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New law reduces window for fireworks use

By REBECCA LANE

A bright flash as red ash lights the night sky and goes dark as it settles to the ground and darkness once again consumes the night. Fireworks are a fun part of holiday festivities, but are a cause for concern.

Last year, a change in Utah's fireworks law, HB22, made it possible for aerial cake fireworks to be fired and to ignite fireworks for the whole month of

July, but some firefighters, residents and others thought that amount of time for shooting off fireworks was too long.

"I made a commitment to fire folks that we would run it for a year and if we needed to make some amendments we would do it," said Rep. James Dunnigan, R-Taylorsville. "This year is kind of a clean-up to last year's bill."

The bill has been amended and HB33 passed easily through the Utah House and Senate and is headed to the governor's desk for his signature.

The new law allows fireworks to be discharged between July 1 and July 7

for the Fourth of July holiday and between July 21 and July 27 for Pioneer Day. During these days, the discharge times will be from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — except on the Fourth of July and Pioneer Day, when the time is extended to midnight.

Also, fireworks are permitted between 11 a.m. on Dec. 31 and 1 p.m. on Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday and the same rules apply for the Chinese New Year.

"You're still going to see a good amount of fireworks, but it will be limited in the 14 days instead of the 30,"

said Provo Fire Marshal Lynn Schofield.

By cutting back on the hours and days fireworks can be used, it helps the fire and police departments control the area, helps residents follow the laws and keeps everyone safe.

Residents complained about having fireworks shot off too late at night, venturing up to 3 a.m., and making it difficult for workers to sleep. Late-night fireworks bothered animals and humans alike.

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HB33, an amendment to last year's fireworks bill, limits the days and times fireworks can be discharged.

CHALKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

*BYU grad student has
appetite, will travel*

By JENN CARDENAS

As graduate student Dave Chalk bites into his peanut butter and honey sandwich, he looks like just another poor college student. Chalk holds up the sandwich and doesn't hide his disdain for it.

"This is peanut butter and honey, this blows," Chalk said. "This is called, 'I'm poor and save my money for better adventures.'"

These adventures have taken him all over the world. From driving to Phoenix at midnight to get a Cornish Pasty, to taking a bus from New York City to spend 16 hours in Philadelphia (eating at three steak sandwich shops), to visiting San Francisco just to visit favorite restaurants, Chalk is a self-described "foodie," and bases all of his travels around restaurants he would like to visit instead of just getting to a place and having McDonald's every night.

He travels to San Francisco about three times a year, but admits he has never seen the Golden Gate Bridge, unless you count the opening credits of "Full House."

"I would say the majority of people travel to see landmarks, whereas I travel to eat food," Chalk said. "You can experience landmarks through a picture, but you can't experience food through a picture."

Chalk, who is known to drive three hours just to get a "Gator Burger" in Randolph, likes to eat different types of foods depending on the location where he is staying.

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Photo courtesy of Dave Chalk

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BYU graduate student

Senate considers deregulating billboards

By KARI MERRILL AND
JESSICA HENRIE

It's late on a Friday evening, and Macie makes her way carefully down I-15 back toward her hotel. She's a guest here, and her busy weekend has left her exhausted and bleary-eyed. It's time for some good, solid rest, and she drives quickly and steadily toward her exit into Salt Lake.

All of a sudden, her tired eyes are ripped from the road by a bright flash of light, and she jerks the steering wheel to recollect her focus. Her action is accompanied by an angry, blaring horn from the pickup in the next lane as she casts her gaze to the original offender: a gigantic electronic billboard flashing tauntingly between advertisements.

"We certainly don't have those where I'm from in Idaho," she said, "and it's really distracting."

Macie isn't the only one who feels the billboards are a nuisance. BYU sophomore Mara Duenas, an open major from New York, said the billboards are distracting when she's driving as well.

"I swear I have attention deficit disorder," she said. "I think your eye naturally catches on things that are moving, and electronic billboards kind of do; they change."

The signs are designed to flash between advertisements as quickly as every eight seconds, and are beginning to dot the city of Salt Lake.

According to the Salt Lake City Council, the spread of billboards both electronic and regular has become a bit of an epidemic. Just within the city, the number of signs has soared to 145, six of which are electronic. Though the council unanimously passed an ordinance on Jan. 24 banning any more electronic billboards from being put up, its efforts to reduce the amount of local billboards and limit electronic ones may soon be trumped by legislation from Utah's Capitol Hill.

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BYU baseball takes series 2-1 against UC Riverside

By SPENCER NGATUVAI

Following a split doubleheader on Friday, the BYU baseball team pulled out the victory against UC Riverside on Saturday in Riverside, Calif.

In the final game of their season-opening series, the Cougars were up 4-1 in the ninth inning until the Highlanders scored three runs to tie the game. Wes Guenther, BYU's catcher and co-captain from Kansas, saved the game for the Cougars as he tagged out a would-be game-winning run for the Highlanders.

"I felt comfortable going into the ninth with a 4-1 lead," BYU coach Vance Law said in a news release. "The relay was an outstanding play. To knock down the winning run was huge."

The Cougars had a huge 10th inning, tak-

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BYU baseball coach

ing an 8-4 lead for Cougar pitcher Marc Oslund, who struck out a batter and ultimately clinched the game for the Cougars.

"Our guys were gutsy in the top of the 10th because we had a time limit with no new inning starting after 3 p.m., in order to make our flight," Law said. "It would have ended up a tie, but we got a clutch two-out base hit by Wes [Guenther] to give us the lead and by [Tanner] Chauncey with a two-run double that helped us out."

Adam Miller, a sophomore from California, threw a no-hitter for almost four innings. With UC Riverside crowding the bases in the third inning, Miller threw a curveball for a second out, and caused a fly out to outfielder Jaycob Brugman to get the Cougars out of a jam.

Friday's doubleheader started off a bit rocky for the Cougars despite co-captain Chris Capper's impressive seven strikeouts against the Highlanders in the first five innings. The Cougars weren't able to pull out of a 4-0 deficit in the third inning and lost the first game.

The second game showed signs of improvement for the Cougars as freshman catcher Dakota Hernandez scored the final run of a hit from his cousin Brugman, putting the team up 6-2 in the eighth inning.

BYU will have its first West Coast Conference game this week as the Cougars face St. Mary's on Thursday to begin a three-game series. The game will be broadcast on BYU Radio and 960 AM.



Photo by Chris Bunker

BYU guard Lexi Eaton drives by San Diego defender Morgan Woodrow during Saturday's game in the Marriott Center. BYU defeated USD 64-50. For the story, see page 9.



Associated Press
The warden of Apodaca stands on the hood of a patrol car in Monterrey, Mexico, on Sunday.

Massacre underlines Mexico prison

MONTERREY, Mexico — The revelation that guards likely helped members of the violent Zetas drug cartel slaughter 44 rival inmates and break out of a northern Mexico jail throws new attention on the enormous corruption inside the country’s overcrowded, underfunded prisons.

The top officials and as many as 18 guards at the Apodaca prison may have helped 30 Zetas escape during a riot early Sunday in which other Zetas fatally bludgeoned and knifed 44 members of the rival Gulf cartel, Nuevo Leon Gov. Rodrigo Medina said Monday.



Associated Press
A crashed helicopter is lifted Monday near Antioch, Calif. A helicopter and a small plane were forced into emergency landings Sunday after they clipped each other, leaving the two pilots with minor injuries.



Associated Press
Elizabeth Smart was married Saturday in the Laie, Hawaii Temple.

Elizabeth Smart marries in temple

SALT LAKE CITY — Elizabeth Smart married her fiance Saturday at a Mormon temple in Hawaii, several months ahead of scheduled plans for the nuptials after news of her engagement last month drew widespread media attention.

A family spokesman said the Utah woman who was kidnapped at knifepoint at age 14 and held captive for nine months married Matthew Gilmour on Oahu’s North Shore.

The 24-year-old Smart is a senior at Brigham Young University.

WEATHER

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Sources: National Weather Service, BYU Geography Department

School owner: Mid-air crash could’ve been deadly

SAN FRANCISCO — The owner of a helicopter flight school whose student was involved in a mid-air collision said Monday the pilot narrowly escaped what could have been a deadly crash after the chopper was hit from behind by a small plane.

Instead, the pilots of both the Robinson R22 helicopter and Beechcraft Bonanza plane escaped with minor injuries after making rough emergency landings Sunday evening just north of Antioch, about half-way between Oakland and Sacramento.

The chopper pilot, a 29-year-old woman, is an experienced commercial airplane pilot who was logging night-flying hours alone toward a helicopter license, said Wayne Prodger, owner of Vertical CFI Helicopters in Hayward.

The woman told Prodger she briefly saw the plane behind her around 7 p.m. The next thing she knew, it struck the chopper’s skids and she was falling to the ground, Prodger told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

Authorities searching for Idaho woman and 3 kids

PHOENIX — Authorities say an Idaho woman who allegedly took her three children in a custody squabble may be in the Phoenix metropolitan area on the way to Mexico.

The FBI in Salt Lake City says an Amber Alert was issued Sunday morning for a 9-year-old boy and two girls, ages 5 and 7.

They say 35-year-old Bertha Sabala Guerrero lost custody of the three children last December after authorities say she left them with a woman she had just met. They were placed in foster care in Caldwell, Idaho.

Lecturer teaches etiquette for all

By KATE KEENAN

With multiple forks, fancy place settings and too many different kinds of glasses to count, having proper etiquette can be overwhelming. Luckily, practicing a few simple rules makes perfect.

On Thursday, the BYU Student Alumni hosted the Professional Etiquette Dinner. The event was held in the Hinckley Alumni Center. Students and alumni were invited to the 7th annual event.

Erika Nash, BYU’s Student Alumni’s programs vice-president, said this event seems to be the most popular for students. She said she believes this is a great way for students to have these types of experiences and an opportunity for alumni to give back. The student alumni’s mission is to cultivate the spirit of the Y, and Nash believes this event does just that.

The dinner, which students signed up prior to the event to attend, featured a four-course meal and a lesson about proper etiquette during the meal. Students were seated at tables with alumni during the dinner.

Anna King, BYU’s former director of human development, was the night’s etiquette lecturer. King, whose interest in etiquette first started when she was a teacher’s assistant in the Mar-



Photo by Chris Bunker

Tanner Kesler and Jane Cutler participate in an etiquette dinner at the Hinckley Building on Thursday evening.

riott Business School, lectured students on basic principles of etiquette in a professional setting. She covered topics from which fork to use, how to work a room and how to send proper thank you notes. One of the most important topics she emphasized was the importance of building strong relationships.

“Relationships drive the world,” King said. “If you have the ability to build strong relationships with co-workers and in your personal life, you have that much more power as an individual. The more comfortable you are with etiquette, the more confident you can be.”

King was able to talk guests through proper etiquette techniques while they were enjoying their meal. This provided students and alumni to have a hands-on experience with etiquette.

Matt Brigham, a junior from Los Altos, Calif. studying international business, heard about the event from the posters he saw on campus. Brigham thought it would be an useful event that could benefit him in the future.

“It’s important for students our age to learn how to eat properly in a formal setting,” Brigham said. “It’s a good business skill to acquire.”

King’s professional tips are beneficial to any student looking to improve their etiquette. However, the best advice King gave was simply to practice.

“The more you can do it [practice], the more comfortable you’ll be and then the more confident you’ll be,” King said.



Associated Press

The five coins on the left were minted more than 100 years ago and have a value of thousands of dollars because of their gold and silver content.

Colorado looking at gold, silver currency

Associated Press

DENVER — Worried that the U.S. dollar may not be good as gold, some Colorado lawmakers are pushing a bill to legalize gold and silver coins as usable currency.

The bill would not lead to folks carrying gold nuggets in their purses and would have little practical effect.

Rather the policy proposal from a small group of conservative lawmakers reflects anxieties about the nation’s financial stability, the domestic consequences of the European debt crisis and chronic deficit spending in Washington.

“There are lots of concerns about the U.S. monetary system,” said the bill’s sponsor, Republican Sen. Kent Lambert of Colorado Springs. “Individuals and states ought to be increasing their gold reserves. There’s no way to maintain the value of anything if coun-

tries start a race to the bottom by inflating their currency to get out of debt.”

Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul is among those who believe the nation should return to the gold standard, in which paper currency is guaranteed by precious metal.

“I am not a Ron Paul kind of guy,” Lambert said. “But that’s something I think is very legitimate that he brought up.”

Utah legalized gold and silver as a currency option last year. And lawmakers in more than a dozen other states have proposed similar legislation on gold currency, said Rich Danker of the American Principles Project. The Washington-based conservative think tank favors a return to the gold standard.

“These bills offer a sound monetary alternative to the U.S. dollar, and they allow people to store their wealth in coins that will not decrease in value,” Danker said.

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VIEWPOINT

Finding balance

Notes from a recovering man-hater

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has received criticism for its patriarchal structure and what some call the oppression of women. This idea is perpetuated for a few reasons: first, the head of the Church is a man and the main leadership of our church consists of 15 men. Second, some choose to exercise their agency unwisely, which leads to the mistaken notion that men who hold the priesthood have the right to rule over women. To combat this, some suggest decrying family life and motherhood as bringing women down.

The first is proven untrue when taking into account the women who serve in influential positions as well — the General Relief Society, Young Women and Primary presidencies in addition to other auxiliary councils — something often overlooked. Additionally, local leaders are encouraged to seek out the counsel of women in leadership positions within their stewardships. Men should likewise respect the counsel of their wives. As the prophet President Spencer W. Kimball said, “We do not want our LDS women to be silent partners or limited partners in that eternal assignment! Please be a contributing and full partner” (Ensign, Nov. 1978).

Sister Eliza R. Snow commented on the dissonance of assuming women’s complete dependence on — or independence from — men.

“Some ... refuse to concede that woman is entitled to the enjoyment of any rights other than those which the whims, fancies or justice, as the case may be, of men may choose to grant her. ... Others, again, not only recognize that woman’s status should be improved, but are so radical in their extreme theories that they would set her in antagonism to man, assume for her a separate and opposing existence. ... These are two extremes, and between them is the ‘golden mean.’”

Because of the imperfections or unrighteous dominion of those in leadership positions, some fall away from the Church, ascribing the failings of imperfect people to the gospel itself. Fortunately, I grew up with a mom who taught me that while people are imperfect and make mistakes, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is perfect. She

taught me to recognize the whisperings of the Spirit as means of discerning truth and to not shy away from asking questions. I learned the truth of the scripture, “And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things” (Moroni 10:5).

At a young age, I developed a distrust of men because of the actions of some men with whom I interacted. I have been blessed to have had many good men in my family, as bishops and as friends, who have shown me the “more excellent way” of living a faith — and family-based — life, of living a life of fear instead of faith. This has helped me realize there are more good people in the world and the Church than not.

Still, some live by the outdated notion of their gender being threatened by the success of the other. While not explicitly stated, this mentality is often shown by demeaning comments and insults toward or complete disregard for the opposite gender.

Women innately have the ability to comfort and to love, qualities necessary for motherhood. Men, conversely, are divinely ordained to provide and protect. We do not know all the reasons why God has made this so, but we can each gain our own testimony of

the importance of our role and that of our current or future spouse. As President Spencer W. Kimball said, “Even though the eternal roles of men and women differ, ... this leaves much to be done by way of parallel personal development — for both men and women” (Ensign, Nov. 1979).

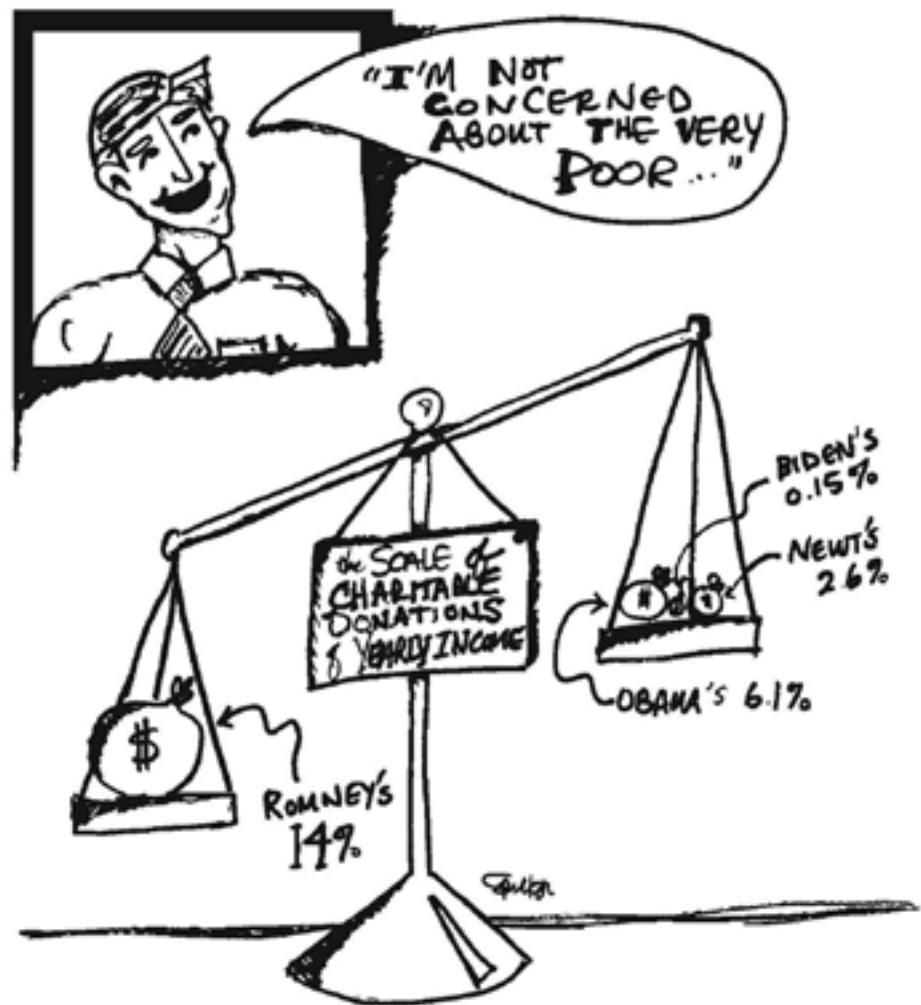
If still single, ours is the responsibility to build up and encourage those we date and those with whom we associate. If married, love and cherish your spouse in order to become a couple who can jointly serve those around them in powerful ways. Each of us has the privilege to develop our relationships with our Heavenly Father who can give us an accurate understanding of the worth of our own souls, as well as those around us.

Whitney Evans is the Friday 411 editor for The Daily Universe. This viewpoint represents her opinion and not necessarily that of BYU, its administration or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



WHITNEY EVANS

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!*



*THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT.

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Being civil

Can we please stop being so negative toward each other? To all the people who pass quick and negative judgments on others — stop. And to all of the people who retaliate (or feed the retaliation) of those people being judged — stop.

Not only are we representatives of BYU, but we are trying to stand as witnesses of God. All of this negativity is falling directly into Satan’s plan. Can we please get our act together and go back to being witnesses of that beautiful, perfect gospel that we all testify to be true? Instead of focusing our Internet attention on the negative judgments of others, let’s post the words of the prophets on our Facebook wall. Tweet about the tender mercies of the Lord. Those are the things we want going viral. As BYU students, we should join together and spread the gospel. Once we learn to start ignoring the petty things in the world, we can be such an incredible force for good.

MICHAELA ANDERSON
Chantilly, Va.

SCOT CLARK
Indianapolis, Ind.

Why no rugby?

Last weekend in Las Vegas, the BYU Men’s Rugby team

[Readers’ Forum]

downed Penn State, 64-12, and Missouri, 101-0. The weekend prior, our boys pulled a hat-trick, defeating Central Washington, 76-7, the University of Washington, 48-5, and Old Puget Sound, 19-15.

So, the nation’s No. 1 college rugby team has now gone 5-0 as usual, and there’s no coverage in BYU’s primary news source? Really? Not even a tiny paragraph on the last page? Not even a sentence with five Ws in it? Please. They deserve better than that.

Sure, I know rugby isn’t primetime fodder for most, but believe it or not, a growing fan base here at BYU and abroad would like to be kept in the know about BYU’s most successful sports team. After all, last year’s National Championship match in Rio Tinto Stadium had 12,000-plus fans in attendance, mostly all from BYU, and this year could be even bigger and better with a national-title win for the Cougars.

Popping the bubble

I am sick and tired of being in “the bubble.” The student population here at Brigham

Young University is cosmopolitan, and The Daily Universe should be too. I’m sorry to all the people who find articles like “Vegetarians join forces” and “Monty Python’s Holy Grail meets Napoleon Dynamite” rich and fulfilling, but those stories do not change my view on anything or get me curious about becoming vegan or a connoisseur of Utah cinema. We are a global generation. The snippets of world news that cover not even half of the second page are stories that should be explored. International events give the reporters at the DU a chance to be a part of something larger than the area around the Brimhall Building.

Under the title of The Daily Universe reads the following: Serving the Brigham Young University Campus. If the writers at the Daily Universe want to live up to this motto, please

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New York City

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[CORNER WISDOM]

First, no woman should ever feel the need to apologize or feel that her contribution is less significant because she is devoting her primary efforts to raising and nurturing children. ... Second, we should all be careful not to be judgmental or assume that sisters are less valiant if the decision is made to work outside the home.

– Elder Quentin L. Cook

CHALKING

Grad student travels for food

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To help with the expense of traveling, Chalk takes part in CouchSurfing. This is a website community that allows travelers to network with others all over the world and sleep on their couch during trips. Chalk, who has been both a CouchSurfer and hosted CouchSurfers at his house, prefers this method because it gives him a more real view of the place he is staying at.

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Dave Chalk
BYU graduate student

get to experience the culture through the eyes of a local rather than through a travel book,” he said.

Although Chalk likes to travel, the areas he can visit are limited because of his battle with cancer. Chalk was diagnosed at the age of 16 with Ewings

Sarcoma, a rare bone disease that is found in bone or soft tissue. Since that time, Chalk has been in and out of hospitals and cannot travel anywhere longer than two weeks because he constantly has doctor’s appointments. Chalk sees the cancer as something that both inhibits, but also facilitates, his travels. He was able to visit Australia, courtesy of Make A Wish Foundation, and Hawaii from a program based out of Texas.

Kelsey Koenen is a classmate of Chalk’s and is getting her master’s degree in mass communications. Koenen describes Chalk as a genuine and sincere person, someone who means what he says and says what he means. She said Chalk is a patient and easy-going person who doesn’t let the small stuff

get to him.

“Dave is the poster boy for ‘there is more than meets the eye,’” Koenen said. “You think you can sum him up after a couple hours of knowing him but you can’t. There’s a lot more there.”

Although his battle with cancer is serious, Chalk is usually the life of the party, dancing on couches or giving toasts in front of people that he has just met. While he doesn’t like talking about himself a lot, Chalk is always open to answer questions about his condition and the treatments he goes through.

Brandon Riggs, a BYU graduate, has known Chalk since they were both freshmen at BYU. Riggs remembers Chalk before they were close friends as the kid everyone thought was cool

and marched to the beat of his own drum.

“I’ve never known anybody that just lived their life in such an unapologetic way and never passed up the opportunity to do something that they really wanted to do, as long as they knew it was the right thing,” Riggs said. “When you go to a party with Dave it’s like the entire reason for the party is lost and then Dave becomes the party.”

One of Riggs’ memories with Chalk occurred when they were living together last year. Riggs had received a “Fry Daddy” deep frier and the two decided to fry everything in the house, including Kit-Kat bars, spam and marshmallow peeps.

In his travels, Chalk also likes to visit baseball stadi-

ums and has the goal to go to every one in America. Chalk has visited 13 stadiums so far and plans on going to two more this summer. Chalk’s favorite baseball team is the San Diego Padres from his hometown, but he holds Fenway and Wrigley Fields as his favorite baseball parks. Being the true foodie that he is, however, there will always be a place in Chalk’s heart for the Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City because they serve the best baked beans he said he’s ever tasted.

“Those beans blew my mind,” Chalk said. “My dad and I each got about three or four servings of them. I would go back just for that.”

For more about Dave Chalk and his travels, visit davechalk.blogspot.com.

BILLBOARDS

Are they too distracting?

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Salt Lake’s regulatory ordinance involves a sort of bargain between the city and billboard companies, basically ruling that in order to convert billboards to electronic along interstates and highways, the billboard company must remove a sign elsewhere, most likely along a city entry. But this ordinance, as well as similar ones across the state, would become irrelevant if bill sponsors have their way.

Two identical bills proposed in the House and Senate, if passed, virtually protect Reagan Outdoor Advertising (the largest billboard company in the state) as well as other billboard companies from the local jurisdiction of individual cities and counties. Sen. Wayne Niederhauser, R-Sandy and Senate Majority Whip, and Rep.

Melvin Brown, R-Coalville, are sponsoring the bills.

Recently, Niederhauser was joined by two other Senate leaders in backing an amended version of his bill, SB 136. Brown, who introduced the identical bill at the beginning of the legislative session, will support Niederhauser from the House as the status of his HB 87 advances. The bills are aimed at making billboard regulation by Utah municipalities impossible except by means of eminent domain, a ruling that would likely crush Salt Lake’s attempts to reduce the billboard market throughout the city.

Both Niederhauser and Brown were unavailable for comment, despite repeated attempts by The Daily Universe to contact them. A substitute SB136 was passed by a senate committee on Feb. 7 and remains “circled,” or on hold, in the Senate. The story is similar for HB87, which was approved by a House committee and remains on hold in the House.

Specifically, the bills would apply the entire process of eminent domain if a city desires to remove a billboard. If a billboard com-

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Mara Duenas
Sophomore

pany chooses to sue the city and wins, the city must pay for the company’s attorney bills. Cities will be allowed to ban the use of electronic billboards from midnight to 6 a.m. as well as prohibit them from being erected within 150 feet of residential areas. Outside of those restrictions, cities wouldn’t be allowed to regulate billboards.

According to Holly Garner, a BYU theatre major from Arizona, the legislation wouldn’t impact her personally, as electronic billboards prove to be no bigger of a distraction to



Photo by Chris Bunker

An electronic billboard can be seen by traffic along University Avenue next to The Shops at Riverwoods. Bills proposed in the Utah House and Senate would protect billboard companies from the local jurisdiction of cities and counties.

her than regular billboards.

“I don’t think it’s a big deal,” she said, “but if there are statistics saying more people die from them [electronic billboards] or some-

thing, maybe it would be a good idea.”

Jodi Hoffman of the Utah League of Cities and Towns and Gary Crane, an attorney from Layton, spoke against

the legislation during a committee meeting Feb. 7, while another attorney and several lobbyists representing local billboard companies spoke in favor.

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FIREWORKS

HB33 bill ready for governor

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“I think that if you are a person that enjoys sleep and works or has small children every day, what it does is allows you to sleep during the months that fireworks are sold,” Schofield said.

Also, there were problems with neighboring cities having different noise ordinances that couldn’t be followed or enforced because the neighboring city had later hours for noise — the noise travels through the invisible city wall.

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Lynn Schofield
Provo Fire Marshall

“I think that would be great because then it won’t be such a noise pollution for those that are not night owls,” said Melia Harris, a public health major.

While the times of firework discharge have been changed, lawmakers have not prohibited aerial cake fireworks. The fireworks that were allowed to be shot off last year are still legal for the holiday season, but it is restricted, as usual, by location.

“We had a relatively safe last year,” Schofield said. “We look forward to continuing working with our citizens to have a safe holiday season.”

After last year’s fireworks amendments, Utah fireworks retailers sold \$8 million worth of aerial cake fireworks in addition to the typical \$9 to \$10 million sold in previous years.

“We just don’t need to do it toward the middle of July or in June,” Dunnigan said.

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Finding LDS Church helps opera student

By EMMA JOHNSON

There's no denying that music is powerful. Whether it's a classical piece to aid studying, an opening hymn to begin a church service or a tear-jerking breakup song, music influences, affects and touches people.

Music touched Keri Costello, 21, a vocal performance major from Tacoma, Wash., at an early age. She began performing at 11 and was first introduced to opera at 13. Though she's still young, Costello's relationship with opera has brought a host of experiences she didn't foresee when she was first introduced to the genre.

After high school graduation, Costello was accepted to Northwestern University to pursue opera. However, her time at Northwestern was short-lived. She quickly returned home, feeling burnt out on the music she had embraced during her teenage years.

Costello's decision to come home from college ultimately helped her find her way back to music, as ironic as that may seem. She joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 19, during a critical and confusing time in her life.

"I found the Church, and that brought me back to music," she said. "It was a time in my life when I was deciding who I wanted to be and what I wanted to do."

Costello was initially shy about her musical talent, until her new bishop found out.

"He would have me sing on random Sundays, and it got me back into performing," she said. "The Spirit I felt while singing was enough to get me to come back to it."

After becoming reacquainted with her voice, Costello decided to apply to BYU's music program.

"I realized why I had that talent," she said. "After I joined the Church, I knew that God gave me a gift, and I had to do something with it and touch people's lives."

Costello was accepted into the vocal performance program and said she has since loved her experience at BYU.



Photos courtesy of John Sargent

Above: Opera singers celebrate after performing in an opera competition.
Below: Keri Costello and George Hnatiuk reminisce their performances together.

"BYU life is different in general than any kind of living," Costello said. "I love it here. I couldn't have picked a different place."

George Hnatiuk, 23, a vocal performance major from San Antonio, has become a close friend of Costello's. Her voice, he said, is truly singular.

"She is exceptional," he said.

"She has the kind of talent that you really don't go looking for, you just kind of find. I couldn't believe my ears when I first heard her sing."

A convert himself, Hnatiuk understands the power and Spirit music can bring.

"As people, we recognize music as strengthening of the soul," he said. "It's a way of

worship and a way of expression that is most comfortable to me. It shares my sadness; it shares my happiness, in every situation I go through."

Hnatiuk and Costello are performing together in the upcoming "Opera Scenes," a variety of dramatic Italian and French opera pieces.

Katie Henley, 22, a vocal performance grad student from Oradell, N.J., spoke about what the show is about and what the audience can expect.

"It's exactly what it sounds like — a collection and snippets of different operas," she said. "I think in some ways it's a great way to get an introduction to opera. It's a little sampler of well-known, good operas."

The show begins Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall and plays through Saturday. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased through BYUArts.com/tickets or directly through the Fine Arts Ticket Office.

DU readers share top Simpsons quotes

By CHARLES BEACHAM

"The Simpsons" aired its 500th episode on Sunday

night. The Daily Universe asked its readers to share their favorite quotes from the show, now in its 23rd season. Some of the top quotes included:

"I was elected to lead, not to read."
Arnold Schwarzenegger
"The Simpsons Movie"


"I'm normally not a praying man, but if you're up there, please save me, Superman."
Homer
"Lost Our Lisa," Season 9, Episode 24

"I am so smart! I am so smart! S-M-R-T! I mean S-M-A-R-T!"
Homer
"Homer Goes to College," Season 5, Episode 3

"When I grow up, I want to be a principal, or a caterpillar."
Ralph Wiggum
"The Principal and the Pauper," Season 9, Episode 2


"I've done everything the Bible says! Even the stuff that contradicts the other stuff!"
Ned Flanders
"Hurricane Neddy," Season 8, Episode 8

"Ooh! They have the Internet on computers now."
Homer
"Das Bus," Season 9, Episode 5




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Date doctors seek to simplify Provo’s dating game

By SARA ANDERSON

Many students express frustration with the dating game. They wonder how to show interest without seeming desperate and how to get dates with those they are actually interested in.

“At BYU, we have pressure to get married from everywhere: wedding magazines, ring advertisements, it’s blatant,” said Shelly Darrington, a comms studies major from Yerington, Nev.

Marriage weighs heavily on the minds of many BYU students, sometimes even on casual dates.

“One flaw about BYU dating is that it is very focused on marriage, which it should be, but it makes it harder,” said Maya Yerman from Mexico City. “However dating is really fun here because of the activities.”

There are many students in the area who are taking matters into their own hands by making online guides to promote better dating skills.

Nathan and Aaron Haines, brothers from Sandy, put their dating advice online for women. It’s called “The Brothers’ Guide to Guys.” This blog

features dating lessons which promote effective dating principles.

Aaron is majoring in art history and minoring in business management and music. Nathan is majoring in music and minoring in business management. They owe their dating wisdom to their family, especially their three older sisters who have given them helpful advice throughout the years. A Haines family tradition involves taking out their mother before they take any woman out on a date to set the standard for all future dates.

The brothers’ dating blog was inspired by an experience that happened last year. Nathan and Aaron were living with their female cousin at their grandfather’s house. She was so frustrated by her lack of dates that she complained to her cousins. They offered help and ended up creating a curriculum to help her get more dates. They implemented dating homework such as assigning her to attend Tall Club two times a month to meet guys her height or encouraging her to hang out with her guy friends more than her girlfriends.

It started to work; their cousin had a date every weekend. It got to the point where



Photo by Sara Anderson

Nathan and Aaron Haines have a blog with dating tips.

she was so busy with dates that she didn’t have time to do all her homework. The brothers

decided to share their dating lessons on a blog. “One of the dating flaws that

we try to address on this site is that everyone has their own definition of what’s right or wrong concerning dating,” Nathan said. “So it’s this constant guessing game of what the girl is thinking, what the guy is thinking ... There are obvious things girls can do to show interest or lead a guy on or let a guy down without breaking his heart. Sometimes girls think they are the fish in this big pool. They are waiting for the guy to come pick them up. But really the girl is the fisherman and puts out the bait and attracts the guy.”

Many women on campus feel this dating pool is an unknown world.

“Dating here is very subtle. You never know how guys feel until the DTR,” Yerman said of the popular “define the relationship” acronym.

The brothers aim to resolve these misunderstandings.

“Girls feel so powerless when it comes to dating,” Aaron Haines said. “There is a responsibility on both sides (guys and girls). Girls can show their interest to guys as well in a way that can improve their social situation. There is so much girls can do to show interest. This blog is to teach ‘fishing’ skills that will change their social situation.”

One such lesson is called Blend Theory. This theory proposes that a group of women are much more intimidating than a woman who is interacting with a group of guys. She sticks out and is much more approachable. The brothers suggest women stop herding around with their girlfriends.

Aaron said he loves to go to art museums with women to learn their viewpoints. Nathan enjoys planning dates in which he and his date can do an activity and converse. He said men bond through activities and women bond by talking. This is why he tries to combine both types of interactions.

The Haines brothers said women stand out with kindness and confidence. Their tip was to smile and maintain eye contact with those one is interested in.

“Girls have no idea the impact of a good smile and eye contact,” Nathan Haines said. “This boosts a guy’s confidence. The ultimate goal is to put a guy at ease and boost his confidence.”

Another site which gives dating help to men is a blog called Proxee Consulting. This site gives advice and provides image consulting and dating reviews.



Photo by Ember Hobi

Traci Garff plays jump rope with a student of a Rising Star Outreach school in India.

Students serve in leprosy communities in India

By SARAH ANDREWS

Saroja had no foot, no leg, no fingers and only one eye. Unable to walk on her own, she used a skateboard to maneuver around her small, remote colony. She was light and frail as Alyssa, a volunteer, lifted her into a chair to wash and bandage a body consumed by leprosy.

Many volunteers like Alyssa Carroll have the opportunity to serve with an organization

called Rising Star Outreach to help those in India effected by leprosy.

Carroll, a senior from California studying nursing, joined a group of volunteers last June for a three-week humanitarian trip to India. She said the experience changed her life.

“It was mind blowing what you see and do there,” Carroll said.

Ember Hobi, a social media manager for the non-profit organization, said those in India who have leprosy are cast out

from society.

“These people are considered dirty, outcast and untouchables,” Hobi said.

Leprosy is a bacteria spread by unsanitary living conditions and open wounds, but Hobi said many in India believe the disease to be curse and a punishment for actions in a past life. It is curable if caught early, but some hide the symptoms until the disease reaches awful stages.

Rising Star Outreach seeks to educate and treat those affected by leprosy while helping them create self-sufficient colonies. Volunteers can travel to India to serve in the organization’s school, building projects and medical clinic.

Joel Marshall, a junior studying mechanical engineering, attended a session last summer after hearing a presentation in his church building.

“I learned you don’t have to have a lot to be happy,” Marshall said. “A lot of good can be done.”

Marshall said his favorite experience was working with children in the school where he helped them with reading and math.

Washing and bandaging wounds from leprosy and visiting the colonies was the most rewarding aspect of the trip, according to Carroll.

“These people have nothing, but they open their arms to you,” Carroll said. “They are so giving and so humble.”

Carroll said she had the opportunity to see how these people live. The small, remote colonies include humble conditions. With little food and dirty living situations, she said they still managed to be happy.

While visiting a colony during her trip to India, Carroll got a taste of the needs of the people. A woman had asked her to clip her toenails, but they were encrusted with dirt.

“I was sweating trying to cut her nails, but she was so happy for the small service,” Carroll said.

Eleanor Golightly, a sophomore studying economics, went to India last year as a volunteer after hearing about Rising Star at a fireside in her home stake in Washington, D.C.

“It is such an amazing opportunity to serve,” Golightly said. “The people just love you because you serve them.”

Golightly said she enjoyed the experience so much that she is returning this summer as a session coordinator.

“You can’t imagine it unless you go,” Golightly said.

Carroll was so impacted by her experience that she continues to sponsor a 10-year-old girl in India by paying \$300 a year for clothing and other necessary supplies.

Carroll said seeing the way these people like Saroja live and serving them was an eye-opening experience she would participate in again. Saroja’s faint, thankful smile and sweet personality opened the eyes of volunteers to the humility of the people who embrace life even under dire circumstances.

Six sessions are available this summer and anyone is invited to participate. Groups include students, families and teenagers. Each trip can last two to three weeks and the cost varies. For more information on the organization and volunteer opportunities, visit rising-staroutreach.org.

Sun or snow diehards still hit the slopes

By KARISSA URRY

Unable to see the eyes of the ski lift operator allowing the fast chair to continue shooting toward her, the 3-year-old girl pushed down on her binky as her dad lifted her up and onto the chair.

Now 24 years old, Salt Lake City native Cheri Barrett can still remember the unique experiences she had from learning to ski at such a young age.

“I was scared of the lifts,” Barrett said. “When we got on the lifts my parents would give me my binky and I would just suck away on it because I was super nervous — I was super high up and there was that weird squirly noise when it went over the poles. And then once we got off I would give it to my dad or mom and they would stick it in their pocket and I’d ski down, grabbing it again when we got on the lift.”

Though no longer trying to sneak her skis into her bed the night before hitting the slopes, Barrett still enjoys skiing. Finding “a little bit of heaven” in the mountains, Barrett continues to add skiing memories to her life bio this season despite the low snow fall.

Choosing to celebrate the day after her birthday on the slopes with her younger sister and dad, Barrett explained it was still enjoyable to spend the day skiing on Feb. 11 despite the drastically low snowfall (around 174 inches of cumulative season snow through Feb. 11 vs. 348 inches last year).

“Even when it’s not the best snow, or even just plain bad snow, I just think it’s fun to be up there,” Barrett said. “My favorite thing about skiing is that it combines time with family and friends with a sport that I super love. I

grew up in the mountains on skis. I love all that skiing entails — great environment, hilarious people. It’s hard to describe, it’s just so much fun.”

Not everyone shares the same level of devotion and enthusiasm for the sport as Barrett though. BYU Outdoors Unlimited said ski rentals are significantly lower this season.

“Our rentals are down around 40 percent this year from last year,” said BYU Outdoors Unlimited’s Manager Gardner Kearsley.

And while rental businesses thrive on high numbers of skiers, die-hards such as 22-year-old Spencer Coleman, from Alpine and having skied for 15 to 16 years now, thrive on the low numbers.

“The resorts have been empty compared to usual,” Coleman said. “But honestly the less people there, the better.”

In addition to the lower number of tracks carved out on runs by others, Coleman said his personal skiing routes — going on average around twice a week — have had to be adjusted this season.

“Usually we go more out of resort than in resort but because of snow conditions (this season) the avalanche risks are much higher,” Coleman said. “So this season we’ve been going more in resort.”

Despite having to make changes to normal routines and having an overall lower exposure to the coveted powder runs this year, Barrett’s younger sister Kristy Barrett, 18, repeats the mindset of so many lifetime skiers — there’s never a good enough reason to stop.

“I’ve skied my whole life,” Kristy Barrett said. “So no matter how bad the snow is I’ll go because I love the sport.”



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Sisters Kristy Barrett, left, and Cheri Barrett, right, spend a day skiing at Snowbird Ski Resort.

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Conference The Kennedy Center is holding its 14th annual International Inquiry Conference. They will be featuring international and cross-cultural research by students from all disciplines across campus with art displays, insightful panel discussions and refreshments. It is Feb. 21- 24, and the student presentations will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 238 HRCB.

WEDNESDAY

Concert BYU's School of Music will present its Symphony Orchestra in concert 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Tickets are \$6 and are available through the Fine Arts Ticket Office, 801-422-4322, or online at byuarts.com/tickets.

Opera A student ensemble from the School of Music will present "Opera Scenes," an evening of dramatic Italian and French opera pieces beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased through BYUArts.com/tickets or directly through the Fine Arts Ticket Office, 801-422-4322.

THURSDAY

Engineering expo In honor of 2012 National Engineers Week, the Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering and Technology will host interactive exhibits and competitions for middle and high school students from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. in 3220-3224 WSC. The Expo will be in the WSC Garden Court. There will also be tours of some of the engineering/technology labs, while the animation program will show some of its award-winning clips. These free events are also open to the public.

BYUSA Q-and-A At 11 a.m. in the Varsity Theatre, a BYUSA representative will answer questions about BYUSA and tell students about how to get involved.

Film As part of Black History Month, Multicultural Student Services will sponsor the showing of the film "Nobody Knows: The Untold Story of Black Mormons" at 6:30 p.m. in the HBLL Auditorium.

Address H.E. Rachad Bouhlal, ambassador for the Kingdom of Morocco to the United States, will present the address, "Understanding the Arab Spring: Morocco's Perspective" at 2 p.m. in the HBLL Auditorium. It is sponsored by The David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies.

Dance concert The BYU Cougarettes will be in concert, Feb. 23-25, at the Covey Center for the Arts at 425 Center Street in Provo.

FRIDAY

Film series The BYU Motion Picture Archive Film Series, part of the L. Tom Perry Special Collections, will show "The Crusades," starring Loretta Young, Henry Wilcoxon, Ian Keith, C. Aubrey Smith and Katherine DeMille, in the library auditorium on level one. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 7 p.m. The movie runs for 127 minutes. The event is free and open to the public.

Dance showcase BYU's dance faculty will showcase their latest pieces on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio Theatre, 169 Richards Building. Tickets are \$6 and are available through the Fine Arts Ticket Office, 801-422-4322, or online at byuarts.com/tickets.

SATURDAY

Financial seminar As a service to recent graduates and new professionals, BYU Student Alumni is offering "Show Me the Money," a free financial planning seminar from 9 a.m. to noon. Specialists include Craig Israelsen, Jim Kearl, Kay Stice and Bryan Sudweeks. They will address buying a home, financial planning, budgeting and investment. For details and registration, visit studentalumni.byu.edu or call 801-422-8659.

FEB. 28

Radio theater America's foremost radio theater will present Norman Corwin's riveting drama depicting the Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas debates for the Senate seat of Illinois. It will be at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Lecture Leslie Greenberg, one of the originators of emotion-focused therapy, will give a lecture called "The Transforming Power of Emotion." It will be held March 8-9 at the BYU Conference Center in Provo. Go to counseling.byu.edu for more information.

Film The Bean Life Science Museum in conjunction with the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies will be screening "Lords of Nature" on Thursday, March 1 in the auditorium of the museum. A public reception will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the screening at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The screening will be followed by a Q-and-A session with a panel of experts representing different perspectives of the predator management issue.

Happily ever after

Retired religion professor gives advice on dating and marital happiness

By KATE KEENAN

Prayer, scripture study and temple attendance are all important elements of a successful, happy marriage. However, to live happily ever after, one key aspect is constantly overlooked.



BYU Women's Services and Resources recently hosted a Dating and Healthy Relationship Conference for men and women. The conference featured six lecturers who discussed relationship tips, from dating red flags and break-ups to how to communicate effectively.

Douglas Brinley, a retired professor of religion and successful author of multiple books on marriage for Latter-day Saints, addressed students on how healthy couples maintain a good relationship and specifically how intimacy plays a role in a happy marriage.

Brinley said there are key

components that make up a happy marriage. He said he has a checklist for couples that will help them to create a happy marriage. The list includes first, that the couples pray together both morning and night. Second, couples read church material like daily scripture reading and the Ensign together. Third, couples should attend the temple frequently. Fourth, couple intimacy between husband and wife is crucial. And fifth,

that couples hold Family Home Evening.

Although he said all of these things are important to creating a healthy marriage, Brinley feels that marital intimacy is frequently overlooked. Without marital intimacy, the relationship will most often struggle.

"I learned years ago that when you get involved in the lives of couples, and they are having problems, intimacy is generally a disaster," Brinley said. "We live in a very erotic society — it can poison a mar-

"Time is a great leveler, but you need to go together long enough to really take a look ... and you need to spend time together and apart."

Doug Brinley
Retired BYU religion professor

riage very quickly."

Brinley referred to President Spencer W. Kimball and said husbands and wives are commanded to have sex when they are properly married. It's a way for a husband and wife to connect with each other and draw closer to the Lord.

Brinley explained how intimacy should be looked at like taking the sacrament. It is a way for couples to renew their love and commitment to each other on a regular basis.

"Sexual relations is a reflection of the quality of the marriage," Brinley said. "And people who have good marriages, enjoy their intimate times together."

According to Brinley, couples who have fulfilled other aspects of a healthy relationship first, like prayer and temple attendance, can only strengthen their relationship through marital intimacy. Husbands and wives who can communicate and share their feelings are able to enrich their marriage. He said people can't solve their problems with sexual relations; sex only enhances a good marriage.

Brinley also said when people date, they are always on their best behavior. He said it's important to date someone long enough to really understand each other. You want to marry your best friend.

"Time is the great leveler," Brinley said, "but you need to go together long enough to really take a look at his tribe and he needs to look at your tribe and you need to spend time together and apart."

Anonymous note criticizing woman's attire goes viral

By HWA LEE

A note given to a female student at BYU on Valentine's Day has received a massive amount of attention throughout the United States and beyond.

Brittany Molina, a BYU junior majoring in accounting, received a note from a male student in the Tanner Building while waiting to attend a meeting. Contrary to her first guess, it was not a love letter. The note said her outfit had a negative effect on other people and she needed to consider the Honor Code each day while dressing.

Molina posted a picture of the note and her outfit on Facebook and Twitter and the story spread everywhere in no time. Fox News, ABC News, KSL and KUTV aired the story the next day, four different radio shows interviewed her, numerous news articles were published and now there is one article about the note in the U.K.

When the story appeared on the main page of MSN.com and Yahoo.com, Molina said some people sent her messages saying her actions were rude and made The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints look bad.

"That was the last thing that I wanted to do, because I love the Church," Molina said. "I love the gospel. I never wanted that to happen."

In response to how she felt about her outfit that day, Molina said her dress was flowing rather than revealing. She said she saw a lot of mixed opinions online and the BYU Honor Code does not seem to have

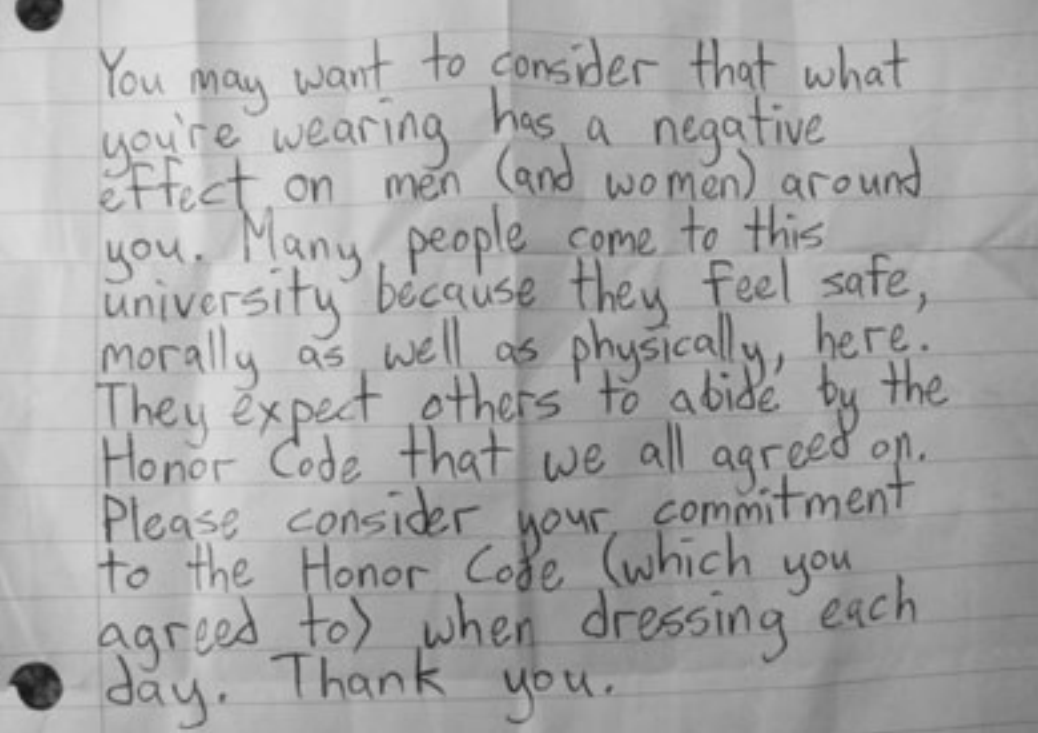


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clear guidelines.

"I wasn't wearing tights underneath [my dress] also, I was wearing leggings," Molina said. "I felt like I was keeping the Honor Code, I felt comfortable in my outfit, I didn't feel like I was offending people."

Kyle Shields, a BYU junior majoring in accounting, said almost every student he knows is talking about the news.

"What bothers me is the publicity that BYU gets from this,"

Shields said. "It looks bad on BYU, it looks like we got a bunch of weirdos to the rest of the world. Even if she was dressed immodestly, I don't think it's [his] job to write a note like that."

Molina said although she did not want the story to get out nationally, she still thinks it is good for people to know this kind of thing does happen at BYU. She said she has received many online messages from oth-

er female students at BYU who had similar experiences.

"I don't think it's right for boys to call out girls in front of people or in a rude manner, because it isn't going to do much," Molina said. "If I was struggling with my testimony at all, maybe that would have offended me enough to leave the Church."

A university spokesperson said over the phone the university has chosen not to comment on this matter.

Cops arrest man who threatened hikers with gun

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah police have questioned a 70-year-old man who they say pulled a gun and threatened to kill two female hikers on Monday after their dogs approached him in a Salt Lake City-area canyon.

Salt Lake County Unified Police Lt. Justin Hoyal says the man turned himself in to police. He was released after an interview.

Hoyal says investigators will discuss the possibility of criminal charges with prosecutors.

Police began a search of Neff's Canyon for the man mid-day Monday after a 61-year-old woman reported being threatened by a man with a handgun.

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BYU graduates start Help International work in Nicaragua

By AMBERLY ASAY

Natural disasters, poverty and smiling people are images that come to mind when first hearing about international development. For HELP International, a local nonprofit, these images will now be associated with Nicaragua, a new country the organization has entered.

HELP International has been sending volunteers to disaster-struck areas since 1999. Founded by a BYU professor, the organization was created to empower people to fight global poverty through sustainable, life-changing development programs. It is now in nine different countries and has 10 teams around the world.

Megan Patterson has her bachelor's degree in international relations and is one of the new country directors for Nicaragua. Patterson said she is eager to get the team working together and to get new contacts in Nicaragua.

"One of the hardest things and the most exciting with opening a new country is not really knowing what to expect," Patterson said.

"It's also great cultural growth on your own life when you leave the country. You learn more about yourself just by seeing another way of doing things."

Abraham Mooney
Nicaragua country director for Help International

Matthew Colling is the HELP International co-executive director and first started working with HELP when it only had four teams. He is convinced Nicaragua is going to do well.

"Nicaragua is one of the safest Central American countries because of its poverty," Colling said. "Nicaraguans are notoriously friendly and accommodating people that have an inviting demeanor about them."

Abraham Mooney, the other

country director for Nicaragua, loves international development. He said he is glad they are opening up a new program in this country.

"I am pretty excited to just work in developing countries again," Mooney said. "I am familiar with how things work and I really enjoy it."

Mooney said he loves these programs because of the growth and depth it gives to the volunteers.

"It's also great cultural growth on your own life when you leave the country," Mooney said. "You learn more about yourself just by seeing another way of doing things."

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Southern Utah University gets \$4 million donation

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Southern Utah University has received a \$4 million donation — a gift officials say is the single-largest gift in the 115-year-old school's history.

The Deseret News of Salt Lake City reports the dona-

tion comes from the late Walter Gibson and his wife Alice Gibson.

Walter Gibson graduated from SUU in 1952 when the school was still known as the Branch Agricultural College.

Alice Gibson says her husband wanted to support education.

The Gibson's donation is earmarked for the College

of Science and Engineering and will fund an endowment for student and faculty research projects and scholarships.

In a statement, SUU President Michael Benson says the donation is a game-changer for the school.

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BYU tackles USD in a pink game

By HAILEY NICKELL

The BYU women's basketball team looked sharp and bright as it stepped onto the court on Saturday against the University of San Diego, sporting pink attire for breast cancer awareness. Maybe it was the pink, maybe it was the bitter loss Thursday, maybe it was the crowd of 1,129 people — whatever the reason the Cougars came out fierce and on fire.

Things started out rough for BYU as it played a zone defense, something that BYU coach Jeff Judkins usually doesn't favor.

"I've got to give my coaches a lot of credit for this one," Judkins said. "The zone defense wasn't my idea, it was theirs. They told me before the game and during the game that with a certain lineup we needed to go zone and I'm not a zone coach but I thought that really helped us tonight. It slowed them down from driving and made them have to hit shots from the outside and I think that was the key to the game tonight."

The team played tough defense trying to shut down USD's shooting skills. BYU (11-3 West Coast Conference) did what it does best and pushed the ball quick and hard up the court, trying to throw off USD (10-4). The Cougars were successful as they came out with



Photo by Chris Bunker

BYU forward Stephanie Vermunt drives by San Diego defender Morgan Woodrow during Saturday's game at the Marriott Center.

a 64-50 win.

Early on, the Cougars were behind when sophomore Stephanie Vermunt hit a 3-pointer. After that, senior Haley Steed hit one from beyond the arc to give BYU a one-point lead.

"This was pretty much our season; if we had lost this game it would've been really hard to turn it around," senior Kristen Riley said. "It was a huge game, and we knew that."

The game continued to be uptempo and the score was neck and neck. Steed was on fire taking 3s, driving to the

hoop and giving it her all. She had 14 points, five assists and shot 4-for-8 from beyond the arc. She became the second all-time assist leader at BYU with 518.

Riley was no stranger to the score board with 12 points, 13 rebounds and shot 3-of-5 from the free throw line. She played the game to win.

The half-time buzzer sounded and USD tied up the score 26-26.

"After halftime we wanted to come out strong and throw the first punch," freshman

BYU shoots highest percentage of season, beats Santa Clara

By SCOTT HANSEN

The BYU men's basketball team used a versatile, high-percentage shooting night to beat Santa Clara 82-67 on Saturday to send the Cougars to their fifth straight win.

BYU looked to several different players throughout the night to score the ball in different situations, shooting a season-high 58.5 percent from the floor.

The Cougars (23-6, 11-3 West Coast Conference) once again showed how balanced they can be, with four players in double figures. Senior forward Noah Hartsock led all scorers with 21 points and junior forward

Brandon Davies had 20. Helping out the post play was senior guard Charles Abouo, who scored 14 points and had eight rebounds, and junior guard Brock Zylstra added 12 off the bench.

"I am really happy with our guys," BYU coach Dave Rose said in a news release. "I think winning on the road is what kind of separates you from a lot of teams. This team has figured out how to do it."

Freshman guard Matt Carlino was held to just two points on 1 of 4 shooting after his career-high 30 points on Thursday against San Francisco. However, he did have a game-high seven assists. The Cougars also assisted on 23 of their 31 field goals, for a 74.2-percent

conversion.

"I thought our game plan was good, our effort was good, our execution was good," Rose said. "It was just a hard fought game. We were able to really extend the lead at that time in the game where we really like to push the ball."

A scary moment for Cougar fans happened with just under 10 minutes to go in the second half when Hartsock landed awkwardly on his knee as he competed for a rebound. Hartsock laid on the floor for a few minutes in obvious pain as the BYU trainers diagnosed the injury. He was able to walk off the court, and returned to the game under two minutes later to add five more points to his game-leading total.

Lexi Eaton said.

One assist from Steed to Eaton put the team in the lead by one point again. Eaton got under the basket and contributed 11 points and had her game face on defense. She gave BYU the game momentum by attacking the net which changed the game. The fans were loud and proud as noise and cheering echoed throughout the Marriott Center.

"Lexi is a very explosive player and she does something that this team really needs," Judkins said. "I thought she came in and gave us a really good spark and made some really nice moves."

Sophomore Jennifer Hamson got aggressive and with her uneven matchup contributed 14 points. The Cougars gained a strong lead and shut out the Torreos for a 7:25 stretch.

"Your true character sometimes in life is when you get knocked to the ground," Judkins said. "Do you get up or do you stay there?"

The team played hard and came out with a win, putting them in the No. 2 position in the WCC.

"We got our confidence back," Riley said. "San Francisco was a tough one, especially another game against Santa Clara and then going to Gonzaga we've got to have a lot of confidence going into those two games. We've got to be ready for them."

The Broncos (8-19, 0-14) lost their 15th straight game of the season but competed hard and kept the game within reasonable distance for the first 32 minutes of the game. The Broncos could never close the gap between the teams, however. The Cougars went on a 9-0 run down the final stretch to put the game beyond reach.

"Give Santa Clara a lot of credit," Rose said. "We got this thing to 9, 10, 11 points three or four times. They would get a time out or a dead ball and they would hit a really tough shot."

Freshman guard Brandon Clark had a career-high 19 points off the bench for Santa Clara, while junior forward Niyi Harrison also had 19 points and junior guard Raymond Cowels III contributed 14. The team shot 46.2 percent from the floor.

With their fifth straight win, the Cougars match their season-high streak as they travel to play Gonzaga on Thursday. It will be a crucial matchup between two teams tied for second place in the conference standings, and the winner will likely earn a bye to the semifinals of the WCC Tournament in Las Vegas. The game will tip off at 9 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN2.

Men's tennis blanks Pack, women fall

By KELLY HAIGHT

Coming off its win over rival Utah, the No. 52 BYU men's tennis team returned home and swept the Nevada Wolf Pack, 7-0, on Friday.

BYU coach Brad Pearce was pleased with his team's victories and resilience physically, emotionally and mentally and described what they accomplished this week as "incredible." These two wins improve their record to 5-5 before they head for their next two matches.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys," Pearce said. "Preparation for a big rivalry match is physically exhausting and emotionally exhausting. To do what they did Wednesday night and come back and do it again Friday was a great effort on their part."

The Cougars started the night off strong in doubles play. Georgy Batrakov and Patrick Kawka allowed Nevada to win only one game, and in the last game Kawka ended the game with an ace serve, finishing that match 8-1.

Keaton Cullimore and Michael Eraso clinched the doubles point for BYU on court three. Nevada tied the match at 5-5, but the Cougar duo won three games in a row to win out the match.

On court two, Spencer Smith and Francis Sargeant finished off the doubles sweep by defeating Nevada's Victor Ouvrard and Quentin Mege, 8-4.

The Cougars dominated in singles, winning every singles set. Smith started off the singles victories with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Moez Echarqui. Keaton won the first set 6-0, then battled back and forth in games in the second set, finally winning 6-4.

On the number one court, Batrakov played an impressive and fierce match against No. 80 Wessim Derbel. Batrakov and Derbel had met before when Derbel got the better of Batrakov. Batrakov came out on top this time in a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

"It was really big for me. I was a little bit nervous to play him because he's a really good player," Batrakov said. "I played solid, and it was good enough for me to beat him."

Former BYU coach Jim Pearce, Brad Pearce's father, was impressed with Batrakov's play.

"He needed to elevate his game and he did," Jim Pearce said. "[Batrakov] played one of the better matches I've seen in college, I loved that match."

The team travels to Colorado this week to play the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Denver.

The BYU women's tennis team suffered a tough loss at the hands of the No. 70 Wisconsin

Badgers (6-1) on Saturday, losing 4-3.

Despite the results, BYU coach Lauren Jones-Spencer was proud of the way her team fought and takes the loss as a learning experience.

"When we lose I want to make sure the girls learn from the match so we can move on and know what to do next time," Jones-Spencer said.

The Badgers quickly took the doubles point on courts two and three, defeating both sets of Cougar partners, 8-2 and 8-1, respectively. On court one, senior Megan Price and freshman Meghan Sheehan-Dizon put up a win against Hannah Berner and Alaina Trgovich with a back and forth 8-6 victory.

Hard-hitting freshman Morgan Anderson was first off the court in singles play for the second match in a row, making quick work of Trgovich in 6-3, 6-3 win, bringing the match to a 1-1 tie. Price pushed BYU ahead after battling back being down a set to defeat Berner on the singles court 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Wisconsin tied the match again after Nicky Stracar took the number one position over Desiree Tran, 7-5, 3-6.

Sheehan-Dizon in traditional fashion fought in a match just shy of lasting three hours. Sheehan-Dizon took the first set 6-3, then lost the second in a tie-breaker 7-5. Down 5-3 in the third set, Sheehan-Dizon won two games in a row and aced a game winning serve to tie Sarah Loebel 5-5. The back and forth advantages and sets finally ended as Sheehan-Dizon took the final set 7-6 (7-4). This is Sheehan-Dizon's fourth straight singles win.

Wisconsin tied the match again in the number six position as Aleksandra Markovic defeated Lisa Waldron 6-2, 6-0.

With the match on the line on the final court BYU's Aubrey Paul and Wisconsin's Nova Patel battled it out. Paul took the first set, 7-6 but lost the second 6-3. In the third set Patel took an early 2-0 lead, but Paul came back and tied the match. Patel then won three games in a row. But Paul fought back and brought the set within reach at 4-5, but Patel took the final game to win the set 6-4, and the overall match for Wisconsin.

After the match Jones-Spencer talked to the team about how hard they played and the pressure that comes with close matches.

"She said she was really proud of us and that we fought hard," Sheehan-Dizon said. "She said we need to keep playing our game and even under pressure to trust ourselves and don't succumb to the pressure."

The Cougars hit the road for the next month with matches next weekend in Pullman, Wash., to take on the Washington State Cougars and the Idaho Vandals.



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Puzzle 1: Easy

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Puzzle 3: Hard

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Puzzle 2: Moderate

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Puzzle 1: Easy

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Puzzle 2: Moderate

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Puzzle 3: Weekend Warrior (Very Hard)

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Solutions to Friday's Puzzles

The New York Times Crossword

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Across

1 Tick off

5 Wash

10 Mimics

14 Skunk's defense

15 Under way

16 Attract, as an audience

17 Dickens wrote one about two cities

18 They're frowned upon

19 What an office seeker seeks

20 Blockheaded

22 In medias

23 Human or kangaroo

24 Red salmon

26 Not a pretty sight

28 Cleaning substance

29 Banded marbles

30 Most negligible

33 Currently

36 Sports org. in a 1976 merger

37 Blow away

38 Leased

39 Sticks out

43 Showily stylish

46 River on the Texas/Louisiana border

47 Hightailed it

48 & 50 Dutch painter represented by this puzzle's circled letters

54 Warning at a station

55 Cairo-to-Addis Ababa dir.

57 It used to be called the Hermit Kingdom

58 Evidence of a ship's passing

59 Be sassy, with "off"

61 Fateful day in March

62 Ovine mothers

63 Cream of the crop

64 Wasp's home

65 "___ we forget"

66 Indian emblem

67 "Pardon me, would you have any ___ Poupon?"

Down

1 Applesauce maker

2 The 43rd state

3 Kind of acid in breakfast cereal

4 Something redheads tend to do

5 Outlaw

6 In front of, old-style

7 Kind of deafness

8 Slammer

9 Flying saucer fliers, for short

10 Counseled

11 Season-ending events on "The Bachelor"

12 "Peter Peter Pumpkin ___"

13 Writer Stieg Larsson, e.g.

21 People are always searching for them

23 Alpha-gamma connector

25 Still

27 Go slightly off course

29 Win by ___

30 Chinese chairman

31 Opposite of rise

32 Rodent-eating reptiles

34 "You're calling because ...?"

35 Messy dorm room, say

37 Broke off from a group

40 Most risqué

41 "Deutschland ___ Alles"

42 What a lot of partiers make

43 ___ Angelico

44 Long and lean

45 Not stopping

48 "I'd like to buy a ___ Pat"

49 Deeply impressed

50 Sting Ray, e.g., informally

51 "Large pepperoni with extra cheese," e.g.

52 V-formation fliers

53 Overly quick

56 Diamonds, e.g.

59 Shook hands with, say

60 What a seamstress may take up

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Men’s volleyball fends off potential upset

By TAYLOR STREET

It was an off night. The Fieldhouse didn’t fill up quite as quickly as it usually does. The bleachers were only half full. Even the pre-game music playlist seemed a little funny.

As BYU hosted Cal Baptist on Friday, the men’s volleyball team wasn’t quite itself. The fact that senior opposite hitter Robb Stowell didn’t even dance during warm-ups should have been a sign.

The third-ranked Cougars seemed to know that the visiting 3-9 Lancers would surely be no match for them. This was not the case. Two sets into Friday night’s game, the Cougars were down 2-0 against the Lancers. The coaches, the players and the crowd was displeased.

According to senior middle blocker Futi Tavana, it all boiled down to one thing: BYU overlooked Cal Baptist.

“The stats show that CBU is not very good and we took them a little light,” he said. “It took us a while to get fired up and go, and we can’t do that. We turned it on when we needed to, but we were a little disappointed with



Photo by Chris Bunker

BYU outside hitter Phil Fuchs goes up for a hit during Saturday’s game against Cal Baptist at the Smith Fieldhouse. BYU won 3-1.

how we started off.”

Tavana said it felt like nothing was going right for the team.

“We were just all out of system and out of sync,” he said. “None of us were on the same page. We weren’t passing well. “Just every aspect of the game was off. ... It was frustrating because the harder you tried the worse it got.”

Head coach Chris McGown must have said something right during the break following set

two, because the Cougars came out swinging in sets three, four and five. According to McGown, the Cougars’ turning point came early in the third set.

The set was tied at 5-5 when BYU went on a 4-0 run, thanks to two kills by redshirt freshmen outside hitter Josue Rivera and one from Tavana.

“I thought that was the turning point of the whole match,” McGown said. “At that point we were able to stop playing from

behind. ... Getting that little cushion, we can kind of relax and feel better about ourselves and play the kind of volleyball we know how to.”

The Cougars were able to battle back in the third, fourth and fifth sets to defeat the Lancers (22-25, 17-25, 25-17, 25-14, 15-10), fending off what would have been a huge upset. According to McGown, it was encouraging to see the team battle back from such a deep hole.

“On one hand, we don’t want to go five against Cal Baptist,” he said. “But on the other hand, we don’t want to lose, it’s encouraging to see them [BYU] be able to play well. I thought we put it on them pretty well in sets three, four and five.”

On Saturday, the Cougars were able to handle the Lancers in just four sets (22-25, 25-21, 25-21, 28-26).

According to Rivera, BYU was much more prepared going into Saturday night’s game.

“I don’t think we expected them to play that well, so we kind of relaxed on Friday,” he said. “Tonight [Saturday], we decided we had to get up and play hard every point.”

McGown said the team came into Saturday night’s match much more focused and ready to play.

“We decided we were going to focus the whole way through, bring energy the whole way through and that was the big difference,” he said. “Tonight, they [the team] made this really conscious effort to be energetic. After CBU made some really big plays we just went, “no, it’s done, let’s refocus and sideout.”

Rivera led the Cougars with a total of 29 kills on the weekend, following closely by Stowell with 28. Junior middle blocker Russ Lavaja and Tavana both turned in 12 blocks, followed by Rivera with 10.

BYU will be in action again on Feb. 24 and 25 as it hosts UC Santa Barbara.

Cougars lose to Wildcats on the road

By ANNA WENDT

BYU’s women’s gymnastics team suffered another loss, losing 196.275-194.525 on the road against the University of Arizona on Friday.

This was the team’s fourth loss in a row, bringing its season record to 1-5. After a disappointing meet against Denver on Feb. 10, the team was excited and ready to move on from another loss, hoping for a road win to help turn the season around. Senior Natalie Pickard said the team had been preparing all week to be energetic and excited for the meet. The energy showed as the team’s overall score was the second highest of the season.

Consistency was on the Cougars’ side Friday night, but despite significant improvements throughout all the events, the Cougars were no match for the No. 15 Wildcats.

“We do still have a lot of talent,” Pickard said. “We just have to hit on the same night.”

The team’s highest scorers of the night were Pickard and fellow senior Krysten Koval. Pickard scored a 9.850 on vault and Koval scored a 9.850 on beam. Pickard also did well on bars, ending with a score of 9.775.

“I really love bars and beam [because] they’re so different,” Pickard said. “No one else [in other sports]

does things like them.”

The team’s best event overall was floor, an impressive turnaround considering the team’s poor performance on floor in the previous meet against the University of Denver. After that meet, head coach Brad Cattermole said he could not remember the last time the team had done so poorly. Against Arizona, however, five of BYU’s six gymnasts competing on floor scored a 9.700 or higher. The leading performer in that event was Koval, who scored a 9.825.

Overall, the team’s score in that event was 48.775.

Four of the six gymnasts competing on vault for BYU also scored a 9.700 or higher.

Sophomore Raquel Willman, BYU’s sole all-around competitor, had a solid night, scoring 9.700 or above in all of the events. Her best event was bars, where she scored a 9.800, which made her the highest scoring gymnast for BYU in that event.

Junior Sarah Yandow also had an impressive night, displaying the exact consistency the team needs to be successful. Competing on vault, bars and floor, she scored a 9.700 or above on all three events. Her strongest event of the night was vault, on which she scored a 9.775.

The women’s gymnastics team next competes at home against Southern Utah and Utah State on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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