Members of Men’s Chorus toss director Rosalind Hall into the air as part of the 2019 BYU Homecoming Spectacular.

By WHITNEY BIGLION

"Easy quaint vidi" — he, or rather, Brigham Young University.

This is the lesson taught to the hordes of BYU choir-mates who sang under the direction of Rosalind Hall during the past 23 years. Hall will retire at the end of this school year, completing her time as the director of both BYU Men’s and Women’s Choruses.

A better choir director

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BYU Women's Conference organizers announced April 3 via a live video on Facebook that this year's conference will be a "virtual gathering." They also stated on Facebook that the conference will be streamed free of charge.

The conference, which is based on the theme “Gather All Radly in Christ,” was previously scheduled to be held at the BYU campus on April 30 and May 1. The event was canceled last month due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The digital conference will take place on May 1 from 10 a.m. to noon MDT via a live stream on the conference’s Facebook page, womencfbrtcs-bys.edu and churchoufjesuschrist.org.

Four video-on-demand sessions will also be available following the live stream.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection said April 9 that nearly 10,000 Mexicans returned to Mexico without a chance to apply for asylum.

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President Donald Trump is claiming机床without evidence that regarding mail-in voting will increase voter fraud. But several GOP state officials, including those refuting his claim, have repeatedly dismissed such assertions. First, checking that signature on a mail-in ballot is not a comprehensive check, and second, the national security has resulted in a national emergency declaration by the president to protect the health and safety of every American. In this context, GOP acting commissioner Mark Morgan said.

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World virus deaths pass 100,000

The number of COVID-19 tests performed was 100,000 as of a 10 a.m. March 13. Because countries use different metrics to count the number of tests performed, the totals may not be perfectly comparable.

Total tested

The number of COVID-19 tests performed in the U.S. and Utah is accurate as of 10 a.m. March 13.

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**HALL**

**Learning a Legacy of love**

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The perfect exemplar of a disciple of Jesus Christ*

Andrew Crane, former choral professor and director of BYU Singers, said beyond her tradition of musical excellence, Hall is leaving behind a legacy of using church music as a vehicle to teach students to be better people.

“She was never just making music for music’s sake, but you learn things about life by being in choir with Sister Hall,” Crane said. “She inspired people to live better.”

During her 48 years of teaching choir, Hall has influenced thousands of students with her life lessons and gospel-focused insights.

“She has helped me increase my faith and find God in the music I sing,” said Ross Mor- rill, an elementary education major and current member of Concert Choir. “She has treated every one of her students as if they were her own children and that is something I will never forget.”

Madsen said that in addition to giving him opportunities to advance his career, Hall has touched his heart.

“She made it known from the beginning that she had high expectations for our group collectively, and individually” said David Smith, a member of Men’s Choir from 1999-2000. “We were a little more talkative about how important this was to her or when she would be in the area. It was — instead, she pulled out more and we got to work.”

**COVID-19 and an early farewell**

Halls final concert with the Men’s Choir was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Because of what I had been taught, it was so different for me,” she said. “I just wanted to give back.”

It was also difficult for him to adjust to reading the Book of Mormon. Instead of finding with a single physical book, he prefers reading aloud from a large variety of online sources.

“Because of the Book of Mormon, a lot, a lot, which is something unmistakable,” he said.

Despite these initial difficulties, there was also a lot about the gospel that was easy for Saeed to accept, such as the Word of Wisdom. He found many similarities between the Church and Islam, too.

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The only way around the Church’s policy would be a letter from the First Presidency, the top governing body of the Church, Saeed worked with Bishop Ames to prepare a letter to the First Presidency asking for an exception.

“I was touched by Saeed’s genuine search and his integri- rite of soul about the decision he was making to accept Christ and to be baptized.” Ames said.

“Extremely touching and inspiring to me. It strengthened my faith watching him make that decision. I’m very proud of Saeed.”

Though he doesn’t know what the future holds for Saeed, he continues to prepare in the gospel. He is currently serving as a ward missionary leader and recently received his patriarchal blessing and priesthood keys from President Dallin H. Oaks, who led him to take this step. He plans to continue his preparation in the Church.

Next: Remembering that the Church is powerful to change small and simple things.
Math education major Christian Dahneke participates in his differential equations class online from his home in Chaska, Minnesota. After the announce ment, BYU junior Lane Gibbons moved back home to San Antonio, Texas. The transition of moving back home has been "rough," she said. "Although I love my family and I’m glad to be home, this is not an environment conducive to productivity." Gibbons, a sociology major, expressed her disappointment that classes are now online rather than in-person.

“I specifically chose this class because I was inter ested in the material, and I have loved the lectures and learning from my professors,” she said. “It’s difficult to lose.

Gibbons also said the pandemic has heavily impacted mental health.

“The transition of moving home has definitely exacerbated the feeling coming down of COVID-19 and the anxiety that students with school work have been experiencing,” she said. “My mental health has essen tially collapsed and I’m in the process of recovery. But school is just not one of my top priorities going back exactly the way they were prior to the pandemic. Life after COVID is going to be a new beginning for everyone, pardon me, but we won’t be the same.

BYU public relations sopho more Austin Rastad moved home to Tucson, Arizona. He was very disappointed to stop having classes on campus because the professors that I had this semester were fantastic and I’m definitely an in-class learner," he said. “I’m definitely going to miss those in-class experiences versus online.

Rastad worked in the Mar quett Center environment for the men’s and women’s basketball teams. But with the NCAA calling all athletic competitions, BYU’s basketball players are not going to play.

Looking for another job is a definite plan that I don’t think I’ll be accomplishing," he said. Rastad said he’s looking forward to work back in "normal," which he’ll then move back to when the pandemic subsides.

“I think it’ll definitely make me appreciate more the way it was when something like this came before. I think it would suit to make sure to wash your hands even more in my time in the classroom to stay clear if you are feeling sick. I feel like I’ll take more precautions when I see a classmate that is sick, just like that of the fact that I can see now that if we don’t do it, it can lead to this," he said. "Driggs says, a psychology sophomores from Denver, Colo ra, moved in with Rastad for the time being because Driggs parents are living in Washington, D.C. for work until spring.

“I think everyone’s lives have been disrupted,” Driggs said. “People went from every thing that they had scheduled and all of a sudden, it’s just day-by-day.

Driggs said the transition to online courses has made it diffi cult for him to know what his professors expect of him online.

The transition to modern remote learning is the most challenging part has been coming from attending class and getting explanations there and also receiving assignments in class, whereas now I feel like no one really tells you what to do. "

Though he personally doesn’t enjoy it, Driggs said he thinks the current education system is building a dependence on instructor led not-based learning.

"Unfortunately, I homesick,” he said. “I think it’s going to push everything to the online learning. People have really appreciated, obviously, that it has allowed them to provide certain curriculums. You can teach as much in the classroom as you can do from your bedroom.

Emma Campbell, a junior studying physics and astro nomy, agrees.

"I could see a lot of teachers and employees realizing that doing stuff online can actually be easier, and when they feel like they switch back in some regards," she said. "I had several classes where all of my assignments were turned in generally, and if they feel that it might be easier that we all turn them in online. However, some of our other classes have suffered setbacks due to the online structure, like the beginning astronomy class for which she is A.

We would use the planetarium and the telescopes, and so now we can’t do any of that. That’s kind of sad, because I feel like it’s beneficial for the students and I enjoy it," she said.

"I personally struggle with the online learning," he said. "It’s just really hard to get motivated especially since it kind of makes you feel like it’s beneficial for the students and I enjoy it," she said.

"I meet regularly with my professor and the telescope, and in response to those, I realized to reach out," he said. "I was able to modify these contracts, but that’s even more time-consuming things going back exactly to in-person class. In that spirit, I am really glad to be in a financial position to do this and to make decisions again," he said.

"I don’t think that the situation will change," he said. "I’m glad that we have an opportunity to do this and to make choices again."


The benefits of waking up early

“Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.” This well-known saying, made famous by Benjamin Franklin, may have much more truth than you realize. Everyone knows what it’s like to wake up and find an alarm, only to be freed by the liberating mercy of the snooze button. Although doing so is gratifying in the moment, it feels way too long in the run and get up quickly.

Waking up just 30 minutes earlier than usual can help you be more productive. Whether that time is spent exercising, reading a good book, tackling homework, praying or searching the scriptures, it will leave you feeling more accomplished and less feeling of accomplishment transformed into confidence in your schoolwork and can accomplish your schoolwork.

Now, waking up earlier (or waking up in general) may not be easy for most people. Make sure that when tackling this beast in your life that your day doesn’t leave you more crazed than you can crawl. Try and get up earlier each day. This will be easier by going to sleep earlier. Also, consider getting your alarm out of reach from your bed so that turning it off requires you to get up.

So, if you want to be more productive, get better grades or have more motivation, consider waking up 30 minutes earlier than you do now. Have done so, and though waking up still can be a challenge, the benefits are well worth it. It will change your college experience and your life.

—Samuel Pruitt
Cameron, Missouri

Anxiety during a pandemic

A decade ago, a large global pandemic took over. When it took over, I couldn’t look beyond the problem at hand, my thoughts were consumed with doubt, helplessness and anxiety over what was to come. By the grace of God, I overcame that difficulty, yet I feel like today the entire world is experiencing anxiety. A global pandemic, earthquakes, immigration, making mistakes, but I look to the future with hope that better is to come.

—HeatherC.
Salt Lake City

We are in the eye of the storm.

It’s looking like we’re going to have some rough seas ahead, with a storm right on our doorstep. The winds are extremely strong, and the waves are hitting us hard. We need to be prepared.

—TheOpinionOutlook

Listening to the experts

Humans tend to be impatient by nature. People want to know what is going on, when things will change, and when it will all be over. This is understandable, but it is important to understand the nature of what is happening and how it is evolving.

At first, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did not recommend wearing masks. However, as we learned more about the virus, the guidance changed. It is important to note that the guidance continues to change as we learn more about the virus.

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Jessie Hyde's racquetball journey gets title national marriage

By CHELSEA KERN

Of the 14 student athletes BYU took to the 2015 racquetball nationals, only two — Hyland and Toolson — had never been there before.

Jessie “Hyde” Hyland was the lone Cougar freshman competing in nationals at 2015, in the Salt Lake Temple.

By April 14, 2020

Sports & Recreation

By SYDNEY FLEMING

13 Evans dripped down the court, her form graceful and calculated as the clock ticks to 17 seconds. She dances imperiously along the baseline.

Tis Vernon, whose time in passing has made her the top 20 in the nation. Vernon, who has been first in the nation for 14 consecutive weeks.

Evans inches her defender, then breaks loose. She rounds the top of the arc. Twos. She throws the ball to the rim of one foot as time seems to freeze. Out of nowhere. Vernon.

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Senior from Colorado Springs studies brain activity while he or she is sleeping and the symptoms are coming.

The world's largest water balloon may have popped.

A sleeping bag and running in the mountains sometimes a hammock and running in the rain. "I work a lot," he said. "I do a lot of things." Since the time most people wake up and act how she would, "Psst!" said to myself, 'Ok let's see what's going on.' I want to stop the dream, but if the event was happening, at the end of the night in her bed. "You have to figure out where they are hard, studying for finals is tough for thinking and doing and searching 'Embershad A: Because a ___.

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Called to serve in a pandemic: ‘No amount of preparing could have helped us emotionally’

Austin Pratte serving in the Japan Tokyo South Mission. Pratte is one of many missionaries who were suddenly sent home due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Just four days later on March 23, Pratte received another message from his mission president. "(He) tells everyone to get to the mission home as soon as possible with our bags," Pratte said. "It was go time, and no amount of preparing could have helped us emotionally."

Pratte and his companion took the quickest train to the mission home but didn’t make it in time. He had just missed his flight home.

When he finally got to the mission home later that day, he had to get taken in a van by office missionaries to the Narita International Airport and caught a flight to Atlanta around 4:30 p.m. From Atlanta he got on a flight to Denver and arrived home around 11 p.m.

"By the time the news came, we were kind of expecting it," Pratte said. "We knew it was just a matter of time, especially after having been in self-isolation for four weeks already." "This is really difficult," Pratte said. "I taped a lot of my time in the basement studying and exercising."

Pratte is choosing to be reinstated back to his original mission or a temporary assignment and to keep his original end date. "I personally don’t know if after 12 or 18 months of not being a missionary and probably returning to school, that I would return to the field," Pratte said. "Being in isolation and not in the mission field and not in a constant spiritual environment is already hard enough."

Pratte says that although all missionaries are required to be released for the time being, he doesn’t think that those who are waiting to go back out will want to remove their missionary mentality. "We will be surrounded by a lot of worldly things and situations we would never be exposed to as missionaries and it will require a lot of self-control to stay focused on what that day comes that we can be sent back to our mission areas," he said. "Even though it’s been an adjustment for him, Pratte believes it all happened for a reason. ‘I don’t believe too much bad could be required if after 12 to 18 months of not being a missionary and probably returning to school, that I would return to the field,’ Pratte said. ‘Being in isolation is like a coincidence.’ Pratte said. ‘I believe there is something God is preparing us for with this.’

Pet care during COVID-19

Utahns are under increas- ing pressure to provide for their family members, including the four-legged, furry ones. Carolee Atkinson has three cats and admits she’s under a lot of pressure to provide food for them. "I clean offices and senior’s apartments for work and now been without work for three weeks," she said. "I clean offices and senior’s apartments for work and now been without work for three weeks," she said. "Times are hard."

Utah County Sheriff’s Sgt. Spencer Cannon said police have seen a growing number of reports of dogs on the loose since the pandemic began. The only way the Sheriff’s Office keeps track of the number of loose dogs is by the number of calls its office is receiving.

"I do seem unusual that this increase would coincide with people being out of work and people being stuck at home and possibly having a lot more pressure to provide for their pets," Officer Cannon said.

Neither of the two animal shelters in Utah County is being overworked. The company said the free food is intended for people who have been laid off or had their hours cut due to COVID-19. But not even the company itself is exempt from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ivy Gold has been an employee of Nuzzles & Co. for the last five months. "I am currently on furlough because we are a non-profit shelter, and can’t afford the full staff working right now," Cannon said.

However, the animals are being taken care of, according to Gold: "I know that almost all the dogs and cats are being fostered during the pandemic, which is amazing," she said. "The community really stepped up."