

Protest heightens awareness: What's next?

By SAM BIGELOW & JENNA ALTON

The BYU community is awaiting the impact of April 12's protest against Honor Code Office procedures. Hundreds of students, alumni and community members participated.

Protestors chanted "Students made it, we can change it," sang Primary songs and listened to students and alumni speak about their negative experiences with the Honor Code Office. Materials were also available for students to write letters to the office.

The students conducted themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner. Speakers refrained from using expletives and the overall atmosphere was calm but energized. A number of onlookers (who were encouraged several times by the protestors to "come on down!") and counter-protestors stood on a balcony overlooking the quad, occasionally chiming in.

"If you don't like the Honor Code, go to a different school," one individual shouted during the moment of silence.

The Restore Honor movement planned the demonstration in response to the alleged mistreatment of students by the Honor Code Office, as exposed by the Honor Code Stories Instagram page, which has more than 36,000 followers. Restore Honor, which was organized by freshman Grant Frazier, is calling for more accountability, protection, advocacy and empowerment in the Honor Code Office.

"Here at the university, we believe in the Atonement, and we want to show the Honor Code Office that," Frazier said.

Restore Honor social media manager Evan Jones said he feels very



BYU student Matt Easton, right, embraces a fellow protestor during a demonstration against Honor Code Office procedures on April 12. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to watch a video from the protest.

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strongly about improving BYU by updating the Honor Code policy.

"At this specific event today, I hope to garner excitement and to raise awareness for students here on campus," Jones said.

According to Jones, the group's short-term goal is to see policy change, and its long-term goal is a culture shift. "We hope for change. But we can't

just hope. We have to show up to these events. We have to sign our names on the letters. We need to keep advocating," Jones said.

The protest coincided with the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's nationwide Day of Silence for LGBTQ students. Protestors took a moment of silence to honor LGBTQ students who have died.

Sidney Draughon, the BYU alumna who created the Honor Code Stories Instagram account, flew from New York to attend the event.

"I love this campus, but there is a lack of love and a little bit of disconnect right now, and we're just trying to pull that together," Draughon said.

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Alumna's business encourages healthy eating

By MADISON EVERETT

Ann Earl was feeding her three children fresh pears one day when she noticed they weren't eating the peels. She started describing antioxidants to her 4-year-old daughter as the "good guys" that go after the "bad guys" in her body.

"It was like a light went on in her head," Earl said. "She ate every last bite of the peel. I realized I might be onto something here. At the next meal, I explained the benefits of carrots, and she happily ate some proclaiming, 'Look, I can see better!'"

As a graduate of the BYU exercise science undergraduate and master's program, Earl discovered her passion for teaching her young children to eat healthily. Earl took a leap into the entrepreneurial world to start her business, Healthy Kiddos, even with three young kids begging for her attention.

Ann Earl is married to Adam Earl, and they have three young children: Ellie, Jensen and Alice, with twins on the way. Ann Earl said her family is the highest priority in her life and nothing could change that.

"(Ann) values her family," said the Earls' neighbor Cindy Smith. "She is sincere in her faith and lives it to the fullest every day. I admire her for her drive to always do more."

According to her husband, Adam, Ann Earl has always had a passion for healthy living.

"She will take recipes and sometimes — I call it — 'healthify' them," Adam Earl said. "She'll take out the butter and put in applesauce. She is definitely passionate about that sort of thing."

After Ann Earl's experience with the fruit peels, her kids kept asking about



Ann Earl

Ann Earl uses the Healthy Kiddos flashcards and plates to educate her kids on how to eat healthy foods.

the nutrients in the fruits and vegetables they were eating. Ann Earl said it was difficult for her to remember everything and bringing out her phone to do a quick Google search wasn't always the most practical option.

Ann Earl searched for a product she could buy to have around at dinner to educate her kids about healthy foods, but she quickly discovered such a product did not exist.

"My husband suggested I come up with a product that would provide information for moms and caretakers to help even picky eaters improve their eating habits," Ann Earl said.

Adam Earl remembers thinking, "If there's a market, why not create a product ourselves?"

Shortly after this experience, the Earls did everything they could to bring their product to the table. After many late nights of brainstorming, the Earls decided to create two different products: reusable plates and flashcards.

The Earls had barely finished their product when they had some new

neighbors over for dinner. Ann Earl brought up the plates at the end of the meal. As it turned out, their neighbors, the Smiths, happened to be meeting with a former senior vice president of Walmart the next day and asked if they could take the plates to show him.

"My husband and I have been in the retail business going on 40 years," Cindy Smith said. "When we saw the plates for the first time, we knew we could take them to Walmart's new manufacturers' show and they would be well received — and they were."

As Smith predicted, the product was a hit with Walmart, which launched the Earls' entrepreneurial journey with Healthy Kiddos.

The mission of Healthy Kiddos, according to Ann Earl, is to give kids a reason to eat healthy foods. Each one of their products is built around that mission and details the vitamins and health benefits of particular fruits or vegetables.

There are six different fruit plates and six different vegetable plates. The

plastic plates are dishwasher safe and BPA-free. The flashcards come in a pack of 24, with 12 vegetables and 12 fruits. Healthy Kiddos products can be found online at Walmart and Amazon.

Ann Earl faced the feat of starting her own business without any business background, but her husband is a graduate of the BYU MBA program. Ann Earl has expertise in the product's subject, and Adam Earl is more entrepreneurial minded.

Despite the demands she faces, Ann Earl said she continues to keep her priorities aligned with her values.

"Family is my first priority," Ann Earl said. "If something comes up with my kids, that is always going to take precedence. We try to keep things as normal as possible."

Adam Earl said he thought they would be much further along in the process than they currently are.

"With all those setbacks, you can see why people throw in the towel," Adam said. "But Ann has the tenacity to stick it to it. Things get tough, and she is not afraid of doing tough things and sticking to it, even when we got knocked down a time or two."

Ann Earl said she has felt joy after hearing from customers that her product is helping their kids finally eat fruits and vegetables.

"That's really rewarding for me," Ann Earl said. "I really believe in the power of good nutrition and overall health. I don't believe in forcing kids to eat something, but when they are choosing it, that's when it is really exciting."

Ann Earl said Healthy Kiddos' success didn't come overnight, and it took longer than expected to get the company where it is now.

"Now we are able to appreciate really consistent sales on Amazon, but it took a lot longer to get here than we anticipated," Ann Earl said. "Be patient through the process, and don't give up, even when you make a big failure. If you believe in what you're doing, keep pressing on."

Anti-vaccination movement threatens global health

By JENNA ALTON

BYU nursing professor Beth Luthy said her life's darkest moments came when she was a 19-year-old first-time mother and her infant son Michael desperately needed a liver transplant to survive. After putting Michael on the liver transplant waiting list, Luthy could do nothing but wait.

"As a parent, to feel completely helpless... There was nothing I could do for him," Luthy said.

Michael was fortunate enough to receive a liver transplant when he was a year old, but the transplant didn't eliminate his health problems. He took what his mother called "elephant doses" of immunosuppressant medications so his body wouldn't reject his new kidney, making him extremely susceptible to disease and unable to receive his immunizations.

"I was really concerned and thought, 'Well, but what if he catches chickenpox? What if he catches all of these different diseases?'" Luthy said. "And the transplant team would tell me, 'That would be bad. That would be life threatening to him.'"

Sure enough, it was. In the first years of his life, Michael almost died after catching rotavirus, chickenpox, RSV and whooping cough. Luthy said the only way to protect Michael was through "herd immunity," which is reached when enough people are vaccinated in the community that the most vulnerable are protected despite not being immunized.

"Unfortunately, there was no herd immunity where we lived at the time," Luthy said. "He caught four vaccine-preventable diseases that we almost lost him over, and he caught it in the community which I had hoped would help protect him."

Luthy's experience with Michael not only motivated her to study nursing but also to become a passionate advocate for immunizations and immunization education.

"If people just understood that here's my fragile and vulnerable little baby who needs them to get vaccinated to help protect and save his life, certainly people would do that. That only makes sense to me," Luthy said. But, "I found out through a very long and hard road that not everyone shares that same sense of community responsibility."

Michael's story has a happy ending — 30 years later, he has a family of his own. But his mother has not slowed her efforts to actively fight the anti-vaccination movement. She's dedicated her nursing career to promoting vaccinations, advocating for immunization education in legislation and involving herself in the Utah County Immunization Coalition.

Luthy and other medical and public health professionals are concerned about the consequences of the vaccine opposition movement that is growing in Utah and across the world. In fact, the World Health Organization listed vaccine hesitancy as one of 2019's top 10 threats to global health.

Despite several studies affirming the safety of vaccines — including a study released in early March refuting a link between the measles, mumps and rubella vaccination and autism — an increasing number of parents are hesitant to vaccinate their children. This expanding movement raises notable public health concerns.

What are vaccine exemptions?

Utah is one of 17 states that allows philosophical or personal exemptions from laws that require students to get vaccinated to attend school, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Immunize Utah Program Manager Rich Lakin said the majority of parents exempt their children from getting vaccinated for personal reasons, as opposed to religious or medical reasons. Lakin said the state's immunization exemptions have steadily increased over the past few years, increasing half a percent from 2017 to 2018.

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Massive fire engulfs Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

A catastrophic fire engulfed the upper reaches of Paris' soaring Notre Dame Cathedral as it was undergoing renovations April 15, threatening one of the greatest architectural treasures of the Western world.

The blaze collapsed the cathedral's spire and spread to one of its landmark rectangular towers, but Paris fire chief Jean-Claude Gallet said the church's structure had been saved after firefighters managed to stop the fire spreading to the northern belfry.



2020 Democrats raising less money

The crowded field of 2020 Democratic presidential candidates is showing early signs of money trouble as donors sit on the sidelines to see how the contest unfolds, signaling a draw-out primary battle lies ahead.

The Democratic campaign came into greater focus April 15 as declared White House hopefuls reported their first quarter fundraising totals. Early glimpses show Democrats are raising less money than in previous cycles and coming up short against President Donald Trump.



Loughlin, Giannulli plead not guilty in college scam

Actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Massimo Giannulli, are pleading not guilty to charges they took part in the sweeping college admissions bribery scam, according to court documents filed April 15.

The couple is accused of paying \$500,000 in bribes to get their daughters admitted to the University of Southern California.

They were among 50 people charged last month in the scandal that has embroiled elite school across the country.



Trump changes his tune on WikiLeaks

It was a far cry from "I love WikiLeaks!" President Donald Trump declared that "I know nothing about WikiLeaks" after its disheveled founder Julian Assange was hauled out of the Ecuadorian Embassy in London to face charges, a stark contrast to how candidate Trump showered praise on Assange's hacking organization night after night during the final weeks of the 2016 presidential campaign.

Asked about Assange's arrest, Trump said at the White House, "It's not my thing."



Kenya's Cherono wins men's Boston Marathon

The two-time Boston Marathon champion turned onto Boylston Street with a sliver of a lead, leaning in front of two others with the finish line in sight. But one of them was Lawrence Cherono, the fastest man in the field.

And he needed every bit of his speed. Cherono outkicked Lelisa Desisa and passed him just steps away from the tape, winning the 123rd Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 7 minutes 57 seconds on April 15 to claim his first major victory.

Honor Code changes have followed controversies

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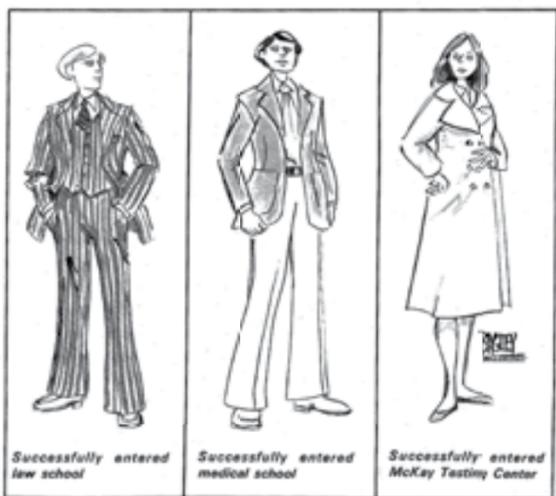
The national spotlight shining on BYU's Honor Code, and more particularly the Honor Code Office, is not a first.

One of its more notable episodes dates back to 1978, when a student wrote a letter to The Daily Universe under the name A. Lavon Bryan after an episode at the Testing Center. The Honor Code restricted the kind of denim female students could wear at the time. Bryan wrote that she was denied access to the Testing Center because she was wearing denim jeans.

"So, turning to an expedient alternative, I ran into the nearby library bathroom and removed my pants! I then buttoned up my long coat and walked back to the testing center where I was admitted with out question. There is something strangely perverse and incongruous about a dress code which demands that a girl dressed in nice denim pants is rejected from a campus facility, while a girl in underpants and an overcoat is acceptable. Is it that vital that we expose the lower half of our legs?"

The Daily Universe staff published Bryan's letter and an editorial cartoon by now-Salt Lake Tribune cartoonist Pat Bagley that made a play

Dressed for Success



Universe archives

The Daily Universe's "Dressed for Success" cartoon by Pat Bagley was published after a student wrote a letter to the editor describing an episode with the Testing Center.

on a popular book at the time, "Dress for Success." Bagley's cartoon titled "Dressed for Success" shows a woman in an overcoat but no pants who "successfully entered McKay Testing Center." Outside media attention on the no-pants episode followed.

The Honor Code has changed over time, and the denim ban is long gone. Today's Honor Code discussions are focused on weightier

matters with yet-to-be-seen outcomes. "We've seen the conversations about the Honor Code Office on social media and have engaged in discussions with our students," BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said in a statement released Friday, April 12. "These conversations have been very constructive, as students have shared with us their concern for certain processes within the Honor Code Office."

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Students speak out against Honor Code Office

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Draughon said she had experiences with the Honor Code Office during her freshman and senior years at BYU. She said being repentant "wasn't ever good enough" for the office.

"We just want more love on campus," Draughon said. "We want people to feel like they can use the Atonement on campus, and they can find Christ on this campus, and that everyone feels like they are welcome and included here."

Several students, alumni and supporters spoke to the protestors following the moment of silence. They discussed their experiences with the Honor Code Office, the fear they felt of being punished and lent support to those struggling at the university.

Former BYU football player Derik Stevenson, who was suspended from the university in 1997 for firing a gun into the air during a fight, spoke about suffering from pain pill addiction as a student athlete. He said at 23 years old, he felt terrified to talk to anybody about his struggle.

"So at 23 years old, being ashamed that I realized that I was an addict, decided to just stay silent. That shame and that guilt that is bred in our culture, just built up in me," he said.

Stevenson said his fear ultimately led to suffering from his addiction for a decade and cost him his marriage and custody of his children. He said he wished he had felt more comfortable reaching out for help, rather than fearing punishment from the Honor Code Office.

"I feel like the worry of the punishment the Honor Code would hand down kept me from being honest," he said. "It was spiritually damaging to me, to not feel like I was in a place where I could be honest."

Stevenson said he has since started speaking out and questioning why BYU students feel afraid to be honest about their mistakes. "Honesty is key for anybody that wants to spiritually get better," he said.

Stevenson said he had spoken to the BYU football team and coaches, who sent their love and support to the protestors.

Ron Weaver III, a black BYU student, said he had been called into the Honor Code Office for dyeing his hair blonde. While speaking to an Honor Code counselor, Weaver said the counselor told him the hair color "was unnatural" for him.

He said even his mother encouraged him to "swallow his pride" and dye his hair black again. However, Weaver was later told by his counselor the way his hair grows was "unprofessional." In response, Weaver left the office and received a call 30 minutes later that his hair had been approved.



Hannah Miner

BYU alumna Sidney Draughon protests Honor Code Office procedures at a Restore Honor demonstration on April 12. Draughon created the Instagram page Honor Code Stories.

"I walked out of the office and kept fighting the case. I didn't sign my rights away at all," he said, referring to the priest/parishioner release form students are encouraged — but not required — by the Honor Code Office to sign.

Weaver encouraged students to follow his example and fight their case respectfully. He said the office and how it treats students needs to change.

"You have the right to fight back but do it in the right manner. You can't be angry or use malicious words," he said. "You have to fight back as a respectful human and if you get disrespected you don't have to stand there and take it."

BYU alum Addison Jenkins said the language of the Honor Code previously changed in 2007 to better accommodate LGBTQ students at the university. He said at the time students could be disciplined simply for coming out as gay. After students advocated for change, the university changed the Honor Code within two weeks.

"We can change the Honor Code again," Jenkins said. "It was started by students. ... We want it to be honorable. We want this to be an honorable school."

According to Restore Honor's Twitter account, the university sanctioned the protest.

A change.org petition calling for the Honor Code to be

updated is also sitting at over 22,000 signatures. The petition asks that the Honor Code is updated to be in-line with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' modern standards.

"As a church that has Christ at the center of it, its school should be loving and accepting of those that meet its rigorous academic qualifications while understanding that not everyone has the same moral, health and grooming standards," the petition reads.

The petition also advocated for self-reporting standards based on Church teachings regarding criminal activity, premarital sex, substance use and cheating.

The protest has received extensive media attention, including from national news outlets like the Associated Press, Newsweek and the New York Times.

University spokeswoman Carri Jenkins emailed a statement in response to the demonstration the morning of April 12.

"Our goal has been and will continue to be to help our students succeed at BYU," Jenkins said. "The students we have met with are committed to the Honor Code and ongoing dialogue, which we believe will lead to a better understanding of how the Honor Code Office can best serve our students."

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Beth Luthy

Michael Luthy, son of BYU nursing professor Beth Luthy, was born with a liver condition called biliary artesis and received a liver transplant when he was a year old, making him susceptible to contagious diseases.

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"Any increase is not good," Lakin said. "If you look at the trend, if people aren't going to vaccinate, then you're going to see these diseases come back."

A June 2018 study by PLOS Medicine named both Provo and Salt Lake City as hotspots for vaccine non-medical exemptions alongside 13 other U.S. cities, including Seattle, Washington, and Austin, Texas. In addition to metropolitan hotspots, the study adds that smaller counties in Idaho, Wisconsin and Utah stand out for their high vaccine exemption rates.

"Our concern is that the rising (non-medical vaccine exemptions) linked to the anti-vaccine movement in the U.S. will stimulate other countries to follow a similar path," the study concludes. "In such a case, we could experience massive epidemics of childhood infections that may threaten achievement of United Nations' global goals."

BYU nursing professor Lacey Eden, a colleague of Luthy's, worked with vulnerable newborns as a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit.

"It just lit this fire under me," Eden said. "We need to do more to make sure that people understand that immunizations are actually an ethical responsibility because they are safe. We know they are safe, so it's our responsibility to get them so that we can protect those who are medically vulnerable."

Eden felt startled after reading a news article in 2015 about the low vaccination rates at her child's school. Around the same time, she attended a pediatric nurse practitioner conference, where she learned about education modules implemented in Washington for parents who choose not to vaccinate their children.

"I just thought that would be a great thing to implement here," Eden said. "When I came back (to Utah), I just started meeting with people who have a stake in this issue."

After years of work, Eden's idea became a reality with the passage of HB308 during the 2017 legislative session. The law required the Department of Health to create an online education module parents now must complete before they can exempt their children from vaccinations.

Eden said the focus of the module is to inform parents who choose not to vaccinate their children about their responsibilities to keep diseases from spreading.

"It kind of goes through all of the different immunization-preventable diseases and what the signs and symptoms are so parents will be able to recognize that and keep their children home in the first place, rather than sending them to school and spreading this communicable disease," Eden said.

The law also removes the fee for vaccine exemptions and allows Utah parents to complete vaccination exemptions online. According to Utah County Health Department public information officer Aislynn Tolman-Hill, before HB308 passed, parents were required to complete the exemptions in person at their local health department. She called that aspect of the law

discouraging because it has made the exemption process easier.

The impact of vaccinations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported seven measles outbreaks between Jan. 1 and April 4.

Lakin expressed concerns that such outbreaks affect a community's most vulnerable people — including those with a compromised immune system, newborn babies and pregnant mothers — more than anyone else.

"I know a lot of parents are basically saying, 'If you're not vaccinated, don't come around my baby,' and that's the best way to do it, really," Lakin said.

Eden voiced similar concerns. She said she believes getting vaccinated is an ethical responsibility shared by the community.

"It's not just about yourself. It's not just about your own children," Eden said. "It's about protecting everyone and those who are vulnerable among us, like the infants who aren't fully immunized yet, and can get severely ill from diseases."

Eden said many parents genuinely believe vaccines can be dangerous, but emphasized the significant amount of research that has proved vaccines' safety.

A study from *Annals of Internal Medicine* "strongly supports" there is no link between autism and the MMR vaccine, a commonly-cited fear. Also, the MMR vaccine is not associated with increased febrile seizures among 4- to 6-year-olds, according to a study by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

A study from the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found no significant correlation between vaccine antigens and the



Emma Willes

BYU nursing professor Beth Luthy describes her experience with her son Michael who caught several vaccine-preventable diseases as an infant.

risk of infectious diseases not targeted by vaccines, rejecting the idea that vaccines stunt a child's immune system.

More studies on the safety and side effects of vaccines can be found on the CDC's website.

Luthy, who has dedicated her life to researching vaccinations and published several academic papers on the topic, said there's a spiritual aspect to her understanding of vaccinations. She disagrees with those who argue vaccines are unnatural and not what God intended, especially as she ponders mothers of the 18th and 19th centuries who lost their children to diseases.

"Can you imagine some mother with no resources in her little cabin with the baby, praying her heart out for some sort of cure? Well, guess what. (God) gave it to us," Luthy said. "All those prayers have been answered. ... I see (God) giving us this knowledge and this capability as an answer to so many prayers of so many mothers who have lost so much."

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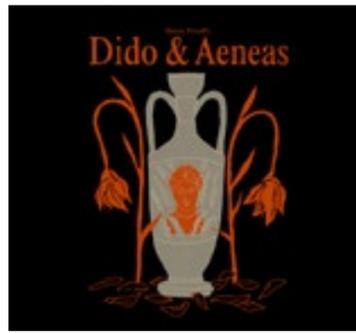


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Answers to questions about common vaccine concerns

By JENNA ALTON

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced April 8 that 465 cases of measles were confirmed between Jan. 1 and April 4, the second greatest number of reported cases in the U.S. since measles was eliminated in 2000. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio declared a public health emergency April 9 because of the state's active measles outbreak in the Williamsburg neighborhood.

An increasing number of parents are hesitating to immunize their children because of concerns about vaccine safety. BYU nursing professors Lacey Eden and Beth Luthy addressed some common concerns parents feel when it comes to making the decision to vaccinate.

"When you talk about the anti-vaccine movement, many will say, 'I don't want to put my child in danger,' because they really believe that vaccines are not safe," Eden said. "I don't know how to better help them understand the significant amount of research that has shown over and over and over again that vaccines are safe."

According to the CDC, data shows the current U.S. vaccine supply is the safest in history.

Eden said she feels frustrated when people argue vaccine-preventable diseases are minor and rarely deadly. First, Eden explained even those who do not die because of a disease like measles may still suffer long-term effects.

According to the CDC, one out of every 1,000 children

who get measles will die from it. However, ear infections that can result in permanent hearing loss occur in about one out of every 10 children who catch the disease. Up to one out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, and about one child of every 1,000 children develops brain swelling that can leave the child deaf or with an intellectual disability.

Eden also said vaccine-preventable diseases that may be benign for most people are not benign for infants and those who are immunocompromised.

"While many believe that it's benign because they've seen so many survivors of measles, unfortunately, it's not benign for those who are most vulnerable," Eden said.

On the other side of the debate, health freedom advocate Kristen Chevrier said she believes there isn't enough information given to parents when the time comes to vaccinate their children.

"I think that the parents need to have complete information so that they can make an informed decision — whatever decision they feel is going to be best for their family and for each individual child," Chevrier said.

Chevrier said parents should research vaccine risks, know vaccine ingredients and read the vaccine package inserts, which are available on the Food and Drug Administration's website. She also emphasized the importance of reporting adverse vaccine reactions to the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System.

"Parents need to be aware that vaccine injury can

happen," Chevrier said.

Luthy acknowledged a life-threatening injury is possible with all vaccines, though the probability is extremely low. The vast majority of these injuries come from anaphylaxis, Luthy said, but the chance of a vaccine causing that type of severe allergic reaction is literally one in a million, a statistic confirmed by the CDC.

"And sometimes a parent will say, 'But what if my child is the one? What if we're the one?'" Luthy said.

However, according to Luthy, these reactions can be treated. The CDC adds the best way to prevent such reactions in the first place is by identifying an individual's past allergic reactions to vaccinations "that might indicate an underlying hypersensitivity."

Some choose not to vaccinate because of concerns about vaccine ingredients. Luthy emphasized the importance of understanding credible medical research regarding vaccine ingredients. She gave the example of aluminum, an ingredient present in many vaccines.

"There is aluminum that is naturally all around us. There is aluminum in breast milk. So what you need to do is go, 'OK, there's aluminum and it's in this vaccine. What does that mean?'" Luthy said. "We get, 'Aluminum is bad, aluminum is in vaccines.' That sounds really scary until you know the rest of this story, so it's important to get the rest of the story that's out there."

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BYU-Idaho students join HCO movement

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

REXBURG, Idaho — “Hey hey! Ho ho! The disrespect has got to go!”

Over 150 protesters shouted this chant while gathered just off BYU-Idaho’s campus on April 10, where they met to call for Honor Code reform.

The group consisted of current and former BYU-Idaho students and was organized by former BYU-Idaho student Grey Woodhouse and current BYU-Idaho students Leanne Larson and Fredericka Thomas.

The march came in the wake of renewed controversy surrounding BYU’s Honor Code, seen through the Instagram account Honor Code Stories. The account, which has over 36,000 followers as of April 15, details students’ negative experiences with the Honor Code Office and seeks to “promote positive change within BYU’s Honor Code Office.”

Students at the BYU campus in Provo held a similar event April 12, and BYU released a statement on April 10 answering frequently asked question about the Honor Code Office.

BYU-Idaho’s march started at 2 p.m. near the Jacob Spori Building. Many participating students carried signs with slogans such as, “Assault is not the victim’s fault,” “Innocent until proven guilty, not vice-versa,” “Reform the Code” and other similar messages.

According to a letter posted to a Twitter account affiliated with the protest, #ReformTheCodeBYUI, students are requesting changes to the Honor Code and its implementation, such as administrator training requirements, a



BYU-Idaho students march for Honor Code reform on April 10. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to watch a video of the march.

Kaitlyn Bancroft



statute of limitations and full transparency.

Former BYU-Idaho student and protest organizer Grey Woodhouse spoke to the group shortly before the march began, saying although she wasn’t sure what would happen, “what’s important is you guys started this conversation, and this conversation does not end today.”

She also asked protesters to stay peaceful, emphasizing, “We are working with the school, not against them.”

Woodhouse and Larson led the group in a short march down 2nd South and around the corner down 1st West. Several

passing cars honked in support as protesters waved their signs and shouted call-and-answer chants such as, “What do we want? Reform! When do we want it? Now!”

The march stopped as close to the Spencer W. Kimball Building — where the BYU-Idaho Honor Code Office is located — as it could without going on campus, as protesters were not permitted to go on campus. Woodhouse, Larson and Thomas then asked the group to stay off campus while they hand-delivered a stack of complaint letters to the BYU-Idaho Honor Code Office.

Woodhouse, Larson and Thomas said they were nervous as they walked to deliver the letters, but reacted with pleasant surprise when they were told more than 150 protesters participated in the march. Woodhouse said they only expected about 50 people to show up.

Upon entering the Honor Code Office, they were told no one was available to take the letters and were instructed to deliver them to the Dean of Students. A secretary in that office took the letters and said they would be read.

Woodhouse said she had high hopes but low expectations

when delivering the letters, and said the group is taking action “one day, one step at a time.”

She also said she felt capable to lead the movement because she’s no longer a student and can’t be punished by the university for her actions. She explained the fact that a former student has to take the lead is also part of the problem.

“People are scared to even step foot in this building,” she said. “Students should be able to have a voice.”

She emphasized most of the march organizers have never had a run-in with the Honor Code Office before and aren’t protesting in retaliation. However, Larson participated in the protest despite only recently coming back into good standing with the Honor Code Office.

Woodhouse, Larson and Thomas were met with cheers and more chanting as they returned to the protesters gathered off campus. Woodhouse explained what happened when delivering the letters, adding she heard the Dean of Students could see them from his office.

“You protest as long as you want to, and you don’t give up until those letters are read,” she told the group. “This isn’t just a social media movement, this is a real movement.”

She also said there will be more protests organized through their Twitter and Instagram pages, and they will keep taking letters.

“We’re not done at all,” she said.

Thomas, a junior studying sociology, said she thought students’ fear would hold them back from protesting, but “we’re more resilient and stronger than I ever imagined,” she said. “And things will continue to move forward as we continue

to make sure that our voices are heard.”

BYU-Idaho alumna Miriam Hartshorn said she participated in the march because during her time at the university, she felt the way the Honor Code was enforced did not promote a spirit of empathy and forgiveness, and even provided an avenue for roommates to harm each other through false reporting.

“When we came here, we wanted to live with people who had the same standards as we do,” she said. “But people make mistakes, and Christ and God are forgiving of those mistakes, and it doesn’t seem like the Honor Code Office is.”

Current BYU-Idaho student Samantha Warren said she came to the march because she feels strongly about the way the Honor Code is enforced.

“I just hope that (the march) raises more awareness in general and then that there are some changes made,” she said.

BYU-Idaho’s sexual misconduct policy states the university prohibits sexual misconduct in all forms, and being a victim of sexual misconduct is never a violation of the Honor Code.

It also states the Title IX Office will not share the identity of a victim or witness with the Honor Code Office, victims will not be disciplined for Honor Code violations unless a person’s health or safety is at risk, and the university offers leniency of unrelated Honor Code violations to victims who report sexual misconduct.

BYU-Idaho Media Relations Manager Brett Crandall and University Relations Managing Director Merv Brown have not returned requests for comment. A secretary in BYU-Idaho’s Honor Code Office said no one was available for comment.

BYU crafts Honor Code Office Q&A

By JENNA ALTON

BYU Honor Code Office Director Kevin Utt released an online statement April 10 addressing common complaints about the office’s procedures, which have come under fire recently on social media and on campus.

The statement came two days before the student-led demonstration on campus to lobby for Honor Code Office reform and the same day a similar demonstration took place at BYU-Idaho.

With the release of that statement, the university declined answering other Honor Code and Honor Code Office

questions submitted by The Daily Universe.

Students organized the demonstrations shortly after the explosion of the Instagram page Honor Code Stories, which had over 34,000 followers as of April 10. The page has ignited an ongoing discussion by sharing anonymous stories about students’ negative experiences with the Honor Code Office.

Many stories mention the office’s negative treatment of LGBTQ students, the merit given to anonymous reporting, the relationship between ecclesiastical leaders and the Honor Code Office, and a “tattletale” culture that encourages students to report fellow students who do not keep the Honor Code.

Utt’s statement refutes some of the page’s complaints, stating students cannot get in trouble for not reporting an incident to the office, and students who self-report comprise “the majority of cases” the office investigates.

“One of the nine Honor Code principles states: ‘Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code,’” it says. “Encourage is not synonymous with ‘turn someone in.’ Encourage is a verb that means to give support, confidence or hope to someone.”

According to the statement, the Honor Code Office does not investigate anonymous reports unless students’ physical safety is involved, though this is inconsistent with many of the

anonymous stories shared on the Instagram page.

A common concern on the Honor Code Stories Instagram page involves the connection between ecclesiastical leaders and the Honor Code Office. The statement acknowledges students can sign a privacy waiver to allow ecclesiastical leaders to reveal confessional conversations to the office, but said “the HCO respects a student’s right not to give written consent if they do not want to so.”

“A bishop does not share any information with the HCO, and the HCO does not share any information with a bishop or other ecclesiastical leader without a student’s prior written consent,” Utt wrote.

Other Instagram stories detail experiences in which students resolved a sin with their bishops but still faced detailed questioning and consequences from the Honor Code Office.

The statement does not deny this practice and says “universities have to operate differently from churches” and that the office and ecclesiastical leaders handle behaviors differently.

“The bishops’ process addresses repentance, sin, forgiveness and worthiness,” it says. “The HCO’s process addresses principles, integrity, recommitment and good Honor Code standing.”

According to the statement, the Honor Code Office invites bishops and stake presidents of YSA and married wards and stakes to meet every winter



Arianna Davidson

Protestors speak out against the Honor Code Office in an April 12 demonstration on campus.

semester. The meeting reviews “pertinent policies, purposes and other information ecclesiastical leaders might find useful.”

The Daily Universe reached out to university spokeswoman Carri Jenkins asking for an official response to the concerns about the office and the changes Utt has implemented since assuming his role as director. Reporters also asked about a “priest/parishioner” release form circulating on social media, which presumably gives the Honor Code Office consent to speak to a student’s ecclesiastical leaders about confidential

matters. Jenkins responded to the email with a link to Utt’s statement.

Restore Honor — the student group who led the demonstration on April 12 — posted a response to the university’s statement on Twitter.

“We are excited about this progress and about what it means for the future,” the tweet says. “While the answers provided do respond to many of BYU students’ concerns, they are also inconsistent with many student experiences with the HCO, as seen in the recent wave of stories shared on social media.”

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Tuesday, April 16

- Unforum. Marriott Center, 11:05 a.m.
- Suit-Up Event. Provo Towne Center, 5 p.m.
- Student Composers Showcase. Madsen Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Dido and Aeneas. Nelke Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- University Chorale. de Jong Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

- Kennedy Research Fellow Awards. 238 HRCB, noon.
- AMA with Sam Wright. 238 HRCB,

2 p.m.

- Woodwind Chamber Night. Madsen Recital Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- “Dido and Aeneas.” Nelke Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- BYU Symphonic Band. de Jong Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Free Live Animal Show – Utah’s Diversity. Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

- Winter Exam Preparation Day
- Honors Bagel Bash. MSRB commons, 8:30 a.m.
- Photo Workshop. 238 HRCB, 11 a.m.

Friday, April 19

- Cougar Classic – BYU Men’s Golf. Riverside Country Club, noon.
- Female Premarital Class. BYU Student Health Center, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Free Live Animal Show – Adaptations. Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

- Cougar Classic – BYU Men’s Golf. Riverside Country Club, noon.
- Free Live Animal Show – Vertebrate Variety. Bean Life Science Museum, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.



Aaron Fitzner

BYU alumna Sidney Draughon speaks to the media at the Restore Honor demonstration outside the J. Reuben Clark Law Building on April 12. Draughon created the Instagram account Honor Code Stories.

Honor Code Office protest reaches NY Times, Newsweek

By HARRIET NORCROSS

The BYU Honor Code Office reform movement has caught the attention of big-name media outlets over the past two weeks.

Locally, the Salt Lake Tribune, ABC4 News, KUTV, Deseret News, KSL, Daily Herald and KUER 90.1 have covered the movement. Nationally, The New York Times, Associated Press, NBC News and Newsweek have reported on the story.

At the student-led protest on campus April 12, news outlets covering the event included ABC4 News, the Salt Lake Tribune, KUTV2 News and KSL 5 TV. Many students interviewed are in favor of the coverage.

Jordana Cashman, a BYU alumna from Tucson who attended the protest, is one of those students.

"There is no attention that is too much attention for this," Cashman said. "Everybody should be talking about it."

She said she thought the coverage from well-known news sources was "great."

"I think the New York Times should run a hundred articles about it," Cashman said.

Zoe Calcote from Marrietta, California, whose husband is a BYU student, said the news attention was needed. "I think it needs to be more," she said.

Emma Gadeski is an 18-year-old BYU pre-communications student from Las Vegas who also attended the protest.

"(The news coverage) was really effective and I'm just surprised it got out to national news," she said. "I think they did a good job of reaching out."

Dalton Bradford, a 23-year-old BYU student from Paris majoring in Middle Eastern studies and Arabic, said he appreciates how the media coverage shows the nonpartisanship of the movement.

"This should not be seen as a partisan event or a Utah-only thing," Bradford said. "We've seen that there are also movements going on at BYU-Idaho, and on a smaller scale at Hawaii. The whole premise of this is that it's all-inclusive."

He said he hopes The New York Times' coverage will mark a change in the publication's attitude toward The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Stuff that they've reported about the Church has struck me as really one-sided at times," Bradford said. "My hope is that this (coverage) shows that there are differences of opinion within the Church community, even among the youth, and that we're not all just sheep or something. In terms of the gospel, we are all sheep, but we're not all just blindly following leaders, patriarchy — we're here for a reason."

BYU-Hawaii students initiate Honor Code dialogue

By SAHALIE DONALDSON

Several BYU-Hawaii peacebuilding program students launched a process to revisit and build constructive dialogue about the Honor Code months before the BYU Restore Honor movement took off in Provo this month.

BYU-Hawaii senior Bailee Rasmussen picked up the project at the beginning of the semester from a group of graduating seniors, who like her, are from the university's peacebuilding program.

The former group's interest in potentially reforming the Honor Code and its enforcement was sparked by injustices on campus, she explained. The students decided they wanted to do something about it and thought they might be well-suited for the project because of their background in peacebuilding.

Rasmussen explained the former group started the process by building relationships with administration. Eventually, they received permission to administer an Honor Code survey to a group of students.

The first survey's data was inconclusive because they surveyed a relatively small percentage of the student body. Nor did they have time to start the process again because they were graduating.

"That's where we came in," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen and two other peacebuilding students refined the survey, added more questions and emailed it out, this time to the entire student body.

The group is currently in the middle of analyzing the data and plans to present the findings to BYU-Hawaii's President's Council.

"Our objective is not to go and tell the Honor Code Office everything they are doing wrong. We don't think that's going to work," she said.

The trio is pulling from its background in peacebuilding to accomplish the feat. Rasmussen pointed out that telling someone everything they are doing wrong often leads to resistance and rarely invokes lasting change.

She explained sparking change productively takes time coupled with effort, pointing out she's noticed a lot of "us vs. them" mentality on campus between students and the Honor Code Office.

"We are trying to build relationships and really try to understand everyone's positions on this — the students' positions, the administration's position, the faculty's position," Rasmussen said. "We are trying to see how everyone thinks and feels about it and facilitate spaces where we can talk about this in constructive ways."

But people won't be open

unless they trust you, she added.

BYU students' efforts, dubbed the Restore Honor movement, is a social media campaign working with the Honor Code Stories Instagram page to address alleged mistreatment of students by the Honor Code Office.

The movement was sparked by the Instagram page, which was created by BYU alumna Sidney Draughon and has more than 36,000 followers.

Some students said they were put on probation or expelled for LGBTQ-related issues, others told about being anonymously reported for something as simple as violating the university's dress and grooming standards or watching an R-rated movie.

Rasmussen said someone at BYU-Hawaii also started an Instagram account to post student submissions, but she has no idea who it is. They aren't involved with her group's efforts.

BYU-Idaho also has a page, though it has a fraction of the followers that the BYU Honor Code Stories page does — 1,723. BYU-Hawaii's has even fewer at 91.

Rasmussen said her group's efforts are well-known throughout campus and have sparked many conversations this semester.

She said her group prioritizes giving everyone a voice, whether they be violence victims or administrators.

Rasmussen said while things have always been tense between students and the Honor Code Office, her group's relationship with the administration has been positive.

"From what we've seen so far, they are really open to what students have to say. They want to know where things can improve," she explained. "I think allowing the right spaces for everyone to think outside of the (Honor Code) structure is what is needed."

About the Restore Honor movement on the BYU campus in Provo, Rasmussen said it's hard to judge the efforts from across the ocean.

However, if even a majority of the student submissions are true, the group's efforts are fantastic, she said.

"They are peacefully protesting, they have permission from administration, they are writing letters — I think what they are doing is really good and I think that the people that are in charge of it understand the needs that are there," Rasmussen said.

She added she's unsure if something of that scale would work at BYU-Hawaii because the campus is far smaller, but there isn't only one way to accomplish change.

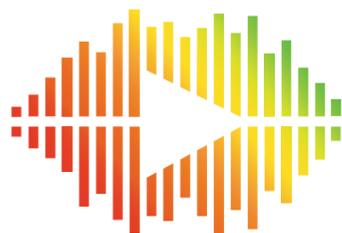
"I think what they are doing on BYU campus is awesome," Rasmussen said. "I think what we are doing at BYU-Hawaii is awesome too, it's just a little different of a way to address these issues."



Bailee Rasmussen

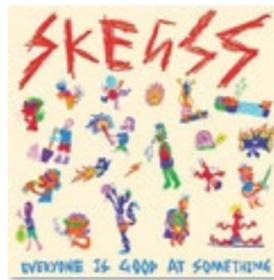
Bailee Rasmussen, a senior at BYU-Hawaii, is using her background in peacebuilding to look at the university's Honor Code with a breadth of perspectives.

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"My Face"
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Worn-Tin is actually young Los Angeles native Warner Hiatt. The name "Worn-Tin" allegedly comes from people pronouncing his first name. He is known for his slower-paced, lo-fi recordings. In contrast, "Doug" boasts one of the most exciting guitar riffs known to man. His signature lo-fi lull is added to the end of the song, yet is dwarfed by the preceding excitement. If you love indie rock with classical-like movements through each song, Worn-Tin is your guy.



"Doug"
 Worn-Tin
Thanatophobia



"Southern Comfort"
 together PANGEA
Bulls and Roosters

Another garage/punk band from Los Angeles, together PANGEA has stands out with energetic melodies and aggressive vocals. Their latest full length album, "Bulls and Roosters", came out in 2017 and features the high-energy standout "Southern Comfort." For an acoustic, more mellow take on this album, check out the EP, "Sleeping til Sunset" which has acoustic versions of four songs from "Bulls and Roosters."

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We've seen the conversations this week about the Honor Code Office. We love our students and alums and how much they care about BYU. These messages are leading to constructive dialogue between students and the leadership of the Honor Code Office.

@rach_thorpe

i haven't talked much about my opinion on the honor code, but that doesn't mean i don't have one.

a lot of us are afraid to publicly talk about the honor code because of the possible consequences of such actions. that right there says a lot.

@madsbarr

I'm glad BYU is taking students seriously about reforming the honor code but when I was a student, I wrote letters and emails and made phone calls to BYU administrators and was ignored. When I did get a response I was told I was "too emotional."

@calvinjburke

It's really neat to watch the student-led movements & feelings on campus evolving through time. I think that our generation is super unique in a lot of ways. As the first kids really raised in a post-modern world, we bring a lot of unique perspectives to the table at BYU & church

@SportsGuyRyan

I can love the honor code at BYU and have serious issues with the enforcement of it at the same time. But everything I see from today is about absolving personal responsibility, not fixing poor enforcement.

@bfordham6

one way to avoid the honor code at byu is to not go to byu imo

@restorehonorbyu

The amount of messages that we've received tonight from people who've been hurt by the current HC enforcement is heartbreaking. It's important, though. This pain is real and it's time for us to stand up to it. #thatsnohonor #reformthecode

@CridleBenjamin

I'm all for reforming the Honor Code Office and how #BYU enforces the code I won't tolerate Anti-LDS/BYU hate speech that attacks a church/institution that does SO MUCH GOOD IN THE WORLD #SeeTheGood #ProgressNotPerfection

@SportsBros

The honor code does not specify its enforcement, or any statute of limitations. It's all based on the counselor you see. I believe this is the biggest beef students have. There's nothing that tells you how things go down, IF things go down. And that's a fair complaint

@allybarr

For those who keep telling BYU students "if you don't like the honor code then go to a different school," all I have to say is: please inform yourself.

We love BYU. We appreciate the guidance of an honor code. We ARE upset at how maliciously the HCO treats its students.

@Kykyace

When I was at BYU, the Honor Code made me feel safe because I felt like I could be myself, live my standards. I realize now that it makes others feel unsafe. I want a reform that would make EVERYONE who goes to the university feel safe and comfortable. #RestoreHonor

@ElizaLahti

The Honor Code Office needs to CHANGE. To people that say "you signed the honor code when you came to the school": yes. I did. But that doesn't mean I agree with the way things are handled, and that doesn't mean it's not my responsibility to speak up and promote necessary change.

@porquenoloshoes

We love the honor code and we try to live it! We just want LGBTQ students to be protected and we want the HC Office to stop traumatizing people who have made mistakes.

@GinnaRoeKUTV

"I don't care who you love. I don't care what color you are or what happened in your past. BYU is lucky to have you!" Sidney Draughon, founder of Honor Code Stories Instagram #BYUHonorCode

@LDSMormon

Just remember that for all the stories you hear about the BYU Honor Code Office There is always another side to the story that the office cannot share with anyone! Don't automatically believe what you see and hear about what is going on there.

@lexisdawnh

Today is the first time I have felt that I am genuinely wanted and loved by a large community at BYU. Even if the honor code office doesn't change soon, the lives of LGBTQ people are improving from this movement.

@restorehonorbyu

@CridleBenjamin

One of my biggest concerns regarding Honor Code Office reform.. That those who are the most ardent supporters of change, are those that are no longer active in the church, they longer see the good fruits of the faith, they are more concerned about bringing down the institution.

@jules_jules_ju

"Everyone can and should be able to change" Proud of everyone who came out today to support positive change at BYU. We have a voice! #RestoreHonor

@LandonMark1

BYU's honor code OFFICE (not code) needs to change. I love the school, but how the code is enforced is disgraceful. Too many students are forced into fear, and thus delay change / repentance. Keep sincere students there and let them work w/ ecclesiastical leaders. #byuhonorcode

@ward_mccombie

agree! Kids must take responsibility and learn to appreciate the privilege and blessing it is to attend BYU. However, Honor Code office should be a place where reform and learning happens, not a place of punishment or prosecutorial investigations occur.

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Reform the Honor Code Office, not the code itself

The Honor Code is an essential part of the BYU experience. It teaches discipline and creates an atmosphere that attracts so many students from around the country and world. Leave the Honor Code alone. This is coming from a guy who thinks the shaving rule is outdated and over-enforced.

However, the Honor Code Office has not been as positive and does have a history of malpractice. This has become harder to deny with each new allegation against it. While it's impossible to verify the truthfulness of many of the claims against the Honor Code Office, I can vouch for the truthfulness of claims from people I know. The sad truth is that their stories align with those told on social media. Because of this, the Honor Code Office does require reform.

In a student body of more than 30,000 students, there are bound to be a few people who fall short of the admittedly high standards of the Honor Code. The intent of the Honor Code Office's reform should be to help students who intended to keep the Honor Code but fell short. Perhaps they slipped up with a romantic partner. Maybe while recovering from a devastating injury, the student developed a substance abuse problem. Students who are trying their best to make amends and remain at BYU should be embraced, not spurned. Included in this reform should be the improved treatment of sexual assault victims. While false reports and accusations of sexual assault are a reality, the overwhelming statistical evidence shows these are rare and highly unlikely occurrences. All claims should be taken seriously and investigated. If someone has been found to have committed this grave crime and sin, they should be put in jail. On the off chance of a false accusation, the false accuser should also be disciplined for attempting to ruin an innocent life.

The student body also requires reform. BYU is a religious institution and reserves the right to have and enforce a code of proper conduct among its students. Since BYU is an educational branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, it's only natural that its code of conduct is derived from (though not identical to) the Church's doctrine.

While I understand the sentiment of students who believe the Honor Code can be improved, I do not understand or sympathize with the BYU student who never intended to keep the Honor Code in the first place. If you never intended to live the Honor Code, perhaps BYU isn't the best fit for your college education.

—Robert Jamias
Universe Sports Reporter

READERS' FORUM

The core mission of BYU "is to assist individuals in their quest for perfection and eternal life." All the policies BYU implements and the institutions it upholds should aim toward this ideal. However, recently a staggering amount of publicity has been given to the Honor Code Office for events that would stand in stark opposition to this ideal. The Honor Code Office as presently constituted seems to do little to "assist" individuals; it exists to punish and intimidate.

I realize the recently-published stories on the Honor Code Stories Instagram account are purely anecdotal, unverifiable, undated and maybe simply false. I also realize that Kevin Utt, director of the Honor Code Office, responded in a Q&A to many of the complaints brought forward by students. Despite his response, and despite the lack of verifiable evidence of misconduct, I'm left feeling the Honor Code Office hinders repentance and personal progress more often than it promotes it.

Repentance is between an individual and God, and when necessary, a bishop that holds the proper priesthood keys. Arbitrarily punishing students for accusations against them doesn't foster a positive environment where students can learn from their mistakes; it fosters resentment and mental illness.

—Payson Ashmead
West Haven, Utah

Living by the Honor Code, like attending BYU, is a privilege. Tens of thousands of students who also voluntarily signed the Honor Code in full knowledge of its precepts and enforcement at time of application were denied acceptance. Many of these students would rejoice at an opportunity to attend BYU without complaining about the code.

This situation is similar to the thousands of American teachers who went on strike last year. The teachers know

exactly what they are signing up for when they become teachers — low pay, summers off, etc. Only after time do those teachers gain a false sense of entitlement and begin to think the conditions they agreed to no longer apply to them.

If viewed as a personal sacrifice and not a voluntary obligation, abiding by the Honor Code is an exceptionally small price to pay in return to an institution that grants to each student \$150,000 worth of subsidized tuition and a world-class education. Signing one's name to a contract and then fighting that contract is the opposite of honor. Entitlement and strike are enemies to progress and dialogue. Do not be so quick to bite the hand that feeds you.

—Tyler Marlowe
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Speaking generally, we struggle as a culture with judging unrighteously. This tendency serves as a stumbling block for many, both inside and outside of the Church. I believe we inadvertently promote this judgmental culture with the Honor Code as currently constituted. The benefits of the status quo pale in comparison to the corrosive judgmental patterns it entrenches.

Every year, we send thousands of students throughout the world who have spent the last 4 years viewing, and often participating in, patterns of superficial judgement based on arbitrary standards that go beyond the gospel of Christ.

For this reason the Honor Code must be reformed. If God doesn't require something for entry to the temple, how in good conscience can we require it to attend a university? Do we not feel cognitive dissonance in preaching the restoration of all things and the higher law, while creating our own pharisaical standards? Are we not pained by how often individuals feel estranged from the church because they feel judged?

Let us strip away the arbitrary rules and focus more

fully on the principles of the gospel. Some will say this isn't enough, that the nit-picky rules are necessary. I imagine the Pharisees said the same.

—Tyler Smedley
Layton, Utah

I completely support the BYU Honor Code and its enforcement. It seems as if people are having difficulty in understanding the difference between the two separate entities of Church and University.

If a member of the Church were to commit a serious crime, they would need to seek full reconciliation with the Lord through their ecclesiastical leader. Regardless of the repentance process they undergo, they would still be subject to the laws of the land in which they live. Two entities were involved here: the Lord and the laws of the land.

Similarly, when a BYU student who is a member of the Church transgresses in a way that is contrary to the laws of God and the mutually agreed upon Honor Code, two different entities are involved: the Lord and BYU. The repentance process to regain reconciliation with the Lord requires seeking the counsel and direction of the student's ecclesiastical leader, independent from the process to regain reconciliation with the university. The latter process must be done by confiding with and adhering to the policies and decisions of BYU via the Honor Code Office.

Change your life, not the school.

—Dayson Malie Damuni
Kula, Hawaii

During my freshman year at BYU, I made some mistakes contrary to what the gospel of Jesus Christ had taught me my whole life. That summer, I met with my childhood bishop and told him about the mistakes I made. I never considered that in that moment I was jeopardizing my education at BYU. We met consistently together for four months, as he informed me that he might

take away my endorsement for my sophomore year. As devastating as that was, it didn't matter much. What was more important was making myself right with a Heavenly Father who I know loves me so much despite my imperfections.

I'm really grateful that my bishop saw my heart in that moment, but I'm even more appreciative for a code of honor, at a school that I love, that desires for me to be honest and faithful in the person God intends for me to be. Today, I am a doctoral candidate at BYU and I know the Honor Code has played a role in the person I am, coming from that little freshman girl all those years ago who made a mistake and chose to live up to more.

—Melanie Serrao
Aiea, Hawaii

There has been a lot of debate recently about whether or not the Honor Code should be updated. Many people have posted their personal experiences with the Honor Code on Instagram and other social media outlets. One of the major issues with the stories that have been posted is that the Honor Code Office cannot tell their side of the story because of student privacy laws, so the issue has become a very one-sided debate. That said, the Honor Code should be updated because enforcement of the code is based upon a tell-tale system which promotes one-sided enforcement.

To ensure that a student is not unjustly placed on academic probation, I propose that enforcement of the Honor Code extend only to behavior

on-campus, not off-campus. The funds of the Church pay for nearly 70% of the tuition that covers classes which the student takes on campus; without question, BYU may fairly enforce specific behavioral expectations while the student is on-campus. However, to avoid one-sided enforcement of the code, accountability for actions taken outside of campus should be held by the student's ecclesiastical leader and should not affect whether or not the student be placed on academic probation.

—Ashlyn Earl
Las Vegas, Nevada

I am so proud of my fellow cougars. The April 12 Honor Code rally and associated movement really excites me. As an alumnus, I wasn't there in person but was in spirit. Plus, I've shared my thoughts with the administration.

There's great investment in the BYU community, and that is why high standards are important. The Honor Code needs to stay, but it along with its enforcement need to change.

Props to BYU for recent changes that protect sexual assault victims and the religious freedom of Muslim students to grow beards. More changes are needed to make it less nit-picky and more compassionate. Further, thank you administrators for engaging with the Restore Honor group.

I am excited for the day when the LGBTQ among us will feel more comfortable, we can more freely express our individuality through broader dress and grooming guidelines,

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Ty Mullen



The Cougarettes perform their national championship-winning jazz number for friends and family during their sendoff performance on April 1. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to watch the Cougarettes' most recent viral video with *Cosmo the Cougar*.

Cougarettes reppin' US at worlds

By ROBERT JAMIAS

The BYU Cougarettes have won a national championship 19 times. That's right — the all-female dance crew that often entertains the crowd during BYU basketball and football games has been crowned the nation's top dance squad 19 times, including twice this year.

The Cougarettes won a coveted double championship at the National Dance Alliance nationals meet in Daytona, Florida, on April 5-6, solidifying the team's legacy of dancing dominance.

While it might seem impossible to top the nation's highest honors, this year, the Cougarettes hope to do just that. The team is uniquely poised to win something no Cougarettes team has won before — a world championship.

The International Cheer Union selected BYU's own to represent the U.S. at the upcoming international meet on April 24-26 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at the Walt Disney World Resorts in Orlando, Florida.

Longtime Cougarettes director and coach Jodi Maxfield said she is honored to be the coach of the country's 2019 representative dance team.

"It's incredible. It's like the Olympics of cheerleading," Maxfield said. "To come home with a gold medal is what we're hoping for and it would be an unimaginable opportunity."

For the multiple-time championship coach, the application process for the

spot as the national team was unique but fulfilling. Maxfield had to review and compile the team's many accomplishments as part of the selection process.

"To represent the United States, we had to submit a video. (The committee) looks at your past history — the awards you've won and things you've done recently," Maxfield said. "The Cougarettes have been very successful, not only in competition but in our viral videos, too. I know a lot of really good dance teams that entered for the honor and they chose BYU."

Maxfield noted most dance teams like the Cougarettes don't do nearly as many non-competition performances and media appearances as the Cougarettes. The viral videos with BYU's beloved mascot, Cosmo, were one of the biggest factors in the team's selection as the U.S. National Team.

Their most recent video, released just six months ago, featured the Cougarettes performing at a home football game with Cosmo. The dance routine, performed to Drake's "In My Feelings," was incredibly popular, receiving over 860,000 views on YouTube.

Maxfield brought in Shaye Edwards, a recent graduate and team veteran, for 2019 to help with the team's foray onto the world stage.

"I took off dancing for about 10 months," Edwards said. "Jodi asked me to come back and I just jumped right back in because I was so excited. I've been made a part of the team again. It really feels like I'm back (on) Cougarettes ...

like nothing ever changed."

Edwards' quick inclusion may come as a surprise to many, as the team veteran's presence is a stark contrast to the team's newest additions, the 10 new freshmen. The new team members, who make up the majority of the Cougarettes' roster, have made an indelible impact on the team's dynamic.

"The freshmen are awesome," Edwards said. "They came into this team with such positive attitudes and work ethics, and I think that's been huge for this team this year to have those amazing freshmen."

Edwards also noted the increased unity she feels in the team this year. She said this is due, in great part, to the new teammates' efforts. The team's theme this year was "One," which proved to be the unifying call to action the team needed to boost its preparation to the next level.

Annika Petersen, a freshman on the squad, echoed a similar sentiment about the team's unity.

"Our theme this year has been 'One,' which I think has been showing just how we've gathered together as we prepare for nationals and worlds," Petersen said. "To be able to do our best and develop and share our light with those that we can, we're so grateful for everybody."

Petersen's optimism for the team's upcoming appearance on the world stage belied the challenges and setbacks she and some of her teammates have experienced. Just like any other high-level athletes, the Cougarettes have

fought through both injury and illness over the course of the school year.

Petersen couldn't join her team's rehearsals for weeks after a seemingly small injury at an earlier performance left her with a debilitating leg infection.

"We had our concert in February, where we showed a bunch of our routines," the freshman said. "The next week after, I woke up in the morning with my leg stiff and weak ... I later found out that it was a staph infection."

Though the illness forced her out of some of the team's most important practices for the coming competitions, the now fully-recovered Petersen said she's just happy to be back with the team.

Petersen wasn't the only team member who experienced setbacks that threatened her participation in the team's biggest-ever performance. Fellow freshman and Alpine, Utah, native Lauren Billings also found herself injured at one of the worst possible times.

Billings dislocated her shoulder in a freak accident while doing a trick during the team's send-off dress rehearsal and performance on Monday, April 1. Cougarettes friends and family attended the performance, which happened just days before the nationals meet. It was a harsh reminder to all of the demands of competing in the fast-paced sport of dancing.

"I wanted to do my shoulder spin trick," Billings said. "I just pushed farther than I usually do and it just dislocated."

Billings, who was hurried out of the venue shortly after the performance

for a medical examination, was still hopeful and optimistic. Billings made it clear that although her untimely injury threatened her participation in the upcoming meets, she trusted in her team to make it work.

"I have full trust in my team," Billings asserted. "We've worked to always just have each other's backs to dance as a whole and in everything we do. I feel confident that we will be fine and get through it."

Billings recovered enough to perform with the rest of her team at the national meet, although Maxfield had to make some short-notice adjustments so Billings could still participate in the dance that injured her.

Three-year team veteran and team captain Emry Wride holds many of the same feelings as Billings. Wride's trust in the team is also based on the high level of unity the team has developed this year.

"I haven't had a team be this united before. This is my third year on the team and this team is just so different," she said. "There's something special that every single girl would do anything for each other."

Wride also spoke about the team's special nature. She said teams with that level of unity, while rare, are the foundation of how the Cougarettes create the magic the BYU community sees time and time again.

"You don't get a team like that very often," Wride said. "It's just magic out there whenever we dance."

Brock Hale maintains positivity despite draft snubs

By NATALIE ORR

BYU baseball star Brock Hale received the honor of preseason All-West Coast Conference before the 2019 season started. Perfect Game deemed Hale as the conference's "best pure hitter." But just six months earlier, the MLB skipped over the senior in the draft for the second consecutive year.

Out of high school, the Mesa, Arizona, native received offers from the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, USC, Stanford, Oregon State and Grand Canyon University, along with various community colleges. Hale ultimately joined the Cougars in 2016 specializing as an outfielder.

As a sophomore, Hale led the WCC in batting average, slugging and on-base percentage. His batting average of .395 led BYU's team and cracked the NCAA's top 10 averages. As a result of his performance, his name floated around as a potential draft pick. Head coach Mike Littlewood spoke with Deseret News in June 2017 about the potential of Hale being drafted that month into the MLB.

"Realistically, I think we'll lose Brock Hale. I think that's a sure thing," Littlewood told the Deseret News. "I think he's ready. He's ready mentally and he's ready physically. If he gets the

right deal, I think he'll go."

However, just weeks later, no team drafted Hale.

"I think it was tough on him," Littlewood said. "And honestly, I don't know why he wasn't drafted. It might be his age. I really have no idea."

The following year, Hale remained positive and continued to prove his worth. He started in all 50 games as a member of the All-WCC First Team and maintained the No. 1 batting average for the Cougars, a .342 average. Baseball America deemed the Cougar as WCC's No. 3 draft pick for 2018 by the end of the season.

Former team members Daniel Schneemann and David Clawson also made the drawing board. Schneemann joined the Cleveland Indians on June 6, 2018, while the Los Angeles Angels picked up Clawson. Hale's dream of joining the MLB vanished for the second year in a row as his name was skipped over yet again.

"It was pretty tough because that was a dream of mine growing up," Hale said. "My sophomore year I did really well and last year I did really well and it didn't happen."

Hale maintained a positive mindset in the end and said he looked forward to playing for BYU as a senior.

"I think the biggest thing is the friendships and relationships that I have built here," Hale said. "That's

helped me stay positive and not be too down about it.

Littlewood sees the leadership that Hale provides the team, adding he's become a better leader this season.

"He's a mature kid and he doesn't get too high or too low," Littlewood said. "I think he feels like he's got something to prove to everyone this year, but he's become a more vocal leader this year."

Hale received recognition as a Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week on April 1, along with the title of the Rawlings WCC Player of the Week.

With his final season in full swing, Hale's mindset has shifted from solely baseball to establishing a career outside of sports.

"It's something that I hadn't really been thinking of, so it's been exciting to figure out exactly what I want to do," Hale said. "It's been nice to know that there are other things after baseball."

Hale is majoring in experience design and management and will graduate in December 2019. He plans to pursue sales through his upcoming internship with Ecolab.

For now, Hale continues to lead the Cougars. The team broke into the national spotlight, receiving a No. 24 ranking in a recent poll.

"All those things you want to talk about, he's got," Littlewood said. "He's done well in every single area that we've asked him to do well in."



Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo

Brock Hale rounds the bases during a week where he received national and conference recognition. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to read or listen to a Portuguese translation of this story.



What draws nonmember athletes to attend BYU?

By EMILEE ERICKSON

Athletes have many variables to consider when deciding what college they should attend — especially athletes recruited by BYU who do not belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Many factors impact athlete's decisions to attend one college over another. They have to think about scholarships, location, facilities, academics and more. But when athletes are recruited by BYU, they also have to think about religion.

"At first, I felt a bit out of place," BYU men's tennis player Sean Hill said. "Yet quickly I adapted to the customs and atmosphere of being at a predominantly LDS school."

Many college athletes will tell you they chose the school that offered them the largest scholarship. This is no different with BYU athletes; many are offered scholarships. But regardless of scholarships, two reasons why some nonmembers chose BYU over other options is the feeling on campus and academic offerings.

Hill was introduced to BYU when he saw a list of best value schools on usnews.com. He said after doing his research, he found BYU was affordable, had a great Division I tennis program and offered great academics.

Whether nonmember athletes visited campus, attended a camp or learned about BYU online, many said BYU felt like



Savannah Hopkinson

Former BYU volleyball player Roni Jones-Perry celebrates with her teammates after scoring a point.

it was where they were meant to be.

"When I ask nonmember athletes why they chose BYU, and I always ask, it's usually something about the feeling they got when they visited," Student Athlete Learning Specialist Nycole Larsen said. "They liked the atmosphere and or their parents liked the environment."

Many nonmember athletes said the fact BYU is owned by the Church was never an issue when making their college decision — either they did not have religious beliefs or they were of a different faith and content with going to a school that promotes beliefs different from their own.

"I liked the culture of the team and the high standards that the coaches here held their athletes to," former BYU

women's volleyball player Roni Jones-Perry said. "I knew that if I came here I would be pushed to grow in all areas of my life, while still having the ability to have family be a big part of my life."

Jones-Perry explained she was used to the culture because she grew up in Utah, but the culture was amplified on campus. She said the best part about her experience as a nonmember athlete at BYU was the amount of reflection and spiritual growth she had there.

"Being surrounded by people whose lives revolve around their religion gave me many opportunities to sit down and really think about what my beliefs are," Jones-Perry said. "I think that this experience helped me to become more firm in who I am and what is important to me."



Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo

Mark Pope addresses the media during his first press conference as head coach of the BYU men's basketball team.

Mark Pope chasing excellence as head coach

By AARON FITZNER

BYU named Mark Pope as the 19th head coach of the men's basketball team on Wednesday, April 10.

"This place is like nowhere else," Pope said. "It is a beacon on a hill. It is such an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity (to be) the men's basketball coach here at Brigham Young University."

Pope was an assistant coach under Dave Rose from 2011-15, during which time BYU recorded four straight 20-win seasons that all led to postseason appearances, including three NCAA tournament bids and a 2013 NIT tournament berth that ended in a semi-finals appearance. Before his BYU stint, Pope was an assistant coach for a year at Wake Forest University and the director of basketball operations at the University of Georgia.

Pope returns to BYU after coaching at UVU for the last four years, where he led the Wolverines to a 77-56 record. Over the last two years the Omaha, Nebraska, native posted back-to-back 20-win seasons, going 48-21 overall. He hopes to bring success back to BYU, saying he and his staff will be "relentless" in their pursuit of excellence.

"We will be wholehearted in everything we do," Pope said. "We will be relentless every minute, every day 24/7 chasing excellence on this team. Relentless, and we will be together."

The 2018-19 campaign became Pope's finest season and perhaps put him on the radar of a BYU team that's coming off a less-than-impressive year. Pope's Wolverines posted a 25-10 record during the 2018-19 season and a 14-1 record at home. His 11-4 record in non-conference play was good enough for a UVU record, as was its 22-game win

streak at Orem's UCCU Center.

What seems to be an underlying theme for Pope's coaching success is his loyalty and love for his players. He said, with tears in his eyes, that leaving his UVU team was the hardest thing he had to go through when deciding to accept his new role.

"There was one thing that made it hard and that was my locker room, my locker room down the street," Pope said. "I had the incredible privilege of working with those fine young men that are chasing their dreams, and when you work with a team, you form a bond that supersedes everything else."

senior Jake Toolson and freshman Wyatt Lowell. Toolson was awarded WAC Player of the Year honors and was given an AP All-American honorable mention, while Lowell was given the WAC Freshman of the Year award. Toolson spent two years at BYU before transferring to UVU where his playing time increased by more than 15 minutes in his first season.

As a player himself, Pope helped the Kentucky Wildcats capture the 1996 NCAA title that was followed by a nine year career in the NBA with Indiana, Milwaukee, New York and Denver. The 6-foot-10 post also played in Turkey.

Pope said he sees BYU as the place where he wants to succeed most, more than any other destination.

"A thought crossed my mind that I use as a recruiting pitch here at BYU," Pope said. "Where do you want to win the most? Where do you go to win and it will mean the most on every level? There's no doubt in my mind that it is here."

Averaging 24 wins over the past two seasons, Pope's 2017-18 Wolverine's squad started a season against two of the countries top five teams: No. 4 Kentucky and No. 1 Duke. UVU lost both of these games, losing to Duke by 30 points, but bounced back with an 8-2 record over its next ten games.

From start to finish, Pope's UVU teams went from winning just 12 games in his first season as the head coach to the school record 25-win season in 2018-19. Pope led the Wolverines to three consecutive CBI tournament appearances in the postseason from 2017-19. UVU enjoyed at least one tournament win each season, with its best appearance coming 2016-17 when its tournament ended in the semi-final round with a 74-68 loss to Wyoming.

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Mark Pope
Men's basketball head coach

Graduate assistant and former player Nate Austin reiterated the same idea, saying Pope is a relationship-oriented coach. "When he was the assistant coach (and) was talking to me, I felt like the most important thing to him," Austin said. "He was all about relationships and making you feel like you're on the top of the world, like you're a million bucks."

Pope coached two players who received impressive recognition during the 2018-19 season,

Simple Bites

CHEESE TORTELLINI SALAD

Ingredients	For 1	For 2	4 or more
fresh cheese tortellini	1/2 lb	1 lb	2 lb
extra-virgin olive oil	2 Tbs	4 Tbs	1/2 cup
balsamic vinegar	1 Tbs	2 Tbs	1/4 cup
honey	1/4 Tbs	1/2 Tbs	1 Tbs
salt	pinch	dash	dash
pepper	pinch	dash	dash
chopped salami or prosciutto	1/3 cup	3/4 cup	1 1/2 cup
baby spinach	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
sun-dried tomatoes, chopped	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
grated Parmesan cheese	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup

Directions
Cook tortellini according to package directions. Drain and place in large serving bowl.
For the dressing: Whisk together olive oil, balsamic vinegar, honey and season with salt and pepper to taste.
Add salami/prosciutto, spinach, sun-dried tomatoes and dressing to bowl and toss until well combined.
Serve with Parmesan.

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Panel 6: I'M BETTER THAN YOU!!!

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Panel 4: THAT'S A GOOD IDEA...

Panel 5: YOU GO NOW, AND I'LL GO FIVE YEARS FROM NOW!

Panel 6: I'M GOING OVER TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND APOLOGIZE FOR SNOOPY ATTACKING THEIR KITTEN...

Panel 7: THE WHOLE THING WAS REALLY MY MISTAKE. CHARLIE BROWN, YOU STAY HERE... I'LL GO OVER, AND EXPLAIN TO THEM WHAT HAPPENED.

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Panel 1: DO YOU EVER GET THE URGE TO LEAVE CIVILIZATION BEHIND AND FOLLOW THE CALL OF THE WILD, BOY?

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Panel 3: WOULDNT YOU LOVE TO RUN FREE LIKE YOUR UNTAMED ANCESTORS AND HOWL AT THE MOON?

Panel 4: YES! YES!

Panel 5: I CAN JUST SEE YOU CHASING AND KILLING YOUR OWN FOOD.

Panel 6: KIBBLES 'N BITS HAVE TO BE CHASED AND KILLED?

Panel 7: I THINK THERES A LITTLE OF THE WILD AND UNTAMED IN ALL OF US.

Panel 8: THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE THAT HEARS, AND YEARNS TO ANSWER, THE CALL OF THE WILD.

Panel 9: I CAN HEAR IT RIGHT NOW. I CAN SMELL IT, TOO.

Panel 10: OH, SHOOT! I'M STEPPIN' IN IT!

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Panel 6: SO I THINK I DESERVE A SCHOLARSHIP AND SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL AID.

Panel 7: I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY COLLEGES WILL AGREE.

Panel 8: I MEANT FROM YOU GUYS NOW.

Sudoku

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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- Chicago air hub
- Voice below soprano
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- Zombies
- Eat fancily
- Like bread and newlyweds, maybe
- Pudding ingredient from the cassava root
- "Dallas" matriarch
- Had a role in a movie or play
- Like a concert album
- Fragrance
- One-named Grammy winner for "Soldier of Love"
- Hip-hop's ___ Wayne
- ChapStick product
- Recipient of a Medal of Honor or Purple Heart
- Spike who won a 2018 Oscar
- Where Santa lands
- Bard of ___ (Shakespeare)
- Like a stolen object, when it's not where it's supposed to be
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- In a crass way
- Freestyle skiing jumps
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- Fresh
- Aerodynamic
- Website with crowdsourced reviews
- Lip
- Bagel go-with
- Bringer of rain
- The Cardinals, on scoreboards
- Creator of a logical "razor"
- Bird in the flycatcher family
- Favorite
- Sport, as a sport coat
- Touches down

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- Clueless
- After the ___ (when to leave a phone message)
- [Bzzt!]
- Some Dairy Queen orders
- Frequent Andrew Wyeth model
- Palindromic woman's name
- Affected adversely, physically or psychologically
- Oil installation
- Some Siouans
- Part to play
- Runaway best-selling Apple products of the 2000s
- Pince-___ (style of glasses)
- ___ Godiva
- Part of the upper deck?
- Utopian
- Naked
- Like an orange tan, say
- Content of a bog
- Western tribe member
- Military operation that might last for months
- Got chicken, say
- Largest moon of Saturn
- Org. with a Form 1040
- Modern acronym for "seize the day"
- Play mates?
- Supply with updated parts
- A puzzling direction
- Asleep
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Online tool may hinder vaccination objectives

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An online learning module created to educate Utah parents about the importance of vaccinations may have made it easier for them to receive non-medical exemptions for their children.

Vaccination opponents claim the module is neither persuasive nor contains completely accurate information, and state health officials have expressed concerns it's difficult to assess just how many people are using the module for its intended purposes.

The learning module on the Utah Department of Health website went into effect July 1, 2018. It was created by Utah HB308, which passed almost unanimously a year ago in both the Utah House and Senate.

The module allows users to print out a completion certificate that can then be used to obtain an exemption from immunizations required for attendance in state public schools.

Utah is one of 18 states that allows personal exemptions and one of 47 that allows religious exemptions. For the 2017-18 school year, 2,606 vaccination exemptions were granted for kindergartners in Utah, of which 96.2% were for philosophical or personal reasons, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Last year, 5.2% of Utah's kindergartners received an exemption. Only four other states reported higher exemption percentages, including Alaska (6.1%), Arizona (5.3%), Idaho (6.7%), and Oregon (7.5%), according to the CDC. Overall, 93.4% of Utah kindergartners met the two-dose requirement for measles.

This comes at a time of increasing outbreaks of illnesses that were once declared to be eradicated in the U.S., including in Washington, where 66 measles cases have been reported since last fall. New York City has a controversial mandatory



Associated Press

A March 27 photo taken at the Rockland County Health Department shows a sign explaining the local state of emergency because of a measles outbreak in Pomona, New York.

immunization policy in place that is facing legal challenges.

In Utah, HB308 sponsor Rep. Norman K. Thurston, R-Provo, said the goal of his bill was to create an education module to inform parents, particularly those who oppose vaccinations, about the implications of what could happen if their child does not receive the shots.

But according to Rich Lakin, the Utah Department of Health's immunization program manager, the success of the module depends on Utah school districts to make parents aware of its existence and how it can be accessed.

According to Tom Hudachko, communications director for the Utah Department of Health, it is difficult to know exactly how many people have used the new module to obtain an actual exemption.

Some people have used "names like Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck" in the online module, he said. "We know that the number of certificates doesn't coincide with the actual number of exemptions that are taken

from the schools."

Lakin also noted poor communication between school districts and parents regarding vaccination deadlines that makes it difficult to obtain an accurate assessment of how the module is being used. Some parents, he said, may have turned to the module as a last resort when they realized they had run out of time to get their children immunized before the start of school.

Parent rights vs. public safety

Thurston said he believes the vaccination issue has created a conflict between those who see this as a parental rights issue and those who see this as a matter of public health and safety. He said he hoped his bill would "bridge the gap" between these two perspectives.

In at least five states, lawmakers have or are planning to introduce bills that would eliminate the personal exemption.

Rep. Mitch Greenlick, a Democrat from Oregon's 33rd district, has a bill in committee that

would eliminate the personal exemption for elementary school students. He said he sees this primarily as a major public health concern rather than an issue of parental rights.

Rep. Paul Harris, a Republican who represents Washington's 17th District, is the leading sponsor of HB1638, which has passed the House and has moved on to the Senate. It would remove personal exemptions and allow exemptions through declaration of immunity proved through laboratory research.

Unlike their counterparts in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere, Utah lawmakers have chosen to tackle the vaccination issue through parental education. This discussion began in early 2016 when HB221 was introduced. Sponsored by Rep. Carol Spackman-Moss, D-Holladay, the bill sought to develop and provide an immunization exemption form free of charge, online and at local health departments. It also mandated the development of an education module.

In video records of the floor

debate, Spackman-Moss argued her purpose was to "honor those parents who want to get exemptions, but to make sure that all parents of unimmunized children (receive an education) through an online education module to keep their children safe."

HB221 never became law, but a year later Thurston revived the issue by introducing HB308, which passed, mandating the online education module.

The anti-vaxxers

Ironically, many of the parents who have chosen not to vaccinate their children said they do not identify as "anti-vaxxers." Many of the parents interviewed for this story said they are not against vaccines in general, but rather simply believe they are not the best option for their children. They offered several reasons behind their choices, including a fear of government and big pharma conspiracies and a preference for more holistic medical approaches. Several indicated they did not find the information provided by the state's learning module to be sufficiently persuasive.

Lucas and Shara Ramirez from Orem said they have studied both sides of the issue and decided following the normal vaccination schedule was not best for their children. Lucas Ramirez, a nurse practitioner, said parents know their children best.

"The best plan for vaccination is an individualized one," he said. The Ramirez's children are partially vaccinated.

Jamie Egbert, a St. George mother who has not vaccinated her children, is among those parents concerned with big pharma conspiracies. She said she believes information about vaccines doesn't educate people about risks.

Lori Barber, the nursing director in the Division of Family and Personal Health of Utah County, said she has received phone calls from parents asking about alleged vaccination conspiracies.

"I had people calling me a lot when I was over the immunization clinic, asking me things like, 'Did the government put microchips in immunizations?'"

Aislynn Tolman-Hill, public information officer for the Utah County Health Department, said there are pockets in Utah County where people prefer a more holistic route over vaccinations, "sometimes just totally not wanting any vaccinations whatsoever."

Herd immunity

Herd immunity, also known as community immunity, is defined as the protection of unimmunized individuals — such as babies, the elderly and those with compromising medical conditions — that is created by the overall immunity level in the surrounding community. When vaccination rates drop below a certain level, vulnerable segments of the population lose their protection.

According to the Utah Department of Health's online educational module, declining vaccination rates are on the verge of eliminating community immunity in the state.

In the Provo School District, data compiled by the district and the state in 2018 indicate only 86.9% percent of kindergarten students are adequately immunized compared to 91.7% and 87.9% of Nebo and Alpine school district kindergartners respectively.

Tolman-Hill expressed her concerns about declining immunity levels in the valley. "It really is important to especially care and think about those that cannot be immunized, specifically infants."

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