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Church changes generate conference buzz

By ARIANNA DAVIDSON

Several policies and practices have changed within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since the October 2017 General Conference. Many of the changes took place after the April 2018 sessions. Some changes include the replacement of home and visiting teaching with ministering, the introduction of online mission calls and the separation of the church from the Boy Scouts of America organization. The next General Conference is Oct. 6 and 7.

Primary teachers

The policy requiring two adults be present at all times when teaching children was updated on March 26. These adults can be two unrelated men, a husband and wife, or two members of the same family.

The purpose of men holding teaching positions within the church, according to the church's handbook, is to give all children access to the influence of a worthy priesthood holder. Requiring two responsible adults' presence at all times in classrooms is to protect the children and the teachers, according to the handbook. However, in instances where this isn't practical, like in smaller congregations, a member of the Primary presidency must frequently check in on the class.

Scouting

On May 8, the church released a joint statement with the Boy Scouts of America declaring that, after more than 100 years of partnership, it will discontinue its role as a chartered partner with BSA by 2020.

"I think there are a lot of mixed feelings about scouting — personally, I think it's a great thing. I think those that want to do scouting can choose to do scouting, (but) I think it's a good change not to have scouting be something that's forced on people," said Jim Slaughter, BYU Non-Denominational Chaplain.

The joint statement said that in the past century the church has been linked with BSA, the church grew



Savannah Hopkinson

General conference attendees wait outside the Conference Center on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017.

from a mostly U.S.-centered institution to a global organization.

Ministering

During the April 2018 Sunday afternoon session of General Conference, President Russell M. Nelson announced a shift from home and visiting teaching to ministering.

Rather than having a separation between male and females like in home and visiting teaching, ministering combines the efforts of the priesthood quorums with the Relief Society to serve members of the church, according to lds.org.

"Rather than leaders just handing out slips of paper, it looks like counseling about the individuals and families in person as assignments are given to ministering brothers and sisters," said Relief Society General President Sister Jean B. Bingham. "It looks like visiting in person

or talking on the phone or chatting online or texting. It looks like delivering a birthday card and cheering at a soccer game. It looks like sharing a scripture or quote from a conference talk that would be meaningful to that individual."

Rather than requiring members to record monthly meetings with those they were assigned, ministering encourages members to serve others and help them meet their spiritual needs.

"I like the introduction of ministering. I don't think a lot of people were doing their home teaching, but ministering gives people the chance to keep in touch through different methods," said Morris Havea, BYU extramural sports program manager and bishop of the Sunset 12 Tongan Ward.

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Conference Center updates makes safety top priority

By JENNA ALTON

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced policy changes to the Conference Center on Sept. 28, including that security will no longer store personal items and North Temple will be temporarily closed before and after General Conference sessions.

Previously, the Conference Center would store personal items like large bags, suitcases and food, for conference attendees. Starting with the 188th Semiannual General Conference on Oct. 6 and 7, conference attendees will be asked to return any prohibited items to their cars or hotel rooms.

In a Sept. 28 press conference, David Miles, director of event services for church headquarters, said the changes come to secure the Conference Center and make it easier to get in and out.

"Our security team is really top notch, and they study best practices all over the world, and they've come to us with these suggestions, and we support them wholeheartedly," Miles said. "We think it will make the event much more secure and much easier for our patrons to get in and out of."

Clear water bottles, purses and small bags are permitted in the Conference Center. If attendees bring large bags, backpacks, suitcases, food items, shopping bags or metal containers, security will ask them to secure the items off property.

Charles Andersen, managing



Amanda Lund

Changes to what guests can and cannot bring into the Conference Center are compared here to recent changes regarding LaVell Edwards Stadium.

director of headquarter facilities for the church, said he thinks the clear bag policy recently implemented at LaVell Edwards Stadium is a "great policy" but isn't sure if it will one day be implemented at the Conference Center.

"We'll see where the future takes

us," Andersen said. "Right now, we have the ability to do what we do with the volunteers and security with the small bags and small items and clear bottles."

The church also announced the temporary closure of North Temple

between East Temple and Main Street two hours before and after each session of conference. North Temple will reopen with one east and one west lane while conference is in session.

Andersen said the main goal of restricting North Temple is to keep pedestrians safe.

"As we look at what's happening throughout the world, we want to make sure that we provide a safe venue and protect patrons who are coming," Andersen said. "We just make sure we do everything we can in our power."

The closure of North Temple will also apply to major events at the Conference Center besides General Conference, including the annual Christmas concert.

"We have a wonderful opportunity to invite the world to this venue, and if we can make it safer, we will all enjoy the event much more," Miles said.

In previous years, the Conference Center would be open for tours until about three days prior to Conference, Miles said. However, the Conference Center will now be closed for about a week prior to each General Conference weekend. For the 188th Semiannual General Conference, the Conference Center will be closed starting on Monday, Oct. 1.

"We found that we wanted to do a more thorough searching of the building and make sure that every aspect of it, not just the seating area, but all the offices, all the storage areas were clear," Miles said. "We just needed more time."

Money changes ahead for BYU

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

BYU has made frequent use of donors in paying for new buildings and other significant campus projects, including the \$80 million used to build the new Engineering Building slated for dedication in early December.

But that changes at the end of this year. Existing endowments will remain, but colleges and departments will no longer approach potential donors, and donors wanting to contribute to the university likely will be steered directly to student programs instead of building projects and infrastructure. Funding conduits will be more direct between the university and its sponsor, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Clearer in this policy shift is how the university will more fully implement President Kevin J. Worthen's new Inspiring Learning Initiative, which emphasizes hands-on learning experiences beyond the classroom. Mentoring Environment Grants and Office of Research and Creative Activities grants, known on campus as MEG and ORCA, are being retired with fund allocations being administered to students by individual colleges on campus, according to BYU Associate Academic Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies Alan Harker.

The changes raise questions that haven't yet been publicly addressed, like how in-progress building renovation or replacement plans will be structured and how a development plan for the recently-acquired Provo High School property will be affected.

Trace Eddington, senior manager of marketing and communications at LDS Philanthropies, said fundraising has played a role in 17 existing buildings on campus, including the Joseph F. Smith Building, the BYU Broadcasting Building, the Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center, and most recently the new Engineering Building.

"We are deeply appreciative of donors who have aided in funding these beautiful and much-needed facilities," he said. "However, we don't currently have any construction projects that are approved for fundraising."

University spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said BYU may engage in fundraising for student financial aid, capital projects when directed by the Board of Trustees and non-tithing based activities, such as athletics.

Jenkins said student financial aid includes such things as scholarships, grants, fellowships, awards, loans, financial support, including student wages, where appropriate. Student financial aid also includes activities such as inspiring learning, experiential learning, mentored-learning experiences, teaching assistantships, student research, research assistantships, internships, study abroad, work-study, travel and participation in performing groups and competitions.

Also in flux is the annual Employee Giving campaign, where campus faculty and staff are encouraged to donate to the university and have been likely to donate to elements within their own programs.

"The Annual BYU Employee Giving Campaign will continue and will be aligned with the guidelines provided above," Jenkins said.

New grant programs

Students might most immediately feel these changes through the new grant programs. Harker said the shift toward individual colleges creating their own grant programs came in response to years of feedback from students, colleges and departments saying "the kind of one size fits all wasn't working very well across the colleges."

For example, Harker said ORCA made sense for a student in the humanities, but in a laboratory discipline, "it didn't make sense at all." Conversely, the MEG program made sense for laboratory disciplines but didn't work well in humanities. The flexibility of colleges' individual grant programs, then, will "end up giving students more opportunities than we were currently giving them."

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Updated policies, resources

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To embrace the growing international membership, the church's statement said it plans to create and implement its own youth leadership and development program. The official separation will take effect on Dec. 31, 2019, according to the statement.

Bishop interviews

A letter from the First Presidency on June 20 announced that youth in the church are now allowed to invite a parent or another adult into interviews with their bishop.

This rule was introduced to help youth feel more comfortable during their bishop interviews, and give parents information about their children's personal lives, according to the letter.

'Preach My Gospel'

The church released an updated digital version of "Preach My Gospel" on June 22. The book hadn't been updated since it was published 14 years ago.

According to lds.org, the changes made to "Preach My Gospel" reduced the number of key indicators in the text, swapped home and visiting teaching references with ministering and aligned "Preach My Gospel" to the most recent family history policies.

Karen Toone, a BYU senior and former MTC teacher, said MTC teachers were recently instructed to refer to people interested in the church as "interested people" instead of "investigators."

"I think a lot of it is to see them as people and associate the person with the name and not just a title," Toone said. "It's easy to put 'investigators' into a category, but for me, calling them people of interest, it just makes it more meaningful."

Toone said she loves the updates to "Preach My Gospel" because they focus more on the doctrine of Christ, expound on the doctrine on same-sex attraction and give missionaries more instructions on how to help people struggling with addiction.

"I just think, compared to the last 14 years, it's been something that the missionaries have had to talk a lot more about," Toone said about addiction and same-sex attraction. "That's what people are struggling with and that's what comes up in our debates. I think it's really good for the missionaries to have more guidance on the church's stance and how to help people who have those problems."

Teaching resources

On June 29, the First Presidency released a letter announcing a new resource for promoting personal and family scripture study called "Come, Follow Me — For Individuals and Families."

According to lds.org, households in the church can receive a copy of "Come, Follow Me — For Individuals and Families." This resource will correspond with two new resources for church classes called "Come, Follow Me — For Primary" and "Come, Follow Me — For Sunday School."

Teachers are instructed to begin using these resources in January 2019.

Church name policy

On Aug. 16, President Nelson released a statement outlining how individuals should refer to the name of the church.

He encouraged readers to refer to the church by its full name, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" rather than "Mormon Church" or the "LDS Church." When referring to the church in short, "the church," the "Church of Jesus Christ" and the "restored Church of Jesus Christ" are all accurate, according to President Nelson.

The term "Mormon Church" has been frequently used in the past, but upon President Nelson's August announcement, the term is now discouraged along with "LDS Church," another popular term. The use of "Mormon" in reference to the Book of Mormon or when used

in historical accounts is correct, according to the updated style guide.

The style guide also says when referring to members of the church, titles like "members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" and "Latter-day Saints" are both correct. The term "Mormon" should not be used when referring to members of the church, and the word "Mormonism" should not be used.

Church history book released

On Sept. 4, a novel called "Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days" was released in the Gospel Library app, online and in print.

According to lds.org, "Saints" is the only long-form church history series released in the past 88 years. The novel was written to help members of the church learn about the history of the Restoration and witness the will of God.

Mission calls

On Sept. 5, the church announced that missionaries will begin receiving their calls online, rather than through the mail.

According to lds.org, "by the end of 2018, it is anticipated that nearly all missionaries around the world with reliable Internet access will receive their calls online."

Changing receiving mission calls through the mail to receiving them electronically is to reduce wait time for missionaries, according to Elder Brent H. Nielson, a General Authority Seventy and the executive director of the Missionary Department for the church.

Changes made to church policies over the past 12 months have already begun to affect its members, just as future changes will.

The 188th Semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will take place Oct. 6 and 7 at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City.

General Conference will include five sessions: the general women's session for sisters age 8 and older (occurring Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. MDT) and four general sessions for individuals and families (occurring Oct 6 and 7 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. MDT).

Priesthood, women's sessions evolve



Mormon Newsroom

Thousands of women and girls gather for the 2015 general women's session of the church's 185th Annual General Conference.

By KENDRA WISE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' semiannual General Conference has grown from 27 members in attendance to an assembly of over 21,000 in the Salt Lake-based Conference Center, including millions of people watching the conference from the comfort of their own homes all around the world, in the span of just under 200 years.

Changes to the conference schedule have been made as recently as last year to further develop the church and bless the lives of its members.

"Since 1977, General Conference has been established as a two-day, weekend event, with two general sessions each day and a priesthood session meeting Saturday evening," according to a Church News article.

In 1986, general Relief Society sessions were added and held each Saturday before General Conference weekend. Later, young women were given their own meeting, which alternated with the general Relief Society

meetings. Beginning in 1994, the general Relief Society session was held in October while the young women's session took place in April.

In 2013, the First Presidency announced that both women's sessions would combine into a single meeting for women 8 years old and older.

On Oct. 27, 2017, a letter from the First Presidency was sent to church leadership regarding additional changes to priesthood and women's sessions of General Conference. The letter, which was read to congregations worldwide, explained these consolidations.

"Beginning in April 2018, the general women's session will no longer be held on the Saturday preceding the other sessions of general conference. Rather, the general priesthood and general women's sessions will each be held annually," the letter reads.

Instead of holding both sessions in April and October, the First Presidency letter explains that the general women's session will now be held in October while the general priesthood session will be held in April. Both

sessions will take place the Saturday night following the first two sessions of General Conference.

According to the letter, the purpose of the change was to fulfill the goals of the church by "reducing and simplifying the work of the church and the demands made upon leaders and members."

"We are confident this change will be a blessing in the lives of members throughout the church," the First Presidency said in the letter.

According to an article by Deseret News, the impact this change makes will affect the lives of many members of the church and their experience with General Conference.

"The announced schedule changes will enable all church members to join together twice a year in a single conference weekend," said Ruth Todd, a former church spokeswoman, in an interview with the Deseret News. "It feels, to me, simpler, more efficient and more unified as we worship globally."

The general women's session will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. MDT.

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New grant programs offer more student opportunities

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He also said the university holds a resources planning meeting each year where colleges submit a request to the President's Council for grant money they feel they need. In this way, colleges will essentially apply for their portion of the grant money each year. Colleges will then report how they used the money, and Harker said he assumes decisions will be made each year based on how effectively those funds were used.

In addition, Harker said donors still play an important role, but the distribution channels have shifted a step closer to students by having individual colleges approve grant proposals from within their programs.

More student opportunities

One example of new, individual grant programs is in the College of Humanities. BYU art history professor Elliott Wise said the College of Humanities has created BYU Humanities Undergraduate Mentoring (HUM) grants, which he has heard will keep essentially the same protocol and application processes of ORCA. The HUM grants are eligible for up to \$1,200 rather than \$1,500 in the ORCA program. Wise attributes this to the college trying to give more opportunities to more students. The HUM grants do not include a \$300 faculty award given to mentors under the ORCA system.

He said that in the ORCA system, there were concerns that certain types of projects were receiving funding more frequently than other types of projects, such as someone with a science and technology background approving more projects that fell within their expertise. Therefore, an advantage of project proposals staying within their own colleges is they will be considered by "a very sympathetic audience" of people who

understand the merits of the proposed project.

However, Wise also expressed concern that since project proposals are now college-specific, there may not be as much crossover between disciplines, such as a history student in the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences seeking mentoring for an art history project, which would fall within the College of Humanities.

Overall, though, he thinks the new grant system is "a smart move," and hopes grant projects are one of the best experiences students have at BYU.

Wise, who received ORCA grants twice during his undergraduate years at BYU, said grant programs provide students with a "wonderful kind of independence" to bring their field of study outside the classroom.

"It says so much about our university," Wise said. "And the donors that they're willing to invest in undergraduates, which is a group that does not get the same kind of investment that graduate students get. I just think (grant programs are) one of the best things that BYU does."

Police Beat

BYU

DRUGS

Sept. 24 - Police arrested an individual off campus who was wanted for stealing backpacks and wallets. The individual possessed drugs.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sept. 26 - A third party reported an assault that occurred this summer near the Heritage Center Building. An investigation was instigated.

THEFT

Sept. 21 - An individual reported a lost student ID card was being used to make vending machine purchases.

TRESPASSING AND MISCHIEF

Sept. 27 - An officer responded to a report of a homeless individual sleeping in the Life Sciences Building.

Sept. 27 - A vehicle was hit with a water balloon or cup of ice and water. The vehicle was not damaged.

PROVO

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Sept. 27 - An officer struck a 15-year-old boy with his patrol car at 200 E. 300 South. The boy was admitted to a local hospital with serious leg injuries. The Utah Highway Patrol has opened an investigation.

Sept. 26 - An 82-year-old man was struck and killed by a car at State Street and Riverside Avenue.

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Ari Davis

Elder M. Russell Ballard exits the Conference Center with his wife, Barbara Ballard, following the Sunday Afternoon session of conference in October 2016.

Barbara Ballard, wife of President M. Russell Ballard, dies at 86

By JENNA ALTON

Barbara Bowen Ballard, wife of acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve President M. Russell Ballard, died in her Salt Lake City home on Oct. 1. She was 86.

Mormonnewsroom.org announced Sister Ballard's death. No cause of death was given, but the press release says Sister Ballard faced a long battle with health problems, including Alzheimer's, "with her characteristic grace and sense of humor."

"Without the help and direction of Barbara, our family relationships would not have been as happy and fulfilling as they were," President Ballard said about his wife. "Barbara is a treasure for our family forever. We honor her for her constant love, good judgment, and counsel."

"My dear wife, Barbara, has had an eternally significant influence on our daughters and granddaughters — and they, in turn, on her."

M. Russell Ballard
Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve

President and Sister Ballard were married on Aug. 28, 1951, in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Sister Ballard was the mother of seven children, 43 grandchildren and 90

great-grandchildren.

President Ballard has frequently spoken about his wife during his General Conference addresses, noting her influence on their family as a faithful mother.

"My dear wife, Barbara, has had an eternally significant influence on our daughters and granddaughters — and they, in turn, on her," he said in a 2010 address titled "Mothers and Daughters."

BYU-Idaho named Sister Ballard the Exemplary Woman of the Year in 2002, citing her dedication to her family, church and community.

According to mormonnewsroom.org, funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 8 at noon at the Monument Park Stake Center, 1320 S. Wasatch Dr., Salt Lake City. A public viewing will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., also at the stake center.

Printing plays critical role in spreading gospel



Holly Ferguson



Crandall Museum

Left: Jim Watkins applies ink to printing plates at the Crandall Historical Printing Museum in Provo. Right: This Gutenberg press replica stands as the only working one of its kind in the world.

By HOLLY FERGUSON

The television turns on and is tuned to BYUtv. The choir starts to sing as the camera pans over flowers. Thousands of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints tune in worldwide to listen to General Conference, not paying much thought to the ease of their enjoyment.

Early church members did not have such easy access to church addresses. Rather than in-hand apps or satellite broadcasting, early church members had to receive the word of God in person or in text.

The church was founded in 1830 by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and although printing presses — which have been around since the 1440s — were available, they weren't readily accessible at the time, according to the church's website.

The first General Conference occurred on June 9, 1830, but was not published in print until 1850 when George D. Watt transcribed the talks for the Deseret News, according to the church's website. The first conference radio broadcast did not occur until 1923, followed by television in 1949.

Since 1850, printed reports have served an important role in spreading conference talks to the world, similar to the Book of Mormon.

According to the church's website, Joseph Smith spent an estimated 65 days translating the Book of Mormon before it came time to print. He later made a deal with Palmyra, New York, printer Egbert B. Grandin to print 5,000 copies of the religious book.

The Book of Mormon was first sold in the Grandin bookstore in March 1830. Almost 150 years later, the printing shop was restored as a historical site owned by the church, according to their website.

The Crandall Historical Printing Museum in Provo experimented with printing 5,000 copies of the Book of Mormon the same way they were printed in 1830, according to the museum's website.

The Crandall museum opened in 1998 and is home to "the only working Gutenberg press in the world," according to a plaque affixed to the building. Guests can tour the museum to learn more about the history of printing, from the creation of the Gutenberg press up to the printing of the Book of Mormon.

Museum tour guide Jim Watkins said the Gutenberg press has had a big impact on the church's ability to mass-produce printed texts.

"Gutenberg invented the movable metal type and it has had an effect on the world from the founding of America and to the Book of Mormon," he said. "Without this, we wouldn't have the Book of Mormon. Until this was invented, they were still handwriting things with quill pens."

The museum also holds a 1700s English Common Press and an Acorn Hand Press, according to their website. The Acorn Press was used to print the Book of Mormon replicas.

"The printer is an exact replica of the one that printed the Book of Mormon. They took the original press, took everything apart and cast it. In those casts they made two or three presses," Watkins said.

Brigham Young University classes — like history of graphic design — often bring students to the museum to learn about the printing of early church documents.

"It all started in the age of technology. Printing helped get the information out in the world for people. It helped to get these things invented," Watkins said.

Campus News



David N. Weidman



Jill Crandell



Melba Latu, Kaha Nui keynote speaker



Kenneth L. Alford

MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF Business

David N. Weidman, a retired chairman and CEO of Celanese Corporation, received the 2018 International Executive of the Year award by the Marriott School of Business. In his speech, Weidman told students to develop traits of integrity, knowledge and persistence to have success in their practice.

COLLEGE OF Family, Home and Social Sciences

Professor **Jill Crandell** from the Center for Family History and Genealogy will be featured on a radio broadcast in

between General Conference sessions to discuss the Military Repatriation Project. The story "Returning Remains: Using today's technology to find yesterday's missing heroes" will highlight the program's research to find relatives of missing soldiers dating back to WWII. The program will air on October 6 at noon MDT.

DAVID O. MCKAY SCHOOL OF Education

The BYU David O. McKay School of Education sponsored a Kaha Nui Summit on Sept. 19. Held annually, this year's summit focused on the theme, "koau eni," which is Tongan for "It is me. I am here. I am ready." Throughout

the event, BYU's Polynesian undergraduate students were inspired to reach their full potential and take full advantage of the opportunities presented them at BYU.

HAROLD B. LEE Library

Church History and Doctrine professor **Kenneth L. Alford** will present a lecture at the HBL on Oct. 10. As part of the L. Tom Perry Special Collections' Archives Month activities, "Calvin S. Smith — Utah Fighting Chaplain" in the Great War" will tell the captivating story of the son of a former church president and American hero, Calvin S. Smith.

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J. Scott Miller

Dean, College of Humanities

J. Scott Miller is a professor of Japanese and comparative literature in the College of Humanities, of which he now serves as dean. He grew up in northern Utah, served a mission in Japan, received his BA from BYU in comparative literature, studied at Tsukuba University in Japan, and then earned his MA and PhD in East Asian studies from Princeton University. He was an associate professor of Japanese at Colgate University in upstate New York prior to coming to Provo.

At BYU he has served in a number of administrative positions, including Honors Program director, codirector of the International Cinema program, and department chair of Asian and Near Eastern Languages. His favorite classes to teach include a course on Asian literary traditions and a civilization course on world literatures.

Professor Miller and his wife, Judy, are the parents of two children—a daughter studying at BYU and a son studying at Vanderbilt University.

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Muslim student Laith Hababbeh answers a submitted question read by Co-president Arianna Davidson (left) while other panelists, Evelyn Camat-Cristomo, Jatinder Singh, Jack Bohm and Sam Aden listen.

Interfaith Club creates inclusive community

By ANNE WALLACE

BYU has a student body where over 98 percent of the population are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Non-Latter-day Saint students started the BYU Interfaith Club to give minority students a voice and foster understanding between Latter-day Saint students and students from other religious backgrounds.

The BYU Interfaith Club hosted a panel discussion on Sept. 19 in the Wilkinson Student Center to answer questions about their experiences going to BYU as members of other faiths.

Club Co-president Arianna Davidson, who dubbed herself a “BYJew,” read questions submitted by the audience, which were then answered by five club members of different religious and cultural backgrounds. There was a wide range of cultures represented, some panelists came from within the United States, while others were international students from Jordan and India. The religious beliefs represented were equally diverse, from other forms of Christianity, to agnostic, to Sikhism.

The panelists said they came to BYU because of their respect and admiration for BYU’s

academic and sports programs and their desire to follow the Honor Code. They expressed a love for BYU but also a desire for an overall improvement in relationships, culture and interfaith understanding.

Evelyn Camat-Cristomo, who identifies as a non-denominational Christian, said, “Regardless of whether you’re Latter-day Saint or anything else, it’s really important to listen to each other and share your hearts with each other.”

She called for a greater amount of understanding and appreciation for religious diversity from BYU students.

“I really think that the need to fit in is something that everybody feels regardless of what they believe or what you know, where they’re from, their heritage, the color of their skin,” Camat-Cristomo said when asked if fitting in at BYU is difficult for non-Latter-day Saint students.

“Dating. It doesn’t really exist if you’re not LDS,” another non-denominational Christian, Sam Aden said. He encouraged all students to build friendships rather than focus only on dating.

Multiple panelists expressed their irritation with BYU’s dating culture. Muslim student Laith Hababbeh rolled his eyes and said, “I don’t want to talk about it,” when the question of dating came up.

Attending BYU as a member of a different faith has helped the panelists grow in their own beliefs, despite frequent efforts by Latter-day Saint students to convert them, Hababbeh said.

“Is there an ulterior motive behind the friendships and relationships? It’s something you have to have in the back of your mind,” Aden said. “Do you really want to know me or do you actually just want me to come to church?”

Jack Bohm, an agnostic student, said what changed everything for him was realizing people were trying to convert him out of love.

“I think what’s really important is to get as much diversity of belief in your life as possible because that’ll lead to the richest life. And I think ultimately it will bring you the most happiness,” Bohm said. “The time you have here is only a mistake if you don’t learn anything from it.”

Bohm said attending BYU opened his mind, and he said he has learned much in his time here about faith and belief.

He said his own beliefs empower him to question everything and to be comfortable with not knowing while still remaining open to possibilities.

UVU chaplain Linda Walton and BYU chaplain James Slaughter attended. Walton said they hope to start an intercollegiate interfaith club composed of students from Utah County colleges. She encouraged those interested to visit the Utah Valley Interfaith website.

Walton plans to host interfaith service activities because she’s seen, despite differences in faith, people tend to share the belief that service is key to being a good person.

“We’ve found the one thing we can all agree upon is charity,” Walton said.

Canyoneering an unexpected business school class



Dallin Connell

Teaching assistants Alex Temus (left) and Dallin Connell (right) scout canyons to use for the canyoneering class in the Marriott School of Business. Scan the photo with the Universe Plus app for a Portuguese translation of the story.



By HOLLY FERGUSON

It’s 3:55 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and students are starting to line up outside of room W208 of the Tanner Building. The teacher opens up the doors, and they rush in eagerly waiting for the professor to read their name.

Finally, after going through what feels like dozens of names, the class is filled. With sighs of disappointment, several students leave while others feel a rush of relief knowing they secured a spot in this highly-coveted class.

A lot of students relate to this sense of urgency when trying to add the canyoneering class, (EXDM 223R), which is offered by the Experience Design and Management Department in the Marriott School of Business. The class capacity fills up fast, and some students join the waitlist up to a year in advance.

According to the Experience Design and Management front desk secretaries, students are told to arrive on the first day of class 10 minutes early to help increase their chances of getting into the class. The professor then reads off the names on the first day, and whoever is there to claim the code, gets a guaranteed spot.

This fall, the waitlist for the class was 134 students long with only 15–20 spots offered for students to fill, according to the Experience Design and Management secretaries.

Peter Ward, associate professor in the department of Experience Design and Management, currently teaches canyoneering during the winter semester and said the course largely consists of in-class instruction. Students meet weekly to go over climbing

gear and learn the ins and outs of the sport.

“(It is) exploring canyons primarily along the Colorado Plateau. So, when we say canyons, we are referring to southern Utah-type, deep ... slot canyons to the use of technical means, primarily being ropes and climbing gear,” Ward said.

Dallin Connell — a strategic management student and class TA — helps Ward prepare for out-of-class excursions into the canyons.

“Canyoneering is the exploration of low points. It involves hiking, sometimes swimming, rappelling. It’s getting from point A to point B when there is no easy path,” he said.

Students can do things that are not offered in other types of curriculum when they sign up for the class. This fact helps to separate this course from others in the Marriott School.

“I’ve been in quite a few of these Experience Design courses, and the interesting thing is these courses are not all about the activity,” Connell said. “It’s about finding balance. It’s about becoming more well-rounded.”

Canyoneering serves an integral purpose in the learning process for business students, regardless of the fact that it is different from traditional business courses.

“I think it’s a needed part of the Marriott School. You could say all of us in the Marriott School need these classes because of what they do,” Connell said. “These classes have been specifically designed for the students and are giving us an outlet, or a way to experience a new skill that you don’t get in most business.”

Alex Temus, another TA, said canyoneering is needed because it helps students overcome

obstacles, develop trust, and expand their self-reliance in difficult situations.

“It opens the students’ eyes to realize that while they are here at BYU, they have the opportunity to do more than study. They have the opportunity to discover and appreciate the outdoors,” he said.

Students embark on a two-day trip toward the end of the semester where they can implement the skills they learned in the lecture setting.

Colter Stewart, a student who previously took the course in Spring 2018, said he signed up for the class the moment he found out about it.

“The end of class field trip was amazing. I loved being able to apply the skills we learned all term in the canyons and enjoy the world from a whole new viewpoint,” he said.

The class also provides an opportunity for Experience Design and Management students to develop skills they will use in the workforce.

“We are a very academic, very vibrant department that teaches students how to create face-to-face experiences for people using design thinking inside of a business setting,” Ward said.

Ward said the department is fortunate enough to have a history of housing these types of classes, such as rock climbing.

Even though the department holds these classes, any BYU student can join regardless of their major if they contact the office.

“We need balance in life and this is one way to reduce stress and learn something new,” Temus said. “I think it’s just the look on a friend’s face when she tells you that this is going to be the coolest class you ever take, that convinces you to take it. It’s hard to explain exactly why, but it is absolutely incredible.”

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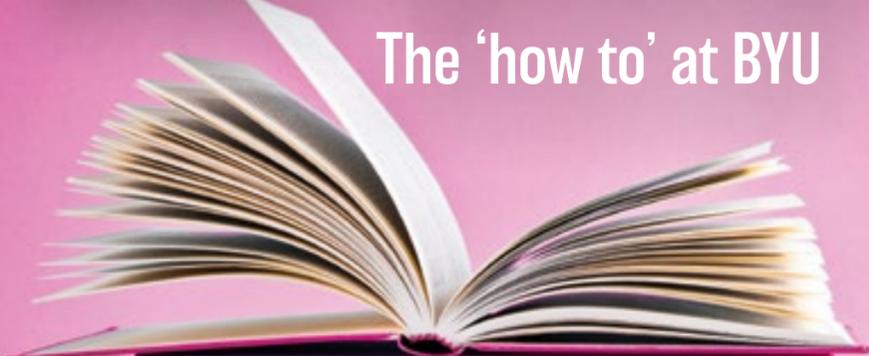
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Church, community advocate for suicide prevention



Mormon Newsroom

Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints addresses the media at a press conference on Jan. 17 announcing Utah Gov. Gary Herbert's Teen Suicide Prevention Task Force.

By ANDREW ZAUGG

Utah had the fifth highest rate of teen suicide in the nation in 2016. Utah's rates were increasing nearly four times faster than the national average.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — with Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles — has since made an effort to combat the suicide crisis by partnering with community leaders for a series of initiatives.

Gov. Gary Herbert created a special task force of influential people in the state of Utah to develop solutions to the teen suicide issue on Jan. 17. Elder Rasband joined the task force to represent the church.

"We must all come together to face this issue," Elder Rasband told the Deseret News. "There is more power in a chorus than in a single voice."

Two days after the task force was created, the church sent a letter to all church leadership outlining existing resources to help with suicide prevention. The church's suicide prevention website was also updated to include resources to help those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, who want to help and who have lost a loved one.

After roughly a month of deliberation, the task force

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Elder Ronald A. Rasband
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

presented a list of recommendations to the governor on Feb. 20 at the Utah Capitol building. A dove release accompanied the presentation of the recommendations, representing hope for people afflicted with mental illness.

On April 24, Herbert signed several bills into law that resulted from the task force. Elder Rasband presented a \$150,000 check on behalf of the church to the governor's suicide prevention fund at the signing, according to Mormon-Newsroom.org.

"We want to raise awareness regarding the governor's suicide prevention fund, and we hope this will prompt others who feel a desire to support these efforts," Elder Rasband said in a news release.

The church also released several videos in early July to shed more light on suicide and give hope to those struggling.

In these videos, Elder Dale G. Renlund of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles encourages others to reach out in love to those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

The videos also include Elder Renlund clarifying doctrinal questions, giving hope to those who have lost loved ones.

"The old sectarian notion that suicide is a sin and that someone who commits suicide is banished to hell forever is totally false," he said.

On Sept. 7, the church asked its members across the nation to come together and pray for those who have had their lives affected by suicide as part of a National Weekend of Prayer for Faith, Hope, and Life, according to a news release.

Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr., a General Authority Seventy, was present at the Utah Capitol to promote the weekend of prayer and show the church's continued dedication to addressing suicide.

"I pray for those who feel marginalized and alone that they will know they are our brothers and sisters," Elder Curtis said at the event. "Their struggle is our struggle."

Most recently, on Sept. 24, the church released a new video titled "Choose to Stay" which follows the story of a teenage boy contemplating suicide.

Instead of succumbing to pain and stress, the boy reaches out to loved ones, prayer and medical professionals to find peace.



Dani Jardine

Sister missionaries walk through the hall of the Provo Missionary Training Center on their way to class. Changes to missionary schedules include more flexibility.

Updated missionary schedules accommodate local culture

By CHELSY KIM

At a nearby stake center in Madrid, Spain, Karissa Karlen — a set-apart missionary — sat in shock after viewing the worldwide missionary training broadcast which announced changes to the missionary schedule.

According to Church News, nearly 71,000 missionaries in over 400 missions of the church gathered on Jan. 15, 2017 to view the broadcast implementing various changes.

Missionaries, under the direction of their mission presidents, can customize their schedules to accommodate the culture of the respective mission.

Elder Brent H. Nielson, General Authority Seventy and executive director of the Missionary Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, explained the reasoning behind these changes in an interview with Church News.

"You may be serving in a country where that schedule will not particularly work for

the culture where you live," he said.

Elder Nielson also said these changes will create a "net effect that missionaries will actually be out working an hour and a half more each day."

Karlen, a junior studying special education at BYU, served her mission from January 2016 to July 2017 when the missionary schedule changes took place.

"The change to lunch and dinner hours of the missionary schedule was really nice. In Spain, people like to take their time eating lunch, so it was exciting to be able to spend more time with them," she said.

Changes to the missionary schedule were approved by the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

The older missionary schedule required all missionaries to wake up by 6:30 a.m., exercise, get ready, have personal and companionship study before proselyting and then return home at 9 p.m.

However, missionaries now — depending on the culture and mission president — have the flexibility to begin their work

earlier or later in the day. Another adjustment includes allowing personal, companionship and language study at any time throughout the day.

In 2017, Young Women general president and member of the Missionary Executive Council, Sister Bonnie L. Oscarson, talked to Church News about these changes.

"The thing I love about this new schedule is that it allows the missionaries to exercise their agency to determine how to best use their time," Sister Oscarson said.

Missionaries strive to fulfill their purpose of inviting others to come unto Christ, by learning to adapt to the changes of the new schedule.

In an interview conducted by Church News, then Elder Dallin Miller from Tucson, Arizona, said the changes have helped missionaries focus on the spirit, rather than a strict schedule.

"We are able to maximize our time and efficiency in order to find the people that God and angels are preparing to hear this gospel message," he said. "It's a great time to be a missionary."

MIXTAPE

"Only For A Moment"
Arkells
Only For A Moment

In recent years, the rock genre has seemingly been struggling to find a course to chart. Unfazed, the Arkells have planted their flag as one of Canada's premier modern alt-rock voices. "Only For A Moment" (Released on 9/21/18) is part of the Arkell's latest installment that deserves more attention. Formed in 2006, the Arkells are known for their award-winning multi-genre blending sound, as well as their politically charged, passionate live concerts.

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"Better"
Khalid
Better

Khalid got his start in high school writing/posting his songs on SoundCloud. By the age of 18, Khalid's first hit "Location" climbed into Billboard's Top 10 R&B chart and he has been a fixture there ever since. Dedicated to his hometown of El Paso, TX, his brand new song, "Better" (released 9/14/18), sticks to his brand of producing pop-friendly, modern R&B that blends his smooth vocals with a chill trap backing.

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the janitor on the 10th floor of the swkt sings showtunes every night as he cleans the bathrooms and tonight I accidentally ran into him and he was embarrassed so I started singing with him and now we're two tracks into Wicked

@mariahkreeves

Just found out the only person from church who's tried to be my friend was recently called to "minister" to me, so on a scale from 1 to nobody cares about you how are y'all feeling tonight? 🙄

@Heath10e

700 N is the reason I won't send my kids to BYU.

@AdelineYorgason

"How's everybody doing? Are you all okay?" -@hankrsmith
Some girl: "Medium-low"
...like that's where your battery is at? Cause same.
@HeardAtBYU

@CaidenPermenter

"I was supposed to work out this morning but couldn't get myself up"
"...I was supposed to workout all summer..."
@HeardAtBYU

@sammy_smiless

I love when missionaries get back from their mission and post songs that came out 16 months ago and be like "omg have you guys heard Beyoncé's new stuff?"

@LatterdayLikes

When a kid in nursery bears their testimony into the mic

@BYU_MARB

aaaAahaaaaa.a aaaaaaaaAaaaaHA

@ARsondag

When Michael Scott said "I'm going through a little bit of a rough patch. The whole year actually" I really felt that

@lexi_torg

"I'm gonna use a meme reference in my testimony. Moths are happy when they're around light, and as members of the church - we should be happy when we look for the light of Christ." @HeardAtBYU

@Skylars_awesome

"Provo's air quality sucks right now, but at least I have a legitimate excuse for not exercising" @HeardAtBYU

@k_toone

So how do we figure out if the person helping us over the phone at @byuoft is single

@poetickate

help me obi wan kenobi, i can't figure out if the old lady next to me on the frontrunner is asleep or dead

@yupimmormon

In my Judaism and Islam class discussing the Israeli and Palestinian conflict:
Teacher: I have some wonderful friends from both sides that are diametrically opposed
Classmate next to me: Foes!
#Hamilton has struck again

@shelbyellz

Girls from Utah say seriousleigh not seriously

@soccer_emmafors

Music 101
"Accordions belong in Outer Darkness"
@HeardAtBYU

@StaceyHarkey

"I get my grades for the semester and failed all my classes"
Me:

@masonramsey

I'm gonna start selling potato salad

@emreemoody

Freshmen should have their own corner of campus, their own library so we can limit interaction with them
@HeardAtBYU

@godfrey_felice

@HeardAtBYU "guy dropping off date" "So do you have plans for watching General Conference yet or?" #conferenceandchill

@sierra_bresh

"Dude, was she like, propose-on-the-first-date material?!" @HeardAtBYU

@darburst

professor: in the bible, you went to family reunions to look for a wife
kid next to me: they do that in alabama too
@HeardAtBYU

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[READERS' FORUM]

Linguistic differences

Educators of the English language focus too much on things like race, gender and ethnicity, but they forget how big of a role social class plays on linguistic differences.

In your article it talks about how education of language — without addressing the issues that social classes bring, such as privilege, or the lack there of — can reinforce the differences in class and sometimes make the barriers between people of different social classes stronger and harder to break. For example, when I was in high school (and even now in college) I have seen this play out. In my high school English class, I noticed a trend in grades. Other than a few outliers, I noticed that kids who were of a higher social class were getting better grades because their vernacular was basically used as the rubric for how the teachers graded everybody's papers.

Just because someone does not have the same way of communication as others does not mean their grades should suffer. How are the less fortunate supposed to learn and progress if they are told the way they speak and communicate is inferior to people who are of a higher social class? I challenge everyone to break down the social class barriers and appreciate the way everyone decides to express themselves. I also challenge educators to not focus on the words used but to look at the message being sent by what is being said and encourage everyone to be themselves in their writing.

—Benjamin Taylor
Omaha, Illinois

Personal pronouns

It is long past time for the general public to adopt the use of the singular "they" in formal writing. The generic "he" has long been decreed as sexist language, which is a great first step. However, the solutions to the generic "he" are awkward: "he/she" is difficult to use in long sentences, and most sentences are too convoluted when changing to a plural or a second person subject.

The switch from these alternatives to the singular "they" would be simple, especially since people already use the singular "they" in common speech. We use it all the time! While some prescriptivists might argue that this is only because speakers don't always know where their sentences will end when they begin speaking, the fact is that most English speakers already use to singular "they," and they're not caught off-guard when they hear it. In fact, it has been used in writing for hundreds of years, by writers such as Shakespeare, Thackeray, and Stein.

Regardless of who has used it the singular "they" is especially useful when referring to words such as "everyone," which are singular grammatically but plural in connotation, or when referring to a subject whose gender is not known. Beyond that, it is essential to make room in our vocabulary for people who might not comfortably identify as male or female. Language has always been the tool of the oppressor—I believe it is time for that to change. I urge all formal written media to adopt the use of the singular "they" so other English speakers can follow their lead.

—Kristen Evans
Yorktown, Virginia

[UNIVERSE EDITORIAL: FLIPPED CLASSROOM]

In a traditional classroom setting, instruction occurs in class and activities that reinforce instruction occur outside of class.

Some classrooms have adopted a "flipped" approach where the bulk of instruction occurs outside of class. Practice problems and other activities typically reserved for homework occur inside the classroom, while students pursue instruction outside of class time. Often, this instruction happens through online videos or in-depth readings.

This approach robs students of a valuable learning resource: the expertise of their professors. Instruction delivered outside the classroom must be pre-made — it is static. A student who does not understand a concept may not raise his hand and interrupt a YouTube video.

In a traditional classroom setting, students can interact with their instructor. Professors can answer

questions. They can tailor the direction of lectures to the needs of the class.

In a flipped classroom, professors can only adapt to class members after instruction has already occurred. The talents of professors are better used to prevent misunderstandings than to react to them.

In communications theory, a distinction exists between two-way, symmetric communication and one-way, asymmetric communication. Flipped classrooms are asymmetric. Traditional classrooms are symmetric. Students can communicate questions and comments to their teachers freely.

An education at BYU is incredibly valuable because of the unique expertise of its faculty. This resource is squandered in flipped classrooms. It would be tragic to reduce highly qualified professors to practice problem coaches, a role traditionally played by teaching assistants.

[OPINION OUTPOST]

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from national news sources.

Immigrant children

How to best handle the cases of unaccompanied minors has perplexed immigration authorities since the Obama administration. But the current crowding is not the result of some dramatic increase in the number of children stealing across the southern border. In fact the influx is no greater now than it has been for the past two years.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Iran and Syria

So the good news is, President Trump is not planning to start a war with Iran in Syria without congressional authorization. The bad news is, his administration still lacks a realistic policy for ending the ongoing conflict and the threat that it, and Iran's presence, pose to vital U.S. interests.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

FBI investigations

A week is not a great deal of time to run down the truth about things alleged to have occurred years or decades ago. If the agency says it needs more time to make a valid report, the Senate should grant it. But the fact that the Senate leadership has agreed to even this much of a stand-down, when as recently as Friday (Sept. 30) morning they were insisting on a final vote as early as Monday (Oct. 1), is progress.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Climate change

Humanity is spinning pell-mell toward self-inflicted disaster, and the largest economy in the world — the country with the second highest industrial output — has official policies to ignore it. Indeed, the U.S. plans to add to the problem for the sake of short-term energy sector financial gains. Whether Trump's policies are bred of ignorance or cynicism, they push the nation — and the planet — into ever-more dangerous territory.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Utah homelessness

While strides have been made in raising awareness of long-term homelessness, the jury is still out on whether that problem is truly abating. A recent Utah Policy poll shows 45 percent of Salt Lake City residents feel the problem has remained the same, while roughly a quarter believe it's gotten worse. Perception and reality don't always match, but it's in the state's best interests to clearly enunciate its intentions for the shelter in light of public concern over whether the campaign is truly reducing the homeless population or merely dispersing it from the western sections of downtown.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Water usage

Utah shouldn't lose its right to Colorado River water because it hasn't used it, but it may have to accept a negotiated future where all users get less. Forty million people depend on the Colorado River, and the

greater St. George area is less than a half percent of that.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Cyber security

There's good reason for Congress to act. Addressing privacy in the digital age will involve much more than increased security and notification requirements for breaches such as the one Facebook disclosed Friday (Sept. 30), though both are crucial. Leaving the issue to states could lead to a confusing patchwork of regulations; in many cases, conforming to one locality's laws might put a firm on the wrong side of another's. But if Congress does take on data

protection, it must make sure its regime is more than a get-out-of-jail-free card for companies seeking to avoid stricter regulation.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Kavanaugh hearings

Whatever happens next, Republican lawmakers ought to tread carefully. They thus far have not covered themselves in glory in their handling of the allegations against Judge Kavanaugh. This brief pause provides them with an opportunity to start repairing some of that damage, to try to come across as — and maybe even to

actually be — more interested in the truth than in shoving through their nominee regardless of it.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Cancer research

Individual governments need to prioritize noncommunicable diseases like cancer, and work harder to provide universal health coverage; the drug and device industries need to come to the table on pricing — the technology of cancer care is expensive, but it can be made affordable.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

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Laulu-Pututau suffers ACL tear, out for the season

By AARON FITZNER

Moroni Laulu-Pututau will miss the remainder of the 2018 season with a torn ACL. The injury, which was initially credited as a knee sprain, was sustained during the first half of the 35-7 loss at the hands of the Washington Huskies on Sept. 29.

In an excerpt posted on Laulu-Pututau's Twitter account, the Hyrum, Utah, native wrote about the feelings he has on the injury.

"I have torn my ACL and will be needing surgery," he wrote. "It hurts so much more emotionally and mentally then (sic) it does physically but I won't be returning till the 2019 season."

In the first four games of the 2018 season, the Cougars' starting tight end recorded one touchdown on 14 receptions. His total of 120 yards through those four games was already more than he obtained in 12 games as a freshman. He was on pace to record 390 total yards which would have been his career high as a collegiate athlete.

"Grinding for almost two years to get to play these four games made the life of football so much more meaningful and I gotta thank God for every second," he added.

Laulu-Pututau spent his 2017 season on the sidelines as he suffered a Lisfranc fracture, an injury to the foot that involves the metatarsal bones being displaced. This is the same injury that

"This game has changed my life and gave me opportunities I couldn't dream of having."

Moroni Laulu-Pututau
BYU football tight end

impaired former BYU quarterback Taysom Hill in 2015.

Laulu-Pututau elected to sit on the sidelines and use his redshirt status for the 2017 season, which means that he will not be eligible to do so this year. He will return in 2019 as a senior.

"This game has changed my life and gave me opportunities I couldn't dream of having," Laulu-Pututau wrote. "It's also brought me to my knees and humbled me more times than I would've wished."

As it stands, the Cougars have two other tight ends that have recorded receptions during the 2018 campaign: sophomore Matt Bushman and freshman Dallin Holker. Holker, who is still seeking his first collegiate touchdown, has recorded 50 yards on seven receptions while Bushman has tallied one touchdown and 109 yards on six receptions this season.



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Brigham Young tight end Moroni Laulu-Pututau is helped up after he went down with an injury during the first half of the game against Washington, Saturday, Sept. 29 in Seattle.

Sitake says, 'Have another shot'



BYU Photo

Kalani Sitake high fives fans before entering the LaVell Edwards Stadium for the McNeese State game on Sept. 22. Sitake talked about the possibility of giving players a warning for targeting before they are ejected from a game.

Football coach shares opinion on targeting penalty

By TRÉ HARRIS

BYU's win over McNeese on Sept. 22 included a questionable hit made by a McNeese player down the sideline. BYU wide receiver Dax Milne was running to grab a Tanner Mangum pass near the end zone and got hit hard by a McNeese defensive back, helmet-to-helmet.

Initially, the play was ruled as targeting, and the McNeese player faced possible ejection. After the play was shown on the jumbotrons, fans cheered for the referees after the targeting call.

After reviewing the play and returning to the field, the referees reversed the call. They received ample boos from the crowd for this revision. Referees often air on the side of caution regarding targeting calls.

After the game, head coach Kalani Sitake was asked about the questionable call and his thoughts about the penalty. Rather than commenting on the referees and his opinion on the call, he talked about the targeting penalty in general and his opinion about how the penalty functions.

"Targeting should be like unsportsmanlike conduct where you get warned," Sitake said.

Players who receive an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty are not immediately ejected. Players can receive up to two unsportsmanlike penalties before ejection. Sitake said a penalty and a warning should be given to a player who targets before they are

ejected.

"I'm OK with getting a penalty, but I don't know if you should cut kids' playing time. Give them a warning and let them have another shot at it," Sitake said.

According to Sitake, the targeting penalty should act like an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, acting as a warning to not target again.

College players' playing time is very limited over their college careers, and Sitake made it very clear he values his players' opportunity to maximize their time on the field. After a player is ejected from a game in which they target, they also have to miss the first half of the following game. It can add up to a substantial amount of time off the field.

"You are working with men that work so hard year-round for only 12 guaranteed opportunities, and then you cut them out for a game," Sitake said. "I think it is really hard on these kids."

Two years ago in a game at Utah, BYU defensive back Kai Nacua was ejected from the game due to a targeting call. It was unclear if he even touched heads with the Utah wide receiver he hit — a major focal point of calling a targeting penalty — and was ejected from the game. He had two interceptions before being ejected, and the Cougars went on to lose the game by a single point.

The targeting penalty has been around for a few years, but the automatic ejection after targeting came to fruition in 2013. The NCAA football rule book describes targeting as any "forcible contact with the crown" of the helmet. The rule also includes forcible contact in the head or neck area of any defenseless player.

Lee Dorsett, high school football

coach of 20 years, said he feels the targeting penalty may compromise the foundation of what football is built upon.

"I think being physical and being ejected is taking away from the fundamental foundation that the game is built on," Dorsett said. "Ninety percent of the Hall of Fame players would not have been able to step on the field."

This penalty has changed the dynamic of the game in college and how many players tackle in their games.

Former football player Cameron Harris experienced various concussions in athletics. He described what it is like to have a concussion and how it can affect everyday life.

"I avoided bright lights, watching TV, and I got plenty of rest," Harris said. "My coach wanted me in earlier because I didn't appear injured, but I knew playing early wasn't right."

Despite the concussions, Harris said he feels that a player should never be ejected for targeting unless it is "incredibly intentional."

Although Harris received some of his concussions from other sports beside football, the NCAA is attempting to keep players from receiving these types of injuries.

"We are willing to give an excuse to the guy with a planned celebration but we won't for a guy that makes a mistake. No one is trying to hurt anybody here," Sitake said.

His view takes a different approach on how to handle helmet-to-helmet contact in college football. He also expressed that a warning given to a player may help them play differently throughout the game.

"I think they might play a little softer and be a bit more mindful of the hits," Sitake said.



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Los Angeles Chargers running back Austin Ekeler, left, hauls in a touchdown pass while under pressure from San Francisco 49ers linebacker Fred Warner during the first half of an NFL game, Sunday, Sept. 30, in Carson, California.

Warner, Hill stand out in week 4



By JACKSON PAYNE

Taysom Hill (2012-2016)

The former Cougar quarterback continued to do it all for the New Orleans Saints, whether it be returning kicks, running the ball, throwing passes, catching passes or making tackles on special teams. In a 33-18 victory over the New York Giants, Hill carried the ball four times for 28 yards, including a 19-yard dash on a read-option quarterback keeper. Hill also recorded his first professional completion on a fake punt, 10-yard pass for a first down and a 16-yard kick return.

Fred Warner (2014-2017)

For the fourth consecutive week, the rookie linebacker recorded double-digit tackles with 10 in a 29-27 loss

against the Los Angeles Chargers. Warner currently ranks third in the league with 43 total tackles in the season.

Kyle Van Noy (2010-2013)

Van Noy made four tackles in a 38-7 routing of the Miami Dolphins, currently leading the Patriots with 20 total tackles on the season. Van Noy also recovered a fumble in the contest.

Jamaal Williams (2012-2016)

Williams ran for 27 yards on 11 carries for the Packers, including an 11-yard run in a 22-0 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Michael Davis (2013-2016)

The Los Angeles Chargers' cornerback played mostly special teams and recorded a tackle and forced a fumble in a 29-27 victory over Warner's 49ers.

John Denney (2001-2004)

The Miami Dolphins' long snapper snapped for punts and an extra point in a 38-7 loss to Van Noy's Patriots. Denney also made two assisted tackles on special teams.

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Women's soccer sets four-year winning streak against Utah

By RACHEL KEELER

BYU women's soccer team set a four-year winning streak against Utah with its 3-2 win on Sept. 7. The team has now won 17 of their last 23 matches against their in-state rival.

"It was a great team effort for us to get that last goal. It felt good to finally put it away and for us to come off the field with the win."

Madie Siddoway Gates
Forward

Though Utah is BYU's in-state rival, Head Coach Jennifer Rockwood said, the team doesn't prepare any differently to play

against Utah than it does for any other team.

"If you start preparing too much for rivalry games then sometimes your emotions can go up and down," Rockwood said. "We really try to focus on the game just in front of us and try to prepare mentally the same way for each game."

Forward Lytiana Akinaka said she knew it was going to be an intense and difficult game because of the in-state rivalry, but that didn't deter the team.

"We wanted it more," Akinaka said. "We were determined to win."

The game was a fighting battle — a scoreless first half and then a tie (2-2) until the 84th minute when forward Madie Siddoway Gates finally put away the last goal that claimed the match.

"We thought we kind of had it in hand," Rockwood said. "That's why soccer is such a crazy sport, it can change so quickly. I'm really proud of the way we continued to battle and didn't give up."

Rockwood has been the coach



Madie Siddoway Gates fights an opponent in an attempt to score a goal to break the 2-2 tie in the Deseret First Duel against Utah.

since 1995 and has seen this team evolve over time. She said one of the ways players have achieved teamwork is through their commitment.

"It's the commitment to the team and to each other, to support one another and stay positive," Rockwood said. "We have some great leaders on our team.

We spend a lot of time together, and we're all trying to make sure that the team is successful."

Gates, the only senior on the team, has been a part of the

four-year winning streak since it began. It's been an exciting run, according to Gates.

"(The team's) culture is really good right now," Gates said. "I feel like everyone is equal and respected and holds each other accountable."

Gates' first goal for BYU was in the Utah game during her freshman year. She said it has come full circle after scoring the winning goal against Utah in her last year.

"It was a great team effort for us to get that last goal. It felt good to finally put it away and for us to come off the field with the win," Gates said. "I was pretty excited after I scored it. I was exhausted, but very thrilled."

BYU women's soccer's next game is slated for Monday, Oct. 6 against San Diego. The following, Oct. 13 against Pepperdine. Both are away. The team has played 11 matches so far this season, two of which were conference play. The team is currently ranked 30 in the nation with a record of six wins, three losses and one draw.

Student Athlete Academic Center focuses on the student

By JENAE HYDE

BYU basketball freshman Zack Peterson spends eight or more hours on the third floor of the Student Athlete Building, but not for sports. He has required study hall hours.

All BYU first-year athletes, which includes freshmen, transfer students and returned missionaries, have required study hall hours in the Student Athlete Academic Center located on the third floor of the Student Athlete Building (SAB).

"It's been a little bit challenging because, in high school, I didn't read too much since we didn't have very much reading, but now we have a lot," Peterson said about the transition from high school to college. "It's helped to have the (Student Athlete) Academic Center open and study hours. My coach likes us to have a 3.0 (GPA) or higher, so it helps our team keep up academically."

The Student Athlete Academic Center provides athletes

with academic resources such as academic advising, career counseling and testing, community service opportunities, a computer lab, group study sessions, laptop computers, leadership opportunities, adult and peer mentoring, sports psychology, study facilities and tutoring.

These resources are to help student athletes excel in their classes, considering they devote the same amount of time to BYU athletics that a part-time job would require.

"That's one of the reasons why we put a large effort into providing resources," said Jim Hamblin, an academic advisor to BYU football and men and women's golf.

When discussing the caliber of BYU's incoming freshman class that averaged around a 29 ACT score, Hamblin said, "I refuse to apologize for the resources that are made available to the student athletes. Any student on this campus can find a tutor or go to an academic advisor. Any student on campus can find the exact same stuff that we're doing here, they just have to go find it."

Academic advisement, counseling and career services, first-year mentoring, psychological services, enrollment services and more are available to all BYU students. Student athletes just have them in one place to keep them on track to graduate, despite their busy schedules.

"(The outside perspective) just doesn't know what goes on in the day of an athlete," BYU baseball head coach Mike Littlewood said. "Our guys wake up at 5:30 a.m. every single day, go to weights at 6 a.m. until 7:45 a.m., have class until 1 p.m., practice from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

go to study hall right after that and before you know it, it's 7 p.m. There's just a lot going on in their lives that people don't realize. They just see the games, and that's the fun part."

However, the key function of the Student Athlete Academic Center is to keep players eligible to play or compete. Both Littlewood and Hamblin explained that the NCAA follows the academic standards of the university, meaning that if players don't make a cumulative 2.0 GPA, they are ineligible to play.

Coaches receive weekly grade reports in order to keep their athletes on track of maintaining eligibility.

"For me, if any grade is below a C, then I'll cut their practice hours, and I'll add study hall hours," Littlewood said. "If it gets to a certain point where I think they can't manage their class schedule, then I'll cut all their practice time and still make them go to weight training in the morning at 6 a.m., but they don't get to come out to practice, which is what they like to do. Instead, I make them go (to) 20 hours of study hall a week. So basically, they are living in the SAB."

Despite their athletic endeavors, the Student Athlete Academic Center staff, coaches and student athletes recognize that athletes are students above everything else and are focused on their progression in the classrooms.

"I don't think it's going to be hard, but it will be challenging because I have so much baseball," Peterson said when asked if it will be difficult meeting the NCAA and BYU required 2.0 GPA. "I'm a student athlete, so I have to get (my school work) done first because that comes first always."

Simple Bites

CREAMY SHRIMP SCAMPI PASTA

	For 1	For 2	4 or more	
	1 cup	2 cups	4 cups	raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
	1 cup	2 cups	4 cups	uncooked linguine pasta
	1 tsp	2 tsp	1 tbsp	chopped garlic
	1/2	3/4	1	medium onion, diced
	1 tbsp	2 tbsp	1/4 cup	olive oil
	1 tbsp	2 tbsp	1/4 cup	butter
	1 cup	2 cups	4 cups	chicken stock
	1/2 cup	1 cup	2 cups	cream or half and half
	1/4	1/2	1	lemon, juiced
	1 tbsp	2 tbsp	3 tbsp	cornstarch (if needed for thickening)
	1 tbsp	2 tbsp	1/4 cup	parsley
	1 cup	2 cups	4 cups	fresh spinach
	4-6	6-8	8-12	cherry or grape tomatoes cut in half
	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	2 tsp	salt
	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	2 tsp	pepper

Cook pasta according to package. Drain and set aside.

In a medium sized skillet, add olive oil and butter, heat until melted. Add onion, garlic and shrimp to skillet, sauté until onion is clear and shrimp is pink.

Season with salt and pepper.

Reduce heat and add chicken stock, cream and lemon juice.

Season with more salt and pepper if desired.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil for about 1 minute.

Add spinach and cook for about 1 minute or until wilted.

Add cornstarch mixed with a small amount of water to thicken if needed.

Add cooked pasta and mix together.

Remove from heat.

Add tomatoes and parsley and mix gently.

Serve immediately - garnish with fresh parsley if desired.

Substitute chicken for shrimp

1	2	4	boneless, skinless chicken breasts
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Season chicken with salt and pepper.

Place in skillet, sauté until brown on one side.

Turn and continue cooking until brown on the other side and the chicken is fully cooked.

Remove from pan, set aside.

Make recipe as above omitting the shrimp.

Cut chicken into bite-size pieces.

Add chicken to mixture when pasta is added.

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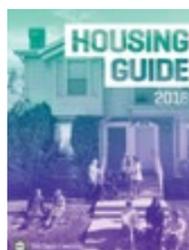
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Hymnbook revisions to unify members globally

By LAUREN LETHBRIDGE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced plans to revise its hymnbook and children's songbook in July 2018 to better serve their growing and diverse membership. The announcement included an invitation to members to submit feedback and original pieces for consideration. The announcement was one of many major initiatives announced after the April 2018 General Conference.

The revisions will produce a single hymnbook and a single children's songbook with the same hymns and songs available in multiple languages. Songs specific to certain geographical areas and languages, like the "The Star-Spangled Banner" for the United States, will be available online, according to a published notice sent to all church leaders from the church's Priesthood and Family Department.

"We desire to offer a consistent core collection of hymns and songs in every language that reflects the diverse needs of the global church in our day," said Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in an article published by Church News.



Lexie Flickinger

Janice Kapp Perry continues to write music, frequently adding to her total of 325 hymns. Anyone with a church account can submit feedback or songs to be included in a new hymnal.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints songwriter

Janice Kapp Perry said she has a personal connection with the hymnbook and children's songbook. She is well-known for writing the hymn "As Sisters in Zion" along with 10 children's hymns, including "A Child's Prayer."

She shared a past experience where music was temporarily removed from the Sunday meetings in her ward. She said the experience made her realize the importance of music in church services.

"It was a graphic example of why we sing together. It unifies us, in purpose and testimony," Kapp Perry said. "To me, music is the best way to teach the gospel."

The hymnal revision will fill doctrinal gaps, resolve

copyright issues, improve translation quality and provide better digital access, according to church officials in an article published by Church News. The new edition will make every hymnbook, regardless of country or language, consistent in hymn and hymn number. The revision is expected to take several years.

The most recent hymnbook revision took place in 1985 under the direction of President Spencer W. Kimball.

Michael Moody, who was the chairman of the Church Music Committee at the time, was appointed as head of the Hymnbook Executive Committee, which conducted and oversaw the 1985 revision. Not unlike the 2018 committee, the group was

composed of a diverse group of individuals such as a musicologist, text specialist, organist and editor.

"The executive committee was small, but we had subcommittees and a lot of field testing. Many people were involved in the design, the printing, the layout and the production," Moody said.

Moody's committee spent about two years eliminating less useful hymns, adding children's songs and removing choir songs. A 1948 committee made previous revisions.

Moody explained The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' congregations were mostly located along the Wasatch Front in 1948, but by 1985 had spread worldwide,

which was a reason for the revision. At the time, the church had stakes, wards and branches in 115 countries and territories according to the 1985 statistical report.

According to Moody, 2018's hymnal revisions are based on the same reasons as 1985 and 1948. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints currently has 16 million members with church publications printed in 188 different languages, according to church statistics.

"I think the new committee is eager to address the international nature of the church to make a unified hymnbook that will be the same in every country and every culture and every language," Moody said. "It's a balance between a unified hymnody and addressing the needs of every culture and language."

Kapp Perry and Moody both said they know the change is inspired and a lot of preparation and thought has gone into it.

"It's all part of a great work that is taking place. This is a new age and a new church with new needs, new opportunities and new ways to spread the gospel, and we've got a prophet that is equal to the task," Moody said. "I think the future is bright."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is accepting members' feedback regarding the current hymnbook through an online survey. The survey allows members to give their opinions on which hymns to add or remove and to share any issues they have with the current printed or online hymnbook.

Anyone with a church account can submit original music or text for consideration in the new edition. A committee created by the church will review those submissions, though the committee members remain unannounced as of Sept. 26. Those who choose to submit are restricted to five hymns and five children's songs. Submissions will be accepted until July 1, 2019.



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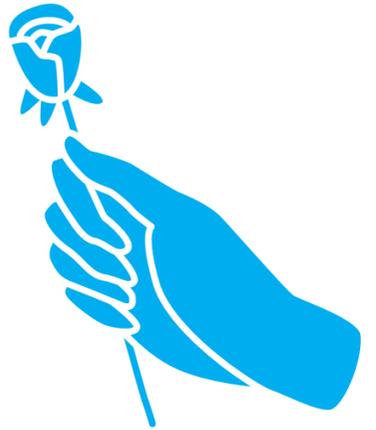
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