Descendants of BYU building namesakes, early Utah slaves, respond to un-name campus buildings movement

BY KARINA ANDREW

A petition to un-name BYU buildings has gained state media attention as a subset of a movement nationwide to remove monuments of proponents of slavery and racial discrimination. For many descendants of those building’s namesakes, the movement is personal.

“These descendants, and descendants of any new building individuals who lived in Utah, are sharing their stance on renaming,” said a petition creator.

Some of the people for whom petitions were created, including prominent utergame figures from the university, in the state of Utah or within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—held prominent prosesiant views.

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Alan said he counts Abraham among his ancestors and would not feel sad to see his name removed from the university, said he was.

“The statement reminds readers that people have been so abjectly oppo-sed to,” she said. “I understand the sentiment, but I was surprised by the referendum. I think we need more and better thought-through results.” said Utahns for Medical Freedom.

The group has 45 days after that to collect the signed required signatures.

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BYU Football begins season in spotlight amid COVID cancellations

BY CAILYN TURNER

The BYU football team travels to its season opener against Navy BYU in one of the few games being played after this fall school canceled their seasons and the pandemic is looting that way.

“Despite an star tight end and tight end, BYU still has to weather some weapons to games and vet- erans to lead the team. Junior tight end is gaining national media attention as a potential future NFL quarterback, while senior defensive tackle is solidifying his draft stock as a force at the line of scrimmage. The spotlight is on BYU, and the Cougars have 7-9 overall and are out of no only not survive but thrive in a season like this,” he said.

The BYU athletic director, Tom Hird, announced the team’s schedule and rebuild the team’s roster from last year with two games in July to start the season, including five home games.

With the Pac-12 and Mountain West conferences freeing their sus- pense to play the early season within the state of Utah playing football in person. While other programs continued to cut games through the month of August, the Cougars actively pursued and added more.

The new schedule began 7-2 in prime-time Lay Day matchup against Navy and feature other mar- quee matchups against Army and Division I on the road.

All eyes are on BYU and how it manages to maintain a low-risk environnement among players and coaches, while also looking for on-field success with an experienced team on both sides of the ball.

On the COVID side of things, the Cougars are tested for the virus three times a week, wear masks and under- go symptom checks at practices. The objective is to create a “bubble” of sorts and limit the possibility of a break out on the team. To this point, the Cougars have had no major breakouts, and head coach Kalani Sitake still remains confident in his players’ commitment to keeping the virus at bay.

According to the university, the team has not had any positive COVID-19 tests.

Referees file in hopes of repealing mask mandate

BY MARTHA HARRIS

A local group called Utahns for Medical Freedom filed an ap- plication for a referendum on Thursday, Oct. 29 in Provo-Peoria City Council’s recent face mask ordinance.

The referendum requires face masks in Provo’s public places passed Aug. 27 overruling Mayor Michelle Kaufusi’s veto of the original citywide mask mandate passed by the council on Aug. 25. Utahns for Medical Freedom claims the city’s face mask mandate is violating resi- dents’ constitutional rights.

“The city has overstepped their bounds to individual freedom and personal health decisions,” said a spokesperson for the group.

The earliest the ordinance could appear as a referendum file is November 2021, according to Provo-Peoria City Council member George Ercanbrack. “Any legislative ac- tion the city council takes in the rest of this calendar year before April 15 goes on the following year’s ballot.”

Utahns for Medical Freedom needs a 25,000 valid signatures, or 7.5% of active votes, from four of the state’s cities in order to have the ordinance placed on that city’s next ballot. Before the group can start collecting signatures, the city council first has to go through a series of steps that could go from April 15 to 25 to be completed, Ercanbrack said.

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But the City Council reserves the ordination that according to the Utah Constitution, for Medical Freedom will not need to file another referendum if the current ordinance self-expires and a new one is not passed by the community.

“Without a referendum for Medical Freedom won’t be able to do anything. We need to have a new referendum,” said a spokesperson for the group.

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The Brigham Young University community
5 Coronavirus precautions that aren’t necessary

CDC tells states: Be ready to distribute COVID-19 vaccine

In a letter to governors dated Aug. 27, Robert Redfield, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said he “could not be clear whether the virus’s vaccine’s approval driven by political considerations ahead of a presidential election, rather than science.”

Two Utah schools move to remote learning after virus outbreak

Navajo Nation to run weekend lockdown to contain COVID-19

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez announced that the tribe’s Navajo Nation will run weekend lockdowns and curfews amid reports of racism.

NFL requiring coaches, staff near bench to wear masks

The NFL has updated its game-day protocols by requiring every coach and staff member in the bench area to wear a mask and reducing the size of each team’s travel party.

Outside the outbreak

US further restricts Chinese diplomats’ travel

The Trump administration on Sept. 2 imposed new restrictions on Chinese diplomats and their families, including requiring that they register with local police and limiting their activities in the US.

Utah passes bill requiring in-person voting option

Utah legislators unanimously voted during a special session Thursday Aug. 27 to approve an election bill, which includes an option for in-person voting.

US gives first-ever OK for small nuclear reactor

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Aug. 20 approved Pacific Northwest National Laboratory’s application for a small nuclear reactor.

Real Salt Lake owner Salt Lake City’s City Council, in an effort to keep the team in Utah, passed a contentious council bill that would limit the team’s ability to negotiate outside the city.

Utah aims to prepare for COVID-19 vaccine distribution

Utah aims to prepare for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, with the state’s health department working to ensure that the vaccine is distributed in a timely and equitable manner.

While certain precautions can prevent the spread of the coronavirus, studies from various organizations, including the WHO and CDC, show these precautions are less helpful.

CDC recommends guidelines for schools to reopen

The CDC has released updated guidelines for schools to reopen safely, including recommendations for social distancing, face masks, and hygiene measures.

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Principal Carrie Moore, of the Salt Lake City School District, said the district’s announcement Aug. 20 that the school year will start at 9 a.m. on Saturdays in an effort to help control the spread of COVID-19, executive director for the district, the largest in the state, of cases had been detected through school closures, including 41 students and 26 faculty members.

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Students look for outdoor exercise options

BY JOSH CARTER

An increased number of BYU students are going outside to exercise as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect indoor gyms and workout facilities.

According to a social media poll conducted by The Daily Universe, 94% of the nearly 200 respondents said they were more likely to seek outdoor exercise alternatives to the gym amid the pandemic.

As students return to the BYU campus for Fall Semester, several remain committed to continuing the outdoor exercise habits they developed during quarantine.

“When the pandemic first started, it was easy to maintain an exercise routine because as a senior in high school my classes were canceled,” said Madeline Schmutz, an incoming freshman from Las Vegas. “I would lift weights in my home and go on five-to-six mile runs daily. I hadn’t had the opportunity to experience running on- or near-campus yet, however, I have mapped out a route that will take me about five miles around the outside of BYU campus.”

Schmutz admits her outdoor runs were eventually interrupted by the brutal Las Vegas summer heat. While Schmutz had to substitute her runs with high-intensity interval training at home, as her local gym remained closed, she looks forward to taking advantage of the cooler temperatures in Provo soon.

“That’s one of the reasons why I’m so excited to get on campus,” Schmutz said. “The cooler morning weather will allow me to start running again.”

Alex Bostoon, a senior from Orem, took up road cycling soon after the pandemic hit. Bostoon felt it was the perfect way to exercise while remaining socially distant.

“Biking is an excellent way to get out and get away from people. I do it every time I want to be with or near people in general,” Bostoon said. “Even though I’m relatively new to road biking, I’ve really enjoyed it.”

Bostoon often rides on the Provo River Canal Trail, a popular biking and running trail that stretches from Orem to Lodi. She also plans on exploring the Provo River Trail, a paved trail frequented by students and others close to the Provo campus.

Another outdoor exercise spot that has seemingly grown in popularity among BYU students since the start of the pandemic is the former Provo High School campus. The property, which BYU purchased in 2016, features a number of outdoor exercise opportunities open to the public. The campus includes a full-length track, two baseball fields and tennis courts.

As some gyms throughout Utah Valley have reopened over the last several weeks, however, some students plan on returning to such facilities for their primary workout and exercise goals. Gyms such as Vida, Planet Fitness and Provo CrossFit have all implemented a number of precautions that allowed them to open again after Utah County moved to a yellow, low-risk phase earlier this summer.

The Smith Fieldhouse indoor track and workout facilities are open to students, faculty and staff with extra health precautions being taken, according to the BYU Student Wellness website. The website lists a wide variety of precautions that are enforced.

Although gyms continue to reopen on and near the BYU campus, not all students feel comfortable utilizing such facilities under the current circumstances. Many prefer to continue looking for outdoor exercise alternatives.

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Christensen Oil declined to comment.

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Provo neighbor caches with oil company over expansion

BY TAYLOR NELSON

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COVID-19 has changed the way BYU students will dine during Fall Semester. Guidelines are changing by day and Dining Services staying up-to-date with all of them.

“We are working diligently with the Utah County Environmental Health Department and BYU Risk Management to prioritize student safety,” said BYU Dining Services director Dean Wright. “We want to make sure that we are continually following the guidelines and are able to reopen safely.”

Commons

According to its website, the Commons will require reservations to dine in and only students with meal plans can make a reservation. “Take-out meals will be available to other campus guests,” the website reads. “Dine-in will become available as soon as the Commons is able to verify the safety of all guests.”

There will also be 14 kiosks spread out through the Wilkinson Center to order and pay for food sanitation. However, with the app, you can order your food whenever and when you arrive at the Wilkinson Center, the store will start preparing your food.” Wright said. The MSC Cafe and Jamba Juice will also use kiosks, and a look at the Blue Dot Deli in the Tanner Building is the works. Other areas in the Wilkinson Student Center, like Cosmo’s Corner and Cougar Express, will no longer be self-service. All foods will be prepackaged and ready to go. All the food is pre-portioned, so guests will not have to pick up the plate and find somewhere to sit.” Wright said.

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The Pendulum Court

The Pendulum Court Cafe in the Eyring Science Center will open again for the campus community on Sept. 14. According to BYU Dining, a financial deficit at Pendulum Court, dine-in and takeout options will be available. Gambol also said some changes taking place for Fall Semester include cash no longer being accepted, only take-out containers will be issued, although people are still welcome to take their food and sit in the limited seating at the Pen Court, and an overall emphasis on cleanliness and sanitation.

Because of the limited seating, the Pen Court has also reserved some tables on the third floor of the Eyring Science Center if people want to dine in. All foods will be prepackaged, so guests will just have to come to take their food and sit out containers will be used. “There will also be 14 kiosks spread out through the Wilkinson Center to order and pay for food sanitation. However, with the app, you can order your food whenever and when you arrive at the Wilkinson Center, the store will start preparing your food.” Wright said. The MSC Cafe and Jamba Juice will also use kiosks, and a look at the Blue Dot Deli in the Tanner Building is the works. Other areas in the Wilkinson Student Center, like Cosmo’s Corner and Cougar Express, will no longer be self-service. All foods will be prepackaged and ready to go. All the food is pre-portioned, so guests will not have to pick up the plate and find somewhere to sit.” Wright said.

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Can BYU students grow a beard under their masks?

BYU’s dress-and-grooming standards prohibit beards, but students questioned whether the school will enforce the policy. According to its website, the school will enforce the beard rule.

As is the case in all BYU buildings this fall, masks must be worn while in the Testing Center. However, the Testing Center has set up a process to encourage students to remove their masks for a brief moment in order to receive their tests.

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Vending machines are usually filled every two to three days, but Dining Services officials said they are taking extra precautions to clean and sanitize heavy touchpoints more often.

Several campus dining options are open Fall Semester. Each dining option is taking health precautions to make sure people stay healthy and safe. Scan this image with the app to read a Spanish translation of this story.
Season cancellations bring mental health concerns for student-athletes

BY CYBELE TURNER

Zach Knowlton grew up reading box scores in the newspaper and predicted the NBA Most Valuable Player for a statistics project in middle school. Now he is teaching a pilot class at BYU that helps students understand the intersection of sports and data science.

Knowlton credits sports as the catalyst that helped him gain interest in studying and working in statistics and hopes the same can happen for others in the course.

The class is titled “Special Topics in Statistics: Data Science in Sports” and is part of the BYU statistics department. The course description says the class will “prepare students for the workforce by completing an end-to-end data science project using sports data. Students will learn about data collection, data cleaning, exploratory data analysis, modeling and reporting.”

Knowlton did his undergraduate and graduate studies at BYU and wrote his master’s thesis on BYU Football, using statistics to create player impact metrics and rankings. The class is a “brainchild” of that pitch, according to Knowlton.

“The Data Science in Sports course is designed to be a capstone-type course,” Knowlton says, “or ‘version zero of an internship,’” and gives students a chance to do something similar to what he did with BYU Football. Knowlton is already talking to an NBA team about potential projects with the class and hopes it can create an opportunity to get students into sports analytics roles.

Despite the instability and competition that has been front and center in the sports industry, Knowlton still believes there is value in sports data science. If nothing else, it acts as a way to get students and young people interested and involved in statistics and go on to work in other areas of the field.

There are ongoing talks for a possible collaboration between students in the Sports Media emphasis of the BYU School of Communications and the Data Science department in Sports class to create and publish stories and other media using data from Knowlton’s class.

New BYU class explores data science in sports

BY JOSH CARTER

BYU professor Zach Knowlton teaches the new Data Science in Sports course for the Fall 2020 semester. Knowlton studied sports data science at BYU and worked with BYU Football for his master’s thesis.

Knowlton, who works frequently with retiring athletes, the current circumstances give BYU student-athletes an opportunity to adapt while still maintaining a strong sense of identity.

“Retirement, their identity is something they have to navigate anyway,” Knowlton said. “Just for the athletes. Once an athlete, always an athlete. It’s not that part that of your identity ever stops existing. But sometimes you might have to transi- tion within that identity. A lot of times it’s about asking yourself, ‘How does this identity manifest itself in my current environment?’

“When it comes to coping with the recent changes and uncertainty, Knowlton said, “Anxiety and depression are sort of best friends.”

The COVID-19 pandemic will keep the majority of BYU’s sports teams, including women’s volleyball, from hosting a season this fall. For some athletes, these cancellations could take a toll on their mental health. See the story in the Universe Plus app to read a Spanish translation of this story.
How should BYU react if more than a few people test positive as the semester progresses?

I cannot discount the immense upper-hemisphere caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, but I can say this: Not everything is good — but good can come from everything.

The pandemic has been a chance for many to slow down and reconsider what matters most. People have reconnected with nature, exercised creativity and bonded with loved ones. We have had a unique opportunity to assess what works in our lives and what doesn’t.

No one has a greater general appreciation for the social connections we once took for granted, for our families and friends, for our health care providers and for our essential workers. What a gift we have received that we can only make the most of.

The semester should go on as normal. Treat it like any other semester. #BYUprobs

Quarantine those testing positive, but keep in person classes as they are. #BYU

Go fully online like we did in March if people at even higher risk get it eventually it won’t just disappear

Do everything in their power to keep campus open. #BYU

Shut it doooowwwnnn

Vaccine

The daily Universe editors post a question on Instagram each week asking readers their view on a specific topic. Here’s what they had to say.

Response: Comments

The goal was never to eradicate COVID but slow it. From state and national news, the strategy has been to mitigate damage. #BYUprobs

Coc-Covid-19 mask

If people are still wary of putting on a mask, then it’s not fully online like we did in March.

The semester should go on as normal. Trust it.

The players are not essential to our country, another class of people who wear face masks not for the service industry, medical profession and essential workers we depend on.

Every day, I hear complaints about how much distance our lives are because of this pandemic. I know, I know: this is not how I pictured my 2020 either. I had a family vacation booked, a job I was thrilled about, a pretty great BYU facemask while I watched every episode of Riverdale.

Just try to hold on until Thanksgiving!

COC-V

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Muscles that get stronger during training improve while he or she is sleeping and it isn’t cold.

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I don’t want this to be a dream. Please, please change.

If I were to dream a Harry Potter scenario, I’d be one of the goblins, not Harry Potter.

Harry Potter-inspired wands cost more than $70.

Disappointed to find the wands of medication, but nothing will stop them. I've seen other wands for $70.

David Bracero, a geography student Center.

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Provo City Council debates $80 million school bond

By MARTHA HARRIS

Provo City Council members expressed mixed opinions about publicly sup- porting the Provo School District General Obligation Bond during a City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The bond, proposed by the Provo School District and on the ballot this November, is for $80 million and would be used for a par- tial rebuild of Timpview High School.

The proposed bond会上 increase property taxes by an average of $265.77 per year, or $2.17 per month. Over 75% of Provo residents voted against the bond and it failed to pass the 2019 general elections.

While the previous bond was to rebuild and renovate 14 schools within the Provo School District, the 2020 bond is solely focused on rebuild- ing Timpview High School.

According to a statement by the Provo School District, Timpview is continually deteri- orating and “this proposed bond is to ensure that exist- ing deterioration does not proceed to a point where it is condemned.”

All council members agreed that steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of the students and staff in the building, but some were unsure whether it was the place of the council to public- ly endorse the bond.

“I personally support the notion of_these two young men from th_" Chaffin_Enningworth. “But I don’t know why we need to be involved.”

Councillor Bill Fillmore said support as a council was appropriate, especially considering the severity of the situation. “I believe that the two primary recom-mendations of any govern- ment are to take care of public safety and proper ed- ucation of our children.”

The council moved to con-tinue the discussion of the reso- lution at the next City Council meeting on Sept. 15. Directions for how to view the council meeting are available on the council’s website.

BYU implementing COVID wastewater testing

By S Y O N D E G O N Z A L E Z

BYU’s plan to tackle the spread of COVID-19 on campus is taking a real-smelling turn: wastewater testing.

BYU is currently in the pro- cess of implementing sampling on-campus housing build- ings, but spokesman Carri Ankom said they did not specify a time frame when testing will start.

“This testing allows us to identify hot spots. This would allow us to take certain actions, which include focused, risk-based testing.”

In the plan’s unique, wastewater testing is a cost-effective, proactive ap- proach to tracking the spread of the coronavirus, and uni- versities across the country are quickly adopting it as a com- pensation-repair.

Success stories include the University of Arizona, which says it prevented a large out- break after two asymptomatic individuals were identified during targeted testing of all 311 people after a wastewater sam- ple from a dorm came back pos- itive. Utah State University also quarantined 27 students in their dorms last week after elevated COVID-19 levels were found in wastewater.

Wastewater testing for the virus has been around since the early days of the pandemic, but it wasn’t until recently that it started gaining traction in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have partnered together to start the National Wastewater Surveillance System, which will produce data to help local, tribal, and state offi- cials track infections in their communities.

However, the system does not include decentralized sewer systems, such as those of universities and prisons. BYU’s plan is implemented in an on- wastewater testing.

Other countries have also established wastewater test- ing systems. Finland and the Netherlands have systems in place to monitor 20% and 35% of their respective popu- lations. Italy, Spain, Australia, and Pakistan are among other nations to adopt the practice.

“How does wastewater testing work?”

According to the CDC website, wastewater testing does not replace existing COVID-19 surveillance systems but instead compliments them, especially in communities where timely COVID-19 test- ing is not a reality. “Dependent on the fre- quency of testing, sewage surveillance can be a lead- ing indicator of changes in COVID-19 burden in a commu- nity,” the CDC states. While human feces from both symptomatic or asym- ptomatic individuals can con- tain the virus, the CDC says there is no information to date that anyone has become sick with COVID-19 because of direct exposure to treated wastewater.

During wastewater testing, samples are collected and tested for RNA from SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. These sam- ples are then used to identify populations that should be isolated for COVID-19, based on SARS-CoV-2 levels found in the wastewater. This lightens the burden to test asymptomatic individuals since health officials can be more targeted in which individuals they test for COVID-19.

Environmental engineer Kyle Bibby told the conversation that currently wastewater testing cannot yet measure how many peo- ple in the community have the virus instead of just how it is done through traditional testing.

This method also allows communities to be proactive rather than reactive. According to health news website that News, wastewater testing allows offi- cials to see infection levels one to two weeks in advance of clinical diagnoses and can help increase and decreasing lev- els of coronavirus infections and transmission.

All of these cases may make a valuable tool in BYU’s corona- virus toolkit.

Buildings

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