolonged Exposure and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Tom Mullin, one of the psychologists at the VA Medical Center, helps veterans like Goett fit their PTSD into their old, pre-war lives.

"We look at [PTSD] as essentially a disorder of avoidance," Mullin said. "[Veterans] start structuring their life to stay away from anything that reminds them of trauma."

Mullin's goal, he said, focuses on steering the veterans away from this avoidance.

"Our goal is to go after the traumatic memory itself," Mullin said. "It's a matter of telling us again and again ... everything you heard, everything you smelled, tasted, thought — everything that's in your memory."

Along with this Prolonged Exposure, Mullin also helps the veterans adapt their cognitive processes through the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Goett uses this process to help him deal with situations he normally would avoid because of anxiety — like attending dinner at a public restaurant in Salt Lake City.

He knows he can't make it to the restaurant in one move, so he walks through the steps of his day.

He plans to start by getting his keys off the counter.

He knows he can do it.

He then decides he will go to his car.

He has done it before.

Next, he thinks about backing his car out of his driveway. Easy.

Step by step, landmark by landmark, he eventually makes it to his final destination.

"If you don't break them down and just sit and think — and they're all together — you can freak out about it," Goett said. "If you just deal with each one individually — you break it down — it doesn't seem overwhelming at all."

Through this strategy, Goett has learned how to fit his PTSD into the life he used to have.

"You are able to do it," Goett said. "It doesn't make you nervous and you actually have fun."

Through all of Goett's success, one thing remained true. On the battlefield, he never stood alone. On the home front, he always has his family by his side.

Kelly Tanner, Goett's daughter, saw a drastic change in her father when he returned from war.

"The dynamic changes — which can be difficult," Tanner said. "I find the best thing is just to make sure he knows that I love him. I think that is the most important thing, loving the person."

However, Tanner admits love cannot entirely heal soldiers.

"It takes a mix of help — self-help, medical help, psychological help and family help," Tanner said. "All I can do is try to support him in getting there."

Tanner said she felt people sometimes forgot the soldiers after they came home — after they hung their helmet and dusted their shoes, locked up their guns and retired their sandy-brown camouflaged uniform.

"He has served my family and this country selflessly for years and years," Tanner said. "You just can't ever forget that."



Property owners are required to post warning signs in every entrance of the parking lot. Violators can be towed or booted by parking enforcement companies.

Photo by Miriam Shumway

## Essentials of towing and booting for students

By MIRIAM SHUMWAY

Students might be paying more than what is legal for their towed cars.

Utah state law and Provo City ordinances set the prices for tows, boots and other fees. Provo City patrolman Drew Hubbard said confusion with the towing companies comes from trying to follow the state laws along with the city laws. Students who have had their cars towed could have ignorantly paid more than what is legal.

"There are towing companies in Provo that are charging too much money for what they are entitled to be charging," Hubbard said. "And students and people are just paying, not being informed otherwise."

According to Provo City code title 9 chapter 32.140, Parking Enforcement and Towing Operations, an owner of a real property may boot or tow away any unauthorized vehicle that is violating the parking zone. They authorized a parking enforcement or tow operating company to help them with taking care of the car in violation. These enforcement companies are limited to what they can charge for a tow or a boot.

"The towing companies like to forget that Provo City actually regulates what they can do in Provo City, and they like to go with the less restrictive rules of the state," Hubbard said.

Utah Administrative Code Rule 909-19-13 outlines the maximum prices for a non-consent, non-police generated towing rate. The maximum rate for a light duty vehicle is \$145. Other fees come from storage rates, which should not be more than \$25 a day, and administrative fees, a maximum of \$30.

Provo police can get involved if any of these codes are not being correctly followed.

"Any time they violate this, the police department will come out here and they will verify that everything's being done legally," Hubbard said. "If they're in violation, they cannot continue to tow that vehicle."

A major problem is whether the enforcement companies can charge a fuel surcharge, a fee outlined in the Utah administrative code, but not allowed in the Provo City Code.

"Those are the only three charges that Provo City's allowing," Hubbard said. "You get towing companies saying that they're going to charge you a fuel surcharge fee; they can't do that."

Utah code also states if the owner of the car is trying to retrieve their car before the tow truck is connected, then no fee can be charged. If the tow truck is connected to the car, but still in the property, the owner will not have to pay more than 50 percent of the rate.

"Basically if you're in the parking lot and the towing company hasn't driven off, and if you have the money right then, they're supposed to drop it to half price," Hubbard said.

Parking enforcement companies are required to release the car within one hour of the request, even in early morning hours.

"If you want your car back at two in the morning, during non-standard business hours, and they're going to charge you an extra fee, well, they can't do that," Hubbard said. "So basically they have to be available 24 hours a day to release your car."

The frustration comes into the equation when vehicle owners find their car missing or booted. Angie Schwartz, a neuroscience major from Salt Lake City, said she never had a ticket before moving to Provo. Last month her car was booted in the King Henry parking lot, but it was not justified.

"The night I got booted it was blizzarding, so the sign was crusted over with snow," Schwartz said. "I'm not going to walk around and wipe off all the signs in the area to see if I can park there."

University Parking Enforcement, a private company not associated with BYU, is one business that has an appeals

process. However, Schwartz said the process can be lengthy and the people do not seem to be cooperative.

"It's too much of a hassle," Schwartz said. "With school and everything it's hard to find the time to appeal things like this."

Ryan Greenwood, general manager of University Parking Enforcement, said their appeals committee discusses whether the company enforced a rule wrong, or if the circumstance was beyond the control of the vehicle owner.

"We have an appeals process that we provide so they do have an opportunity to say, 'Hey this is my side of the story,'" Greenwood said. "We do give them that opportunity to voice their concerns."

Greenwood said the company deals more with housing complexes than anything else because most of the problems are located there.

"A good percentage of the Provo-Orem apartment complexes don't have enough parking for even the residences," Greenwood said. "Unfortunately that's why a company like ours is necessary, to help that out and help out the residents that do live there and do have a right to be there."

The decision whether a car is booted or towed depends on the property manager, a misconception BYU students might have.

"The property manager decides whether or not they want to boot or whether they want to tow," Greenwood said. "The property makes up the rules, we just enforce them."

Whether or not the towing company is wrong, they do get the brunt of the blame.

"No matter what, we'll always be the bad guys," Greenwood said. "We're a necessary evil."

For information about Utah code, including requirements towing companies have to follow, visit [utahmc.com](http://utahmc.com) or [provo.org](http://provo.org).

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# Navigating safe employment may be difficult in Utah

By DERRICK LYTLE

Utah is known across the United States as a hotbed for multi-level marketing and summer sales companies offering alarm services and pest control. It has sometimes been called the capitol of multi-level marketing.

Cason Miller worked for Xango as a sales representative for three years, and has been selling at other companies since he returned from his mission. He said this type of business is for people who want to make money.

"God didn't put me on this earth to make \$30,000 a year," he said.

According to a company statement, Xango had a taxable income of \$36.7 million in 2010.

Direct selling businesses have been the target of both criticism and praise over the years. In Utah, the industry pumps around \$10 billion into the economy, and Miller says it is an ingenious way to run a business.

In 2010, the Better Business Bureau issued a report instructing consumers how to differentiate between a legitimate direct selling business and a Ponzi scheme. The report states that a legitimate business allows the seller to make money either by selling actual products or by getting a percentage from their recruits. A typical pyramid scheme, on the other hand, will make money from fees paid by the new recruits. These fees are not dependent on whether any product is sold.

Related to this type of business is the summer sales industry. Summer sales companies, which are known for alarm systems, pest control

and scripture products, are commonly found around college campuses in Utah. They attract new recruits with free pizza parties, signing bonuses, and massive paychecks for only a summer's work.

While it is possible to earn the amounts advertised by these companies, it isn't always easy.

"Summer door-to-door sales is extremely hard work, requires long hours and a lot of dedication in order to be successful," said R. Jay Irvine, a career counselor at BYU University Career Services.

"Individuals willing to make those sacrifices can be successful. However, it isn't for everyone."

Although successful sellers swear by summer sales, others are not as accepting of these companies.

"To me, it's more of a gimmick to try to get you to sell something that you do not necessarily believe in or necessarily have a care in the world for," said Patrick Hoffmeier, a history teaching major from Damascus, Md.

In 2010 alone, the Better Business Bureau received 1,181 complaints from consumers about alarm installation companies. According to the bureau, less than one percent of all the complaints were unresolved.

Amp, an Orem-based security sales company, received 86 complaints in the past three years through the bureau.

Of the 86 complaints, all have been resolved. But according to a news release, the Minnesota Attorney Generals Office filed a lawsuit in May 2010 against AMP, alleging Amp used "bait and switch" and aggressive selling techniques to sell security system contracts to the elderly and

others on fixed incomes. The case is pending.

"Most on-going, established businesses are credible," Jay Irvine said. "Usually, when it is known that a company is breaking the law, regulators move fairly quickly to shut it down."

To safely search for employment, whether it be summer sales or a more traditional job, there are many ways to protect yourself from fraudulent companies. As with anything, thorough research should be done to avoid scams.

"Do research and try to be as informed as possible before entering any business relationship or accepting a job offer," Irvine said.

Talking with current and former employees about experiences they have had within a particular company can provide uncensored information about a potential employer.

Publicly traded companies are required by law to release a report of the financial and business condition of the company.

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Employment opportunities advertised in newspapers must also be looked at with caution. Advertisements promising easy money for working at home and investing are fairly common.

Advertisements in The Daily Universe are not endorsed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or BYU, but The Daily Universe does offer tips online in its classified section on how to avoid scams from companies that may advertise in the paper.

To avoid becoming a victim of fraud, Irvine quotes a popular saying:

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Sometimes called the capitol of multi-level organizations, job seekers in Utah may find it hard to differentiate between fraudulent schemes and legitimate businesses.

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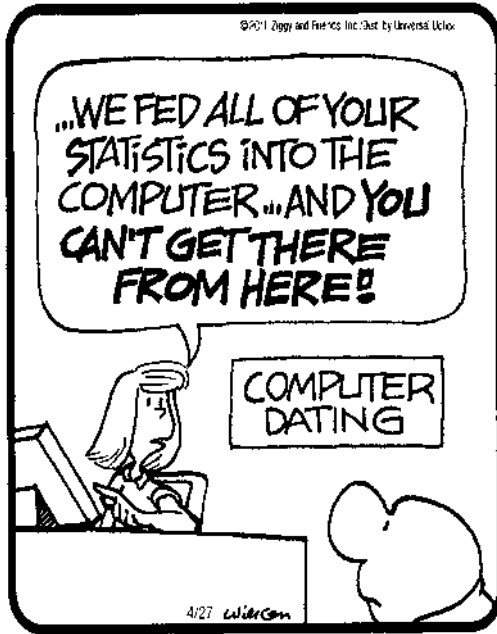
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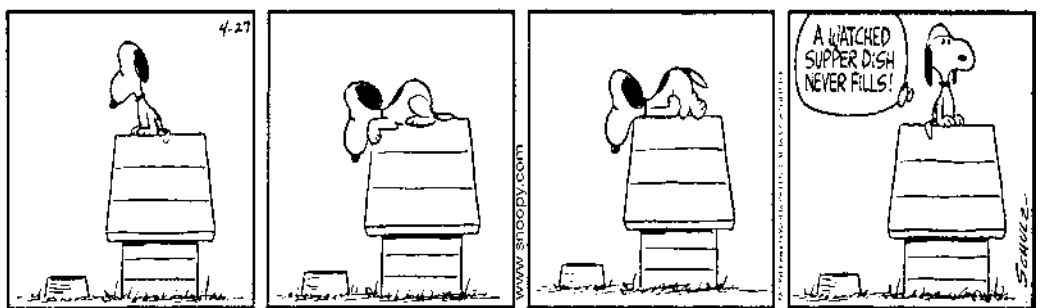
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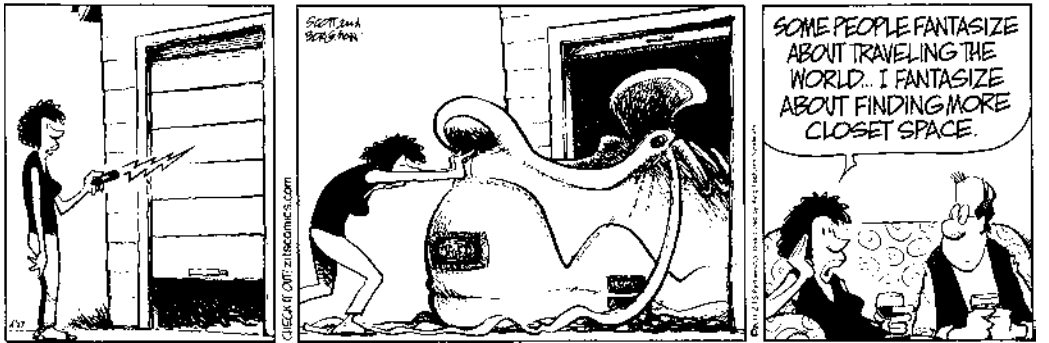
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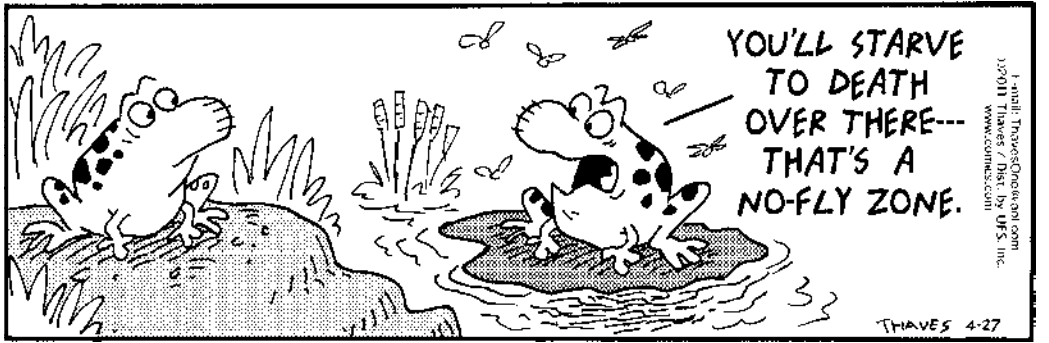
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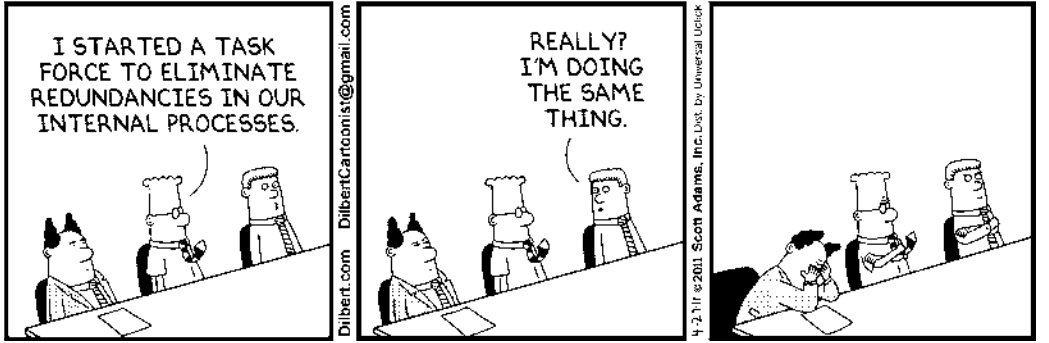
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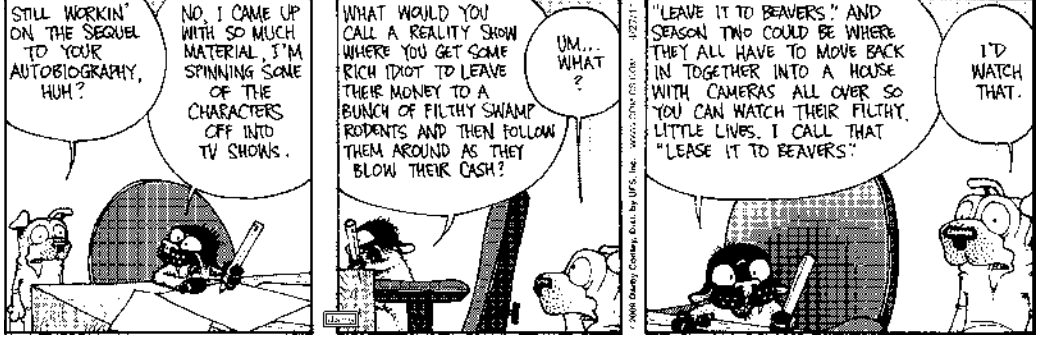
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# At BYU, playing hockey can be expensive endeavor

By MIKE GRAUL

Ice hockey combines football-like hits with the speed of a high-paced basketball game, all done by players holding sticks while on ice.

However, according to a 2010 Harris Poll, hockey is only the sixth most popular sport in the United States and is even less popular in the state of Utah.

So why is there no love shown for such a high-energy, big-hitting sport from the state that hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics, and especially from the BYU campus?

"Utah isn't like some of these other hockey hotspots around the country where kids learn to skate at a really young age," said Utah-born BYU hockey player Eric Peterson. "It's different than those that can just grab a basketball and find a hoop."

For many young Utah hockey players, participating in the game they love is far more difficult than their football, baseball and basketball-playing counterparts. Peterson's mother, Marilyn Peterson, said limited access



Photo by Stephanie Rhodes

BYU senior Josh Burkart, right, here in action against Boise State last season, and his teammates pay \$1,500 a season to play hockey.

to ice rinks makes it harder to schedule ice time.

"Because there are so few rinks here in Utah, the kids can't have practices at any time of the day," Marilyn Peterson said. "Sometimes we would have practices as early as five in the morning in order to get ice time. It's not like the practices are just down the street, like for your local baseball diamond, either. Sometimes we would have to drive really far to get Eric to practice. For Utah families,

who usually have more kids than families in other states, it is difficult to leave your other kids at home that early and for that long period of time."

With the lack of easily accessible hockey facilities and coaches, many Utah hockey players are forced to join travel teams to truly progress in the game. However, this also creates problems for Mormon Utah families.

"Playing on these travel teams was something I chose not to do because they would

play on Sundays," Eric Peterson said. "I just played in recreational leagues and in high school because they didn't have Sunday games. Those of us that didn't play on the travel teams are definitely at a disadvantage and have had to try and catch up."

Peterson was lucky to have a high school team to play on, as only 26 of the 113 high schools in the state of Utah have a competitive hockey program, according to the Utah High School Hockey website.

Along with Sunday play and lack of high school programs, the financial burden of hockey also prevents many from getting the opportunity to play. Some players pay up to \$1,000 for equipment alone, with goalies having to dish out even more.

"When your kids are growing and you have to keep buying new equipment every year, it makes it pretty tough," Marilyn Peterson said.

The financial burden not only affects young hockey players but also the BYU hockey team.

BYU coach Stan Weiss said that for various reasons, such as the cost of running a hockey program and Title IX regula-

"It's definitely rough being married and trying to play on the team."

Ashton Ripley  
BYU forward

tions calling for equal amounts of funding for both men's and women's collegiate athletic programs, BYU has been hesitant to financially back the team.

"Title IX really affected the growth of college hockey in the west," Weiss said. "Because of it, there are no official NCAA hockey programs west of Colorado. Instead, we had to create the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association), which is a sister to the NCAA but doesn't have the same reputation and financial benefits associated with the NCAA itself."

Because the BYU hockey team is not supported by the university, players have to pay \$1,500 a season to play. For the average student, and especially for the six married players on the team, this creates a difficult situation.

"It's definitely rough being married and trying to play on the team," said BYU sophomore forward Ashton Ripley. "Not only do we have to pay \$1,500 to play, but we also have opportunity costs because of the time and commitment to the team. I take early morning

classes and then wait tables at lunch before going to practice and doing homework at nights. It is difficult doing all that on limited funds, but luckily my wife supports me because she knows I love it."

However, not all prospective players have as supportive of a spouse or finances as Ripley, and simply can't afford to participate.

"It's a vicious cycle," Marilyn Peterson said. "Not every player can afford to play, so the team doesn't have the talent it needs to be really good. When the team isn't good, the university is less likely to help fund them and they don't have the revenue they need from ticket sales and other possibilities that are available to better teams."

Despite these difficulties, the BYU hockey program continues to slowly progress. Though the team gets no financial support from the university, it was formally recognized as a BYU club team for the first time in 2009. This allows them to officially be called the BYU Cougars and hopefully receive university funding in the future.

Weiss also said the team's game attendance has continually increased every year as more and more students get educated and excited about the game.

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