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BYU celebrates homecoming, 150 years of college football

By ANNA BRYNER AND ELISA HUHEM

Former BYU quarterback Marc Lyons remembers receiving a special letter from the NCAA in 1969 congratulating him for participating in college football's 100th year. Lyons and his teammates wore a "100" on their helmets to commemorate the event, and Lyons felt excited to participate in the historic season.

Fifty years later, as college football celebrates its 150th anniversary, the Cougar quarterback-turned-broadcaster still loves the sport. However, he knows that the quality of athleticism, rule changes and the influence of BYU's own LaVell Edwards have fundamentally altered the American pastime.

"Now, at 150 years, it is an entirely different game," Lyons said.

Spectators on campus for Saturday's homecoming game would have a hard time recognizing football as it was originally played. Rules were simple and violence was common. Playing with a round ball, players could only score by batting or kicking the ball through the opposing team's goal. Throwing or carrying the ball was not allowed, but players had plenty of physical contact. The first team to reach six goals won the game.

More than 5.33 million players have played college football since the first game between Princeton and Rutgers on Nov. 6, 1869.

College football begins at BYU

BYU — then Brigham Young Academy — entered the college football scene in 1896, 27 years after college football's official beginning. However, the football program was suspended after just a few seasons as reports of the violence in the sport swirled throughout the nation.

BYU fielded a team again in 1922 after convincing the Board of Trustees that rule changes made the sport safe and a football program would promote better relations with other Utah schools and draw more student athletes to BYU.

Early years of BYU football

BYU football games were not always held in the renowned LaVell Edwards Stadium. In the 1930s, games were



Hannah Miner

Cosmo beats a drum to cheer on BYU against Washington on Sept. 21 as thousands of Cougar fans look on in white for the 150th anniversary of college football.

played at the hillside stadium, where the Richards Building now stands.

The stands at the hillside stadium seated 5,000 people, with more people seated on temporary bleachers on the west side.

BYU built Cougar Stadium just north of campus with the capacity to seat 33,000 people in 1964. The enthusiasm for BYU football increased as the team won its first conference championship in 1965. Eventually, the stadium expanded to hold 65,000 to meet the increased demand of devoted fans.

LaVell Edwards changes the game

Former BYU defensive coordinator LaVell Edwards took over as head coach in 1972. He took a football program that had captured just one conference title in 50 years and turned it into a national powerhouse, forever leaving his mark on BYU and college

football.

Edwards said that when he started as head coach, he thought it was a matter of when and not if he would get fired, according to BYU associate athletic director Duff Tittle. Edwards felt that if he was going to get fired, he wanted it to be for trying something different.

The idea to try a different strategy came from working as a defensive coordinator, according to Lyons, who announced Cougar football for nearly four decades. As defensive coordinator, Edwards realized pass plays often converted third downs to firsts.

"He decided that passing was the way to go," Lyons said.

The Cougars' embrace of the passing game, also known as the West Coast offense, fundamentally altered college football's run-dominated offensive strategies.

Quarterbacks with throwing talent

flocked to BYU, and Edward's-era teams fielded Cougar legends Gifford Nielsen, Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young, Robbie Bosco and Ty Detmer, among others.

While Edward's influence on offensive strategy is well-noted, his influence on defensive strategy is sometimes overlooked.

"By putting in that offensive strategy, he ended up creating a problem for himself," Lyons said. "(He) had to come up with a plan for the defense to stop the things that he had created for the offense."

In addition to influencing college football nationally, Edwards put BYU on the national radar as a reputable competitor during his 29 seasons as head coach. His 1984 team earned the Cougars their first and only national championship, and his 1990 team beat No. 1 Miami and saw quarterback Ty Detmer take home the Heisman

trophy.

Under Edwards' coaching, BYU quarterbacks finished first in the nation in passing eight times and picked up 17 other top-five finishes. Cougar quarterbacks also received many other prestigious awards, including seven Sammy Baugh trophies and four Davey O'Brien awards.

Edwards' coaching legacy became permanently enshrined before Edwards' final home game as President Gordon B. Hinckley announced Cougar Stadium would be renamed LaVell Edwards Stadium.

BYU football after LaVell Edwards

In the post-Edward's era, the football program has seen three coaches: Gary Crowton, Bronco Mendenhall and current head coach Kalani Sitake.

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BYU Cougarettes prepare for nationals, game days

By ANNEKA CUSICK

BYU home football games are filled with school spirit. From the marching band and Cosmo to cheerleaders and the Cougarettes, elements of a home football game are meant to bring fans an exciting game-day experience. It's easy to get lost in all the Cougar hype.

The football team dedicates hours each day to prepare for a game, but what goes into preparation for other aspects of the BYU game-day celebration? The Cougarettes talked about how they prep for gameday.

Throughout the week, the Cougarettes practice each day for about three hours as a team, but those three hours are often not enough. Most members of the Cougarettes practice more often each week to learn new routines and prepare to perform.

"Because we have to know dance moves to fill four-hour games, we do not have time to go over everything every day. We have a lot of responsibility to make sure that we are doing that on our own, which is actually really fun," Cougarette co-captain Caroline Tarbet said.

When it comes to game day, the team's schedule begins two and a half hours before the game.

The Cougarettes showcase their



Hannah Miner

With 19 national championships under their belt, the BYU Cougarettes perform in synchronization during a BYU sporting match.

talent as a competitive dance team at every home football game, but people might not realize that in addition to

their performances at games and viral videos with Cosmo the Cougar, the team is a 19-time national

champion.

"We have to think ahead. ... We have the BYU Spectacular coming

up, and we are prepping for nationals already," co-captain Emry Wride said. "We have the game, but we also have things like BYU Spectacular practice, preparing for the game and then getting our tricks ready for nationals."

There is more than football games and the BYU Spectacular on the minds of the Cougarettes each week. In particular, the Cougarettes use gameday as a way to prepare for their ultimate goal — competing at NDA Nationals.

"What we do in games is very different than what we do in competition because it is focused on scoring high from the judges. We tell the girls that every time they go out to perform, it is a preparation for nationals," head coach Jodi Maxfield said.

Tarbet said the team spends extra time preparing and cleaning routines as if they were going to compete with them. She said it's comparable to prepping for nationals, but the stakes aren't as high, so the emotions aren't the same.

This year, the Cougarette squad looks to add to its 19 national championships and seeks a berth dancing for the U.S. at the world championship — a competition they competed in for the first time in 2018.

The Cougarettes will perform during the BYU football homecoming game against Boise State on Oct. 19.

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Gas and electric company cut California power

Millions of Californians spent part of the week in the dark in an unprecedented effort by the state's large electrical utilities to prevent another disastrous wildfire.

It was the fifth time Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has preemptively cut the power but by far the largest to date.

Experts say it's hard to know what might have happened had the power stayed on, or if the utility's proactive shutoffs are to thank for California's mild fire season this year.



Hunter Biden to leave foreign-owned company

Facing intense scrutiny from President Donald Trump and his Republican allies, Hunter Biden says he will step down from the board of directors of a Chinese-backed private equity firm at the end of the month as part of a pledge not to work on behalf of any foreign-owned companies should his father win the presidency.

Biden, the son of Joe Biden, revealed his plan Sunday in an internet post written by his attorney, George Mesires, who outlined a defense of the younger Biden's work in Ukraine and China.



Utah mom with epilepsy walks children to school

A Utah mother who started walking her children to school every day after an epilepsy diagnosis prevented her from driving has discovered she loves the conversations and extra time she gets with her children.

Trishelle Duncan said the walks are good for her health, save a bit of money on gas, and get the family outdoors more. The mother of six walks her 10-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son to school each day in Kaysville. Her 3-year-old son comes with them.



Family of black victim demands justice

The family of a 28-year-old black woman who was shot and killed by a white police officer in her Fort Worth home as she played video games with her nephew expressed outrage Monday that the officer has not been arrested or fired.

The Fort Worth Police Department said officers responded about 2:25 a.m. Saturday after a neighbor called a non-emergency line to report the home's front door had been left open. The responding officer fired a shot through a window, killing Atatiana Jefferson.



Simone Biles steps up as face of Olympics

Next stop Tokyo for Simone Biles. With Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps both retired since the last Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the U.S. gymnast will be the face of the games for much of the world.

In gymnastics, no one else comes close. Biles won five of the six gold medals at last week's world championships and broke the all-time record of 25 medals by any gymnast, male or female. Biles has not just got the talent. She's got the character of an Olympic star.

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Remembering the history of BYU football

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With the intention of building on BYU's dominant offense, BYU named Crowton, then the Chicago Bears' offensive coordinator, as head coach in 2001.

"He brought in a little flash to the football program," Lyons said. Crowton led the Cougars to a 12-2 finish during his first season as head coach. However, the next three years saw losing seasons.

"He brought in this kind of quick-score attitude, but they weren't able to create enough of that over the years that he was there," Lyons said.

In 2005, Mendenhall took over the head coaching operations. Mendenhall, like Edwards, was a defensive coordinator at BYU before being appointed as head coach.

The Mendenhall era saw an emphasis on returning to values. Signs with the words "tradition," "spirit" and "honor" lined the stadium. Firesides the night before games became a tradition. Players learned the importance of faith, family, friends and knowledge — all priorities that, according to Mendenhall, came before football. Even so, football under



Mark Philbrick

BYU's 1984 team earned the Cougars their first and only national championship.

Mendenhall did anything but take a back seat.

"He expected more out of players than they knew they could give," Lyons said.

Relentless demand for improvement earned Mendenhall a 99-43 record during his 11-year tenure as head coach.

Mendenhall also led the team through its transition to conference independence that began in 2011. After five years of guiding an independent team, Mendenhall stepped down from the role to become head coach at the University of Virginia.

Kalani Sitake — an Edwards-coached former Cougar himself — was next to take the helm. Sitake's hiring made college football history as Sitake became the first Tongan college football head coach.

According to Lyons, Sitake's coaching style has been similar to Edwards: rely on the assistant



BYU Athletics

Head coach LaVell Edwards was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

coaches to coach the players.

"I don't know that he has as much input into coaching the individuals," Lyons said.

The Cougars under Sitake have posted two winning seasons out of Sitake's three full seasons as coach.

Celebrating 150 years

BYU has celebrated the 150th anniversary this year with a special media day as well as in-game festivities, including a retro theme against Washington. Brett Pyne, director of BYU football media relations, said BYU is excited to join schools nationwide in celebrating 150 years of college football.

"There are great traditions and pageantry with this game," Pyne said. "Everything that goes into a college game, including Cougar Tails and the fight song, are a great way to bring the campus community together."

Student thoughts on homecoming



Lexie Flickinger

Members of the Cougar Marching Band perform after leading students to Brigham Square following the 2018 opening ceremony.

By MICKEY RANDLE

Homecoming week begins Tuesday, Oct. 15. The week is full of activities, like a scavenger hunt, a 5k race, a football game and the BYU Spectacular. These events are designed to encourage school spirit and welcome the students back to BYU, but not everyone knows about the celebration.

Emily Bakly, a family history major, said she was not aware of homecoming week, though she admitted that she has only been at BYU since January.

Pre-business major Curtis Nielson hadn't heard of the events either, but said he would be too busy to attend due to midterms and other homework anyway.

Siblings Braden and Abby Griffin weren't sure what homecoming week was either. They surmised that it had something to do with a football game because their parents made plans to attend the Boise

State vs. BYU football game on Saturday.

Homecoming begins with an opening ceremony, where students can hear the marching band play and eat a free lunch afterward. There will also be activities all week, including the BYU Spectacular, which will feature a musical performance by Ben Rector and Hilary Weeks.

Freshman Mercedes Blackburn said she was looking forward to hiking the Y as part of homecoming week and is excited to see the outcome of the football game since she is from Boise.

Sevanna Ahern, a chemical engineering major, said she is excited about homecoming week.

"I love homecoming week," Ahern said. "I love the performances and everything else that they do. It's a fun celebration; there's usually a lot of fun stuff to do."

BYU's Homecoming week starts on Oct. 15 and will culminate with a football game on Oct. 19.

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Church members in US politics share experiences

By ANNA MORGAN

There are 10 members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints currently serving in Congress.

Of the 10, four are in the Senate and six are in the House of Representatives. They represent Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico and Utah.

Despite a 2019 Pew Research Center report showing that the number of Latter-day Saints in Congress is the lowest it has been in the last decade, members of the Church continue to play a role in U.S. politics at the local and national level.

President Donald Trump's appointment of National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien in early September marked the latest Church member appointed in national politics. Upon his appointment, O'Brien became the highest-ranking member of the Church in the U.S. government.

Despite common ties to the Church, Latter-day Saints serving in political positions have different reasons for getting involved in politics.

MJ Henshaw, former communications director for Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, said she chose to get into politics because it gave her a sense of purpose.

"I like being involved in something that is bigger than me. This country and what it stands for is bigger than me, and I like being involved in something that actually has an impact on people's lives and that can work for the good," Henshaw said.

As political pressures form around important decisions, some Latter-day Saints find their religious beliefs have a large effect on the decision-making process.



National Security Adviser Robert C. O'Brien, left, and White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner walk to the White House in Washington, Thursday, Sept. 26, as they return with President Donald Trump from attending the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

"For me, my religious beliefs ground me in principle, and I think that as you live life, if you live a principle-based life, then you're able to anchor yourself on certain principles," Henshaw said.

Heber City Mayor Kelleen Potter said her love for politics grew when she was a research assistant for former BYU political science professor David Magleby. Since then, she said, everything has fallen into place.

"I was never going to run for office, but then some friends nudged me into doing it," Potter said. She recalled a friend calling her the day before candidate filings for city council were due. They asked her if she would consider running.

"I told them I didn't know anything about local government, but they kept pushing me, so

I decided to try. I never would have thought to run without that encouragement," Potter said.

Potter said she believes one of the greatest things she has learned from her membership in the Church is "honesty and integrity."

"I always make my decisions based on my values," Potter said.

As members of the church participate in U.S. politics, not only do their religious views play a role in their decision making and interactions with others but their political involvement has also gives them opportunities to share the gospel.

"I am so thankful I chose the political route because other opportunities that have come in my life have been great opportunities for me to serve in government in ways that I wouldn't have if I didn't have those experiences

and background," Potter said.

Wayne Williams, the former Secretary of State in Colorado and now a Colorado Springs city councilman, said he was the only member of the Church participating in state-level politics in Colorado 17 years ago.

While Williams was Secretary of State, he had the opportunity to invite both Colorado senators, the former governor and their lieutenant governor to attend the Fort Collins Colorado Temple open house. He said the experience was a highlight of his entire time in politics.

"One of the things (my political involvement) has provided me was that I was able to reach out to a lot of elected officials across the state and invite them to come to the temple opening," Williams said, adding that many of them accepted the invitation.



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Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, speaks to reporters following a roundtable discussion at Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital.

Romney undecided on impeachment, stands by Trump criticism

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SALT LAKE CITY — Mitt Romney hasn't yet decided whether President Donald Trump should be impeached, but the Republican senator from Utah on Oct. 10 stuck by criticism that has earned him a stream of insults from Trump on Twitter.

Romney said that while he thinks some things the president has done are wrong, it doesn't necessarily mean Trump should be removed from office.

"I will keep an open mind until and unless there is some kind of decision reached by the House, and then I will evaluate that information at that point," he said, referring to the House impeachment inquiry. "It's a purposeful effort on my part to stay unbiased and see the evidence as it's brought forward."

Romney's comments came following an appearance at a Salt Lake City event about the increasing number of people sickened by a mysterious illness associated with vaping.

Trump's Saturday Twitter

stream came after the senator became one of the few in the GOP to speak out against Trump's call for China to investigate the family of presidential hopeful Joe Biden.

Romney calmly brushed off the president's rebuke, saying he doesn't follow him on Twitter.

Romney repeated his criticism of Trump's apparent overtures to China and Ukraine, as well as the more widely shared disagreement with Trump's decision to pull U.S. troops from Syria's border. Romney also said he agrees with Trump on other policy positions and expects him to win the GOP nomination and another term.

"Whether you support the president or not I think he's by far the most likely to get re-elected," as many Democratic candidates take increasingly further left positions, Romney said. He declined to comment on how possible impeachment might affect the 2020 race.

Romney, a former governor of Massachusetts, said he couldn't imagine running again for president himself. He also said he hasn't spoken with his GOP Senate colleagues about the impeachment process.

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Why all the fuss over Columbus Day?

By ANNE WALLACE

In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

This fact is considered indisputable by almost anyone with an elementary-level education. But what has been disputed publicly by various groups in recent years is the impact of his activities in the Western Hemisphere.

The credit Christopher Columbus received for discovering the Americas has long been up for debate. Many believe earlier explorers such as Leif Erikson landed on the American continent before Columbus' arrival on islands just outside the Gulf of Mexico. What is acknowledged is that Columbus was the first to establish a back-and-forth connection between mainland Europe and the Americas. Along with this connection to Europe, Columbus brought with him European diseases, politics and enslavement of indigenous peoples.

Records of large-scale celebrations of Columbus' discovery date back to the late 18th century. Columbus Day was made an official Utah state holiday in 1919 and an official federal holiday in 1934. Since 1971, Columbus Day has been officially observed on the second Monday of October.

But since its inception, and even more in recent years, debate has surrounded the holiday. Will Columbus Day survive its first hundred years as a designated federal holiday? Or will it be replaced with a holiday that celebrates Indigenous Americans, the people who already existed in the Americas long before his voyage? Can both holidays coexist?

Many cities and states have already made their decision that, no, the two cannot coexist. Indigenous Peoples Day replaces Columbus Day in Seattle, Wash.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Berkeley, Calif.; and parts of Alaska. Hawaii celebrates Discoverer's Day in place of Columbus Day to celebrate the Polynesian explorers that discovered the Hawaiian Islands. South Dakota was the first to replace Columbus Day when it did so in 1990, replacing it with Native Americans Day.

Other states have said, "Why not both?" California celebrates

Native American Day on the fourth Friday of September, and Tennessee celebrates American Indian Day on the fourth Monday of September.

The move to rename Columbus Day also seems to be growing. On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the governing council of the District of Columbia voted to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. A survey released earlier this month by the college student polling platform College Pulse shows 69% of 1,500 college students surveyed support renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

Activist David Wright believes celebrating Columbus Day should be a thing of the past. He refers to the glorification of Columbus as "a big mistake from an educated perspective, a false claim and misguided ideal of domination."

Wright believes replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day would give Native Americans greater rights to their heritage and history, and he said eliminating Columbus Day "is important to correct the imperialistic rule over governing humanity and the incorrect history."

Simply put, Wright said he feels the need to reveal the truth about Columbus' history with Indigenous Americans. He believes Columbus does not deserve to be remembered as a hero "because (Columbus) deserves no credit. He only opened the way for more exploration and the ideals of exploiting the wealth of our nation and cultures."

Indigenous American and BYU professor Roni Jo Draper said the effects of Columbus on indigenous peoples extend far beyond the Taino peoples of Hispaniola, the island that is now Haiti and the Dominican Republic. While Columbus never directly interacted with indigenous Americans outside of Hispaniola and only briefly in Panama, he set a precedent for the treatment of indigenous peoples that lasts to this day, she said.

"He represents all the explorers who came after him," Draper said. "Lewis and Clark, the pioneers, the Gold Rushers of 1849 ... all of those folks who upon contact with indigenous people didn't see humans; they saw savage individuals."

Draper said she believes

the way Columbus treated the Taino people affects indigenous people to this day.

"As soon as those folks could be identified as sort of subhuman, then it was much easier to say remove them, kill them, rape them, take their material goods, sell them as their own. And for a lot of indigenous peoples, we are still living that truth," she said. "Those views of indigenous people haven't shifted enough to allow indigenous peoples and their nations to thrive."

She has seen the impact of this in her own life and personal heritage. Draper is a member of the Yurok Tribe, which lost approximately 72% of its population to the bounty put on Native American scalps in the 1850s following the Gold Rush in 1849. Her grandmother was forced into an Indian boarding school, and Draper's father was taken from family and banished from his home at 16 years old by a non-indigenous judge.

"I don't cast myself as a victim," she said. "I cast us as survivors and people who are seeking to thrive through the harsh reality. But if we're going to end racism, if we're going to end white supremacy, we need people to start talking about it."

For this reason, Draper said she and other indigenous people are done putting up with the traditional narrative surrounding Columbus.

Despite the pain surrounding Columbus Day that Draper and others feel, there are definite supporters; people who find joy in the legacy and celebration of the early explorer. These people were involved in the original lobbying efforts to designate Columbus Day as an official government holiday in their cities and states and even federally. Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is a Catholic fraternity that focuses on service and actively lobbies to preserve Columbus Day.

Andy Airriess, a Utah deputy with the Knights of Columbus, said Columbus was a natural choice to represent the group at its founding in 1882, as he was America's most widely known and respected Catholic at the time. Catholics in that era were not popular among most Americans who often favored more Protestant religious beliefs. The Ku Klux Klan even targeted Catholics and fought against official designations for Columbus Day because of Columbus' Catholicism.

Airriess said he believes much of Columbus' legacy has been misconstrued by his political enemies. He said much of what Americans use to study Columbus was written by his chief political rival Francisco de Bobadilla. He likens taking Bobadilla for his word to taking former President Jimmy Carter for his word on his political foe, Ronald Reagan, who won the White House from Carter. While pointing out this potential historical bias, Airriess believes there are historical reports of Columbus' misdeeds that can be trusted.

"Columbus was a great man. Was he perfect? No," Airriess



Associated Press

This undated portrait attributed to Rodolfo Ghirlandaia shows Italian explorer Christopher Columbus. The image and story of the 15th Century navigator who began European incursions into the Americas, have changed in the U.S. over decades.

said.

Airriess said that Columbus' intent with the Taino people was not primarily enslavement, but evangelization. He pointed out that slavery existed long before Columbus, and continues to exist, albeit in different ways, to this day.

Airriess said Columbus Day helps him celebrate his culture and heritage as a Catholic, and member of the Knights of Columbus, but he doesn't think that means he has to oppose Indigenous Peoples Day. "I have nothing against adding an Indigenous Peoples Day," he said. "But don't take one away simply to get another. Start a new one."

Columbus Day perhaps holds its greatest importance with Italian Americans who look to Columbus as the first Italian American. Though Columbus sailed under the Spanish flag, it is believed he was born in Genoa, Italy. Some Italian Americans view him as the first immigrant and use Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate their Italian American heritage.

Nick Fuoco, a board member with the Utah Italian American Civic League, said early Italian American immigrants relied on Columbus' standing as a hero to help them assimilate into a hostile community. "Columbus was the first symbol of America that all Americans saw as a positive figure and that, in turn, mainstreamed us as Italian Americans to be seen as real Americans instead of being seen as the scum of America," Fuoco said.

He said the way Italian immigrants were seen and treated



Roni Jo Draper

BYU professor Roni Jo Draper, as an infant, being held by her father, Timothy Minard. Draper grew up on a Yurok reservation and is a member of the Yurok Tribe.

mirrored the way many Latin immigrants have been treated in more recent years. He said Columbus can be a symbol to all immigrants and show the strength of the immigrant spirit.

Fuoco doesn't try to dispute the controversial parts of Columbus' history. "There were maybe some things that Columbus did that by modern standards would be barbaric or ridiculous, but that goes for every historical figure."

Fuoco believes historical figures shouldn't be judged by modern-day standards. "People did things that they're not proud of. People make mistakes or things happen that are historically appropriate for their time but are not appropriate in

the modern day," Fuoco said. "To have this revisionist history and to try to understand something that happened 700 or 800 years ago is really a slippery slope."

While Fuoco strongly supports the continuing celebration of Columbus Day, he believes it can coexist with an Indigenous Peoples Day, which he said is something the Utah Italian American Civic League would be happy to put its resources behind.

"This isn't a zero-sum game," Fuoco said. "We can continue to promote and celebrate our immigrant history and the history of Columbus at the same time while promoting indigenous people through their own day."



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Baby red or yellow potatoes	1 cup	2 cups	4 cups
Olive oil	1/2 tbsp	1 tbsp	2 tbsp
Rosemary, Thyme, Garlic powder, Onion powder	1/4 tsp (each)	1/2 tsp (each)	1 tsp (each)
Sea salt, Black pepper	1/8 tsp (each)	1/4 tsp (each)	1/2 tsp (each)

Directions

Wash and cut potatoes into bite-size pieces.

Place potatoes in bowl and drizzle with olive oil. Mix until potatoes are all coated.

In a small bowl, mix all the remaining ingredients. Sprinkle over potatoes. Mix until all potatoes are coated. Heat oven to 400°.

Line cookie sheet or baking pan with parchment paper.

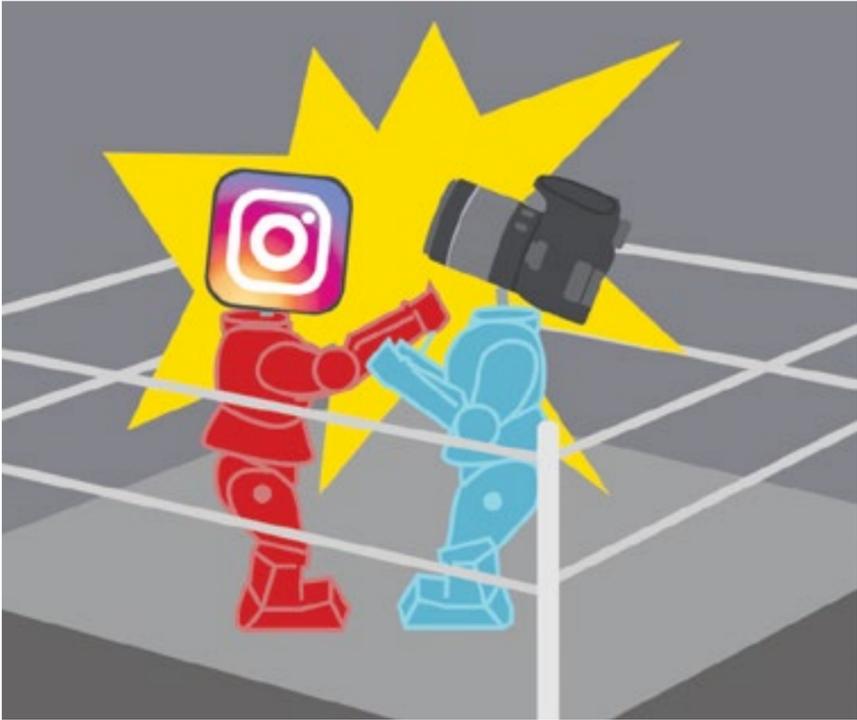
Spread coated potatoes on sheet. Roast in oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Potatoes are done when tender, brown and crispy around the edges.

Remove from oven. Serve hot.



Scan this photo with the Universe Plus app to see our video of how to make the potatoes.

Studio photographers adapt to Instagram amateurs



Hope Thomas

Instagrammers and professional photographers are fighting for relevance on the battlefield of photography.

By NICK GLEDHILL

Local photography studios are working with market saturation as amateur Instagram photographers flood social media. Their saving grace? Their ability to adapt to ever-moving trends.

Whitney Meine, the owner of South City Studios in Provo, said she feels Instagram photographers are a positive addition to the photography industry. "I think there are more photographers because there's more use for photography. E-commerce is becoming bigger, so there's more opportunity for professionals to work." She said she sees the rise of Instagram as a chance for more people to hone their skills in the craft and tap into the growing market. "There's probably more opportunity than there's ever been for photographers to become professionals."

Professional photographer Taylor Tucker works at Camera Shy, an Orem family photography studio. She views Instagram photographers as helpful

to the industry. "Photography trends are constantly changing, and with those trends being constantly published on Instagram by amateurs, professional photographers are able to contribute and perfect those trends."

Tucker said she favors professional photos over amateurs' work but sees Instagram as a positive platform for professional photographers in addition to novices.

"I think it's great that professionals are able to publish their photos without having to manage a website or a blog, but then I see the other side where people with phone cameras attempt to mimic the same thing professionals use," she said.

Tucker said that although professional photographers have an edge in terms of training, it all depends on what the trends are.

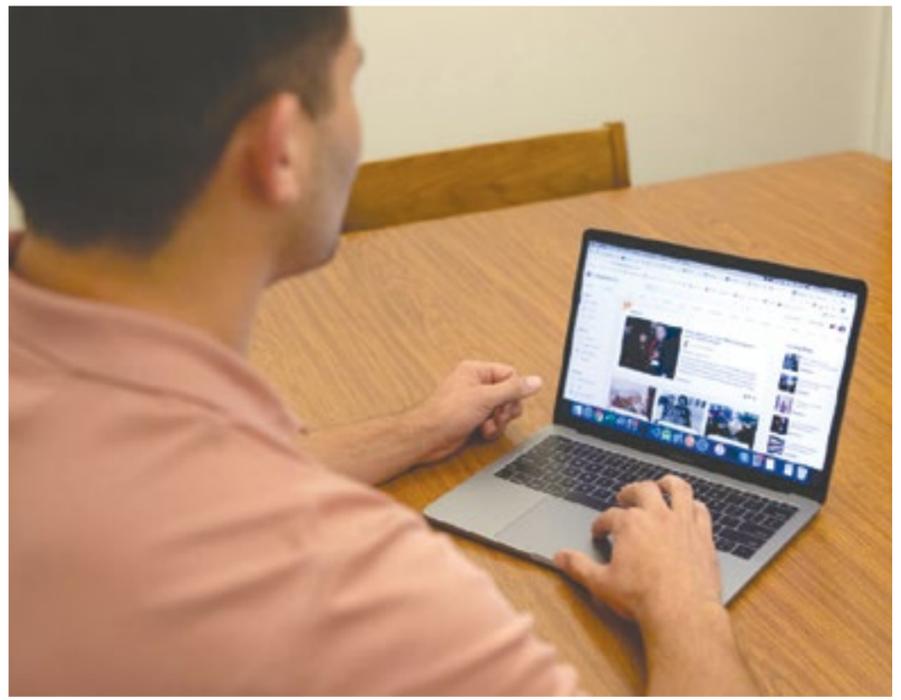
"Photography is an ever-changing art form," Tucker said. "New colors, styles and trends are always coming out, so professionals won't always produce images that come out on top."

Tucker said studios like Camera Shy have implemented trends like candid photos, which were made popular by phone cameras and social media.

BYU art professor Daniel Everett said he believes Instagram prevents people from taking time to fully appreciate the craft. To Everett, Instagram is a helpful platform for artists to publish their work, but it interrupts the artistic process of thoughtfully analyzing an image.

"You can swipe instantly without taking in the meaning and purpose of the image," Everett said. "I know of a photographer who posted 4,000 images in a day on his profile so as to interrupt his followers from constantly swiping to a new image."

BYU advertising student Sarah Allen is more hopeful about Instagram photographers. "I think there might be a bias against amateur photographers, but I think success in photography comes down to whether your stuff looks good and how you serve clients or audience," she said.



Hannah Miner

BYU graduate Matt Kastner demonstrates how to use Publish Pen, a publishing platform that allows writers to get paid to publish content.

BYU graduate launches YouTube for authors

By NICK GLEDHILL

BYU entrepreneurship graduate Matthew Kastner launched a writing platform called Publish Pen on Tuesday, Sept. 24. The website allows writers to publish their work and caters specifically to those who are just starting out in the business.

"It's YouTube for authors," Kastner said.

His idea for Publish Pen came from his desire to solve a common issue that aspiring writers face. "If you are trying to publish a work, there isn't a good and easy place to publish it."

He said there are three main platforms where new writers can publish: Medium, Facebook and Blogger. The one thing all these platforms have in common is they don't cater to writers just starting out.

"The problem with Facebook is that you won't get paid to publish it, and most likely, no one will read it. Social media is too quick, so if you see a long article on your feed, you're

most likely not going to read it," Kastner said.

Blogger requires knowing formatting languages like CSS and HTML and requires writers to send out a link of their work, something Kastner said "isn't the most efficient method."

According to Kastner, Medium, a popular online publishing site, also has its issues.

"You need to already be a published writer that's just looking for another place where you can publish your work. If people subscribe to what you produce, then you get paid," Kastner said.

As a solution to these dilemmas, Kastner's Publish Pen website allows writers to post their own content much like a YouTuber would and have ads placed at every juncture on the page and get paid according to the number of views their work

receives.

Kastner's former roommate, Steven Seeger, spoke positively about Publish Pen.

"I wrote a couple of articles for the site, and I found the idea interesting and unique," he said.

Seeger continued by saying that to him, Publish Pen felt like a platform that was more about the writers than the site, and it motivated him to write more about the things he found interesting.

Others are less optimistic about the site.

"I think it's a bad idea," English student Jaden Steeves said. "I don't think a platform like YouTube is logical for writing."

Defending his claim, Steeves said that "writers are already monetarily stressed, so the monetary gain aspect to the platform could negatively affect their writing process."

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MIXTAPE

This week:

Madison

Hidden Gems

"Space Cowboy"
Kacey Musgraves
Golden Hour

This is one of her lesser known tracks off the *Golden Hour* album but one of the most powerful. Kacey Musgraves' first EP was released in 2008 and while it took a little bit to get her feet off the ground, she is now a six-time Grammy winner within the last six years. I think it's safe to say she is making her presence known in the country music world. While Musgraves herself is well-known, this track hasn't received the praise it deserves. Everything about it is beautiful; the music, lyrics, her voice, even her passion.

"That Wasn't Me"
Brandi Carlile
Bear Creek

This four-time Grammy winner deserves all the recognition she is finally getting. I've been a fan of hers since 2007, when she was playing at local bars and small venues to a crowd of 250 people. It's no surprise people are starting to take notice seeing that not only are her vocals breathtaking, but her lyrics even more heartfelt and meaningful. This track reminds me of the 2007 Brandi I used to listen to; a track that deserves way more recognition.

"Fire"
Sara Bareilles
Single

While you might be expecting Sara Bareilles to write you a love song, this song is far beyond that of a love song. This single, released in 2019, is as vulnerable as it is incredible. She must've taken her own advice from one of her top hits "Brave" and decided to branch out and say what she actually wanted to say. This song is incredible and you're missing out if you haven't already typed it into your Spotify or Apple music search bar to check it out.

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talking about how his shoes won't stay tied: "see nobody wants to be tied down, not even my shoelaces!"

@exhaustedcolle1

"Yeah, our first date was pretty much straight out of a Hallmark movie! Date number two was at Fuego Friday though, so that was a little less Hallmark-y...."

@stars_on_parade

"Fight me... fight me you two!" "my professor to two students who questioned a coding decision and nearly won"

@SarahGashler

"After his mission, Nephi can hit me up"

@Kate_Foster14

I'm going to be the duo lingo owl for Halloween bc he's the scariest of them all.

@NBucklein

"Do you think Kanye is going to drop his album before the second coming?"

@saranaumann5

"I need to schedule time to cry, but I just straight up don't have time"

@stone_dalin

Guy: "Taco Bell is by far the most healthy fast food"
Girl: "I guess... sure"

@JordanPruhs

"People are saying the cold front coming in is Heber J Grant coming to collect all of your souls for midterms"

@abigaillllll_

"don't hit people with the cougar tail"

@brynnie_babe

"...and then I said come AT me HFAC ghost I'm not AFRAID of YOU."

@poetickate

we're no longer using the word "mutual" in the church bc of the dating app, let's be real

@Frosties4life

"Thank you for letting us meet as young single a-dorks" -Opening prayer at stake conference

@emreemoody

Wow the very first guy got up to bear his testimony gave a shout out to the football team and then shared a pick-up line.

@autumndaun

"It is very morning"

@NBucklein

"You don't have to get good grades to be great: you just have to be great!"

@jacob_west38

Aww dang, I swiped down when I meant to swipe up...she could have been my wife!

@CozzensBryn

"Imagine being 24 and not married like you know how bad that would suck"

@sbreshsmith

It should be a rule that you can't sit in the last seat in the row causing everyone else to climb over you UNTIL EVERY SEAT IN CLASS IS FILLED. I'm begging. Please?

@BricePryson

"Anything above freezing is tanning weather"

@natepete44

"I don't want to like pressure you but if we don't start dating like right now we might not ever get the chance to."

- Random guy on the phone

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READERS' FORUM

We should not pay our college athletes — they are getting help

California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the Fair Pay to Play Act on Sept. 30. This bill will override the amateurism that the NCAA has made a condition for college athletes to play. California is pushing for their college athletes to be paid by endorsements.

This act looks as though it will only help, but there are negative consequences that can't be calculated. I love college athletes and what they do, but they do not need to be paid.

College athletes knew what they were doing when they tried out for the team. They knew they would be sacrificing time and energy to pursue something they love.

College games are more fun to watch because the players are playing for their team. If money was introduced to the locker room, we would lose a vital distinction between the pro teams and college teams.

On the other hand, I have just started college and could not imagine adding the strict schedule of a college level sport to my load. There would have to be something helping me live day to day. That is where scholarships, food grants and housing come into play. They may not be paid with money, but there is always help. Also, there have already been theories and rumors of the NCAA not allowing California teams to compete for championships. That would take out major programs such as the University of Southern California, University of California Berkley and many more.

—Jackson Armstrong
Charleston, South Carolina

"Mourning with those who mourn": Re-writing the LDS non-conventional grief conversation

Across all population groups, suicide has been responsible for 1.4% of global deaths and remains the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. It's an epidemic that spares no ethnicity, socioeconomic class, gender or age, leaving few fortunate enough to remain unaffected by this public health crisis. Confronting the reality of suicide grief and death by suicide is the first step in being able to help process the experiences of survivors around us.

In the wake of my father's suicide two years ago, it became commonplace for members of my

Latter-day Saint ward to comfort my grief with behavior patterns typical for those reacting to conventional death. Our trained responses usually involve giving permission to let go and move on; however, these traditions have shown to aggravate victim trauma and dismiss the validity of their emotions.

At the local church level, saints can start by being available — offering a listening ear, showing patience and casting out judgement. We have the opportunity to minister to those suffering, create unity within our wards and offer companionship to the bereaved. Learning how to handle the tragedies of others makes us better representatives of the Savior. Surviving the loss of a loved one and being willing to help empower those suffering is how we can let go of our fear of vulnerability, offer Christ-like loving service and "comfort those who stand in need of comfort."

—Kirsten Henderson
Dallas, Texas

Giving to the homeless

Since we were children, we have seen homeless people and beggars in the streets. Living two years in French Polynesia, I had the privilege of getting to know all kinds of different people, wealthy and poor. I learned to empathize, try to understand others and focus on how I can help rather than the negatives.

Should we give to the homeless and beggars? I've always said yes! Others would say no because, "They put themselves in that situation," or, "They don't work hard enough." I've learned that we as people all have different personalities, strengths and weaknesses. That is a really good thing. It shows how much we need one another. Having another person to support you can help a lot, and many of the homeless and beggars I have talked to say they feel alone and forgotten.

Other people say, "I am not going to give them money so they can buy their drugs or alcohol." Others would give food or clothing to them, which is a good thing as well, but it is better to give them what they ask for and not what we think they need. If we are in the position to actually give, meaning we have the funds to do so, I believe we should. Even if we can't give money at the time because we are struggling financially, we could do something as simple as talk to them.

No one is perfect, but we are all trying to succeed in our own different ways. So yes, if someone asks for help or for money, let us reconsider our thoughts and actions in any positive and uplifting way we can.

—Hunter Tiatia
West Valley City, Utah

OPINION OUTPOST

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

All-terrain vehicles

On its face, the National Park Service's decision to allow all-terrain vehicles on park roads doesn't sound like too much to ask. It's just allowing ATVs that are legal on county roads inside national parks. They still have to stick to the roads.

That would be true for many if not most of the drivers of these vehicles. But it won't be true for all of them. They're going to leave the road, and they're not going to get caught.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Christopher Columbus

Historians have long known Christopher Columbus was not the benevolent hero portrayed

in American folklore. The country is recognizing and grappling with its tension-rich heritage. It's concerning to see an internet-fueled "cancel culture" that threatens to expunge from the public record all manner of dissenting voices and unpopular truths. At every juncture Americans should be willing to engage in the wrestle and embrace the whole picture — the good and bad, the easy and difficult.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Ukraine

It's becoming evident that President Trump's corruption in Ukraine was not limited to his pressure for politicized investigations that could help his reelection campaign. We now know that the president's unjustified firing of the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine in May advanced the interests of two businessmen who made large contributions to his political campaigns.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Tax policy

On the campaign trail in 2015, Donald Trump said it was "disgusting" that a big corporation could escape taxation by using bookkeeping tricks. Now the Treasury Department is considering a rollback of rules written to prevent these very tricks.

While Congress focuses on the question of whether to impeach Mr. Trump, the potential change in tax policy is a reminder that Mr. Trump's administration continues to make decisions that are bad for most Americans.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Migrants

The 4th Amendment of the Constitution protects everyone in the U.S. — regardless of legal status — against excessive searches and seizures by the government.

But in an egregious expansion of government overreach, the Trump administration reportedly is crafting policies under

which it will gather and keep DNA samples from migrants held in detention centers who have not been charged with or convicted of crimes. That's an outrageous constitutional violation that undermines our nation's foundational commitment to personal liberty.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia may be this country's top arms customer, but we are not their protector and our military forces are not their mercenaries. The United States must not play that part in

any Saudi-Iran conflict or proxy war. The stakes for the United States and the Middle East are simply too high.

Trump wouldn't be the first commander in chief to undertake military action to change the focus of domestic politics. Congress needs to sound a consistent warning that they will not countenance direct US military action against Iran.

—Editorial Board
The Boston Globe

School bond

Controversy surrounds the Provo bond proposal that will appear on Provo City School

District members' ballot this November. Understandably so! The total bond is for \$245 million, which will have a significant impact on taxpayers' wallets ... Children's safety is at stake at Timpview and several other schools deemed in need of rebuilds, extensions or safety upgrades by professionals providing reports to the school board in the last decade.

So, ultimately what's more important to the area's voters? Money or children's safety? ... this editorial board's opinion is that children's safety is worth the price.

—Editorial Board
Daily Herald

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BYU fosters pickleball growth

BYU pickleball featured in a national magazine

By ELISA HUHEM

The USA Pickleball Association featured BYU in its official magazine for being one of the first colleges to offer pickleball as an accredited course.

Pickleball is a paddle ball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-size court with a modified tennis net. It is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes, similar to a wiffle ball.

Scott and Kim Rozier are the current instructors for the class and they say they love seeing pickleball's growth at BYU. They were approached by Pickleball Central to be featured in the September-October 2019 issue.

"BYU has always been cutting edge with a lot of things, and the fact that they are accepting a sport that used to only be considered a sport for older people is awesome," Kim said. "Now the top 10 players in the world are in their twenties, and two of them went to BYU."

Michael Sheffield, a BYU graduate student and founder of BYU's pickleball club, helped establish the groundwork for pickleball at BYU. What started as a club soon exploded in size and popularity.

BYU recreation facilities operations manager Connie Todd worked closely with Sheffield to expand pickleball at BYU. They started by modifying the badminton equipment to serve for pickleball. They would put down tape on the badminton court to start the pickleball club. When it came time to resurface the BYU Tennis courts, BYU agreed to add pickleball lines on four of the outdoor tennis courts.

In just three years, pickleball's reach has expanded dramatically, and now, students of all different skills levels are able to come together and enjoy the sport.

"It's very athletic and social all at the same time. You don't have to be a phenomenal athlete to play. It is way more fun than it is intimidating, and it's attracting everybody now," Todd said.

Pickleball is also unique because it allows men and women to play on the



Elisa Huhem

BYU students meet in the morning twice a week for BYU's pickleball class, which is now accredited by the university and is a half-credit class.

same level. Kim said she loves that women can be as strong as men in pickleball.

The interest and growth led BYU to establish a pickleball class. Last year was the first year pickleball was offered as a 0.5 credit class, and the demand has only increased. There are currently 34 students in the class, and there were 100 people on the waiting list at the beginning of the semester.

"The demand is certainly there. It's such an easy sport to pick up, so you start having fun at the very beginning," Scott said. "Because of the close proximity of the game, it allows you to have a more social experience with those you are playing with, and there are a lot of health benefits."

The class is full of students across a broad spectrum of ability and experience. The instructors set it up so the students play against opponents based on their ability, that way the students are evenly matched.

"It makes the games a lot more entertaining because if you play with people that are way better than you or worse than you, it isn't as fun," student Grant Trout said. "I think it's sick to be able to take it as a class at BYU.

I honestly wish it was every day, but it's awesome being able to start my day twice a week with pickleball."

Senior Sylvia Magley had never played pickleball before signing up for the class. She said she was surprised by how much fun she was able to have with a sport she had never tried before.

Another aspect of the class is that students are able to interact with others from all different areas of BYU. BYU professor Scott Sampson decided to take this class as a break from his work in the Marriott School of Business.

"I'd go crazy if I don't get some physical activity. I saw some people playing pickleball. There were some young people and some older people, and the older people were beating the younger people, so I thought that I had to give it a try," Sampson said. "I love being in the business school, but I have to get out of the Tanner Building every so often. Pickleball is my joy every Tuesday and Thursday morning."

Kim said she loves teaching pickleball with her husband and loves seeing the students in their class students apply little techniques and strategies



Elisa Huhem

Pickleball instructor Kim Rozier, left, and others play pickleball on a BYU outdoor tennis court.

they learn.

"Watching their eyes light up when they can do it and being able to watch them be excited about it is so much

fun," Kim said.

Scott said he hopes to add another class next semester and continue to grow the program.

Fan interference: Rushing the field could be costly

By ELISA HUHEM

BYU defensive back Dayan Ghanwoloku is skilled at stopping fast runners. But when hundreds of them rushed at him on Sept. 14, the BYU football senior had met his match.

Ghanwoloku and his teammates were bombarded by fans after he clinched a game-winning interception in overtime against No. 24 USC.

Cougar linebacker Payton Wilgar hurried to help Ghanwoloku up after his interception, but the two were pushed from all angles by people rushing the field.

"I was trying to create a barrier with my arms, trying not to get completely squished, but the excitement and the energy was out of this world," Wilgar said.

As fans and players converged in a roaring pulse on the playing field, they failed to hear that the officials had called the play under review. When the ruling of the interception was upheld, fans stormed the field again in celebration.

In the midst of their excitement, some Cougar fans may not have realized what effect rushing the field could have had on the game's outcome.

If the officials had overturned the disputed interception ruling, USC would have retained possession. BYU could have incurred an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, sending the Trojans to the 6-yard line. From there, USC would have been well poised to outscore BYU's overtime field goal.

However, the possibility of causing BYU a penalty may not have crossed most fans' minds.

BYU junior Jason Glenn was one of the avid fans who rushed the field.



Hannah Miner



BYU fans rush LaVell Edwards Stadium in droves after BYU football's Sept. 14 overtime victory against then No. 24 USC. Scan the **Universe Plus** app to listen or read a Portuguese translation of this story.

Glenn said that as soon as some of the students began storming the field, he felt that everyone had unspoken permission to follow. The intensity of the game and its close ending were a catalyst for the celebratory rushing, according to Glenn.

"It wasn't like we were clearly winning or clearly losing. It was up in the air, so when we won it was really exciting and everyone rushed the field,"

Glenn said.

BYU defensive lineman Bracken El-Bakri said that fan enthusiasm played a major role in throwing off USC's offense. "I heard the crowd go wild and it wasn't until I saw people running onto the field that I realized that we had won the game," El-Bakri said.

Not everyone was so eager to jump into the chaotic activity. Graduate student Austin Vaterlaus said he and his

wife were screaming with excitement when Ghanwoloku caught the interception, but they didn't rush the field.

"I do feel like it was a little bit of an overreaction, just for the ranking of the team and just kind of the situation," Vaterlaus said.

Though he stayed in his seat at the end of the game, Vaterlaus said he can understand why the students rushed. "The very end of the game — it was

definitely very exciting," he said. "This was our first home game this season that we won."

The Sept. 14 win marked the Cougars' first home victory against a ranked opponent under head coach Kalani Sitake, now in his fourth season as the Cougars' head coach.

If rushing the field had remained a tradition for exciting wins, BYU could count its independent status as a blessing. Conferences throughout the country are cracking down on post-game field celebrations.

In the SEC, for example, teams can face a \$50,000 fine for a first-time offense of rushing the field. LSU was fined \$100,000 last season after fans rushed the field following a victory over No. 2 Georgia. Since the storming celebration was the Tigers' second offense, they face a \$250,000 fine if fans rush the field again. The Pac-12 has a similar policy. Both conferences cite safety as a major concern.

Some top NCAA football programs have never seen their fans rush the field. Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium and Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, also known as "The Swamp," remain untouched by fans.

Vaterlaus said he thinks storming the field is most appropriate for competitive rivalries, national championships and underdog victories.

Some fans were happy just to take advantage of the exciting opportunity. BYU freshman Jacob Taylor said the only thing he was thinking about when he decided to rush was the energy emanating from the field as the students ran in droves.

"Everyone was super excited. It has been a while since I have been to a football game with that kind of energy," Taylor said.

Iran women attend FIFA soccer game for first time in decades

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TEHRAN, Iran — They had to sit well apart from the men, and the stadium was practically empty, but thousands of Iranian women in merry jester hats and face paint blew horns and cheered Thursday at the first FIFA soccer match they were allowed to freely attend in decades.

In what many considered a victory in a decades-long fight by women in Iran to attend sporting events, they wrapped themselves in the country's vibrant red, green and white colors and watched with excitement as Iran thrashed Cambodia 14-0 in a 2022 World Cup qualifier at Tehran's Azadi, or Freedom, Stadium.

"We are so happy that finally we got the chance to go to the stadium. It's an extraordinary feeling," said Zahra Pashaei, a 29-year-old nurse who has only known soccer games from television. "At least for me, 22 or 23 years of longing and regret lies behind this."

As one woman shouted from a passing minibus before the match: "We are here finally!"

So far, Iran's hard-line Islamic theocracy is not willing to go as far some women would like. Authorities announced they will allow women to attend only international soccer matches.

Women have been banned from many sporting events in Iran since 1981, during the early years of the country's Islamic Revolution. Iran is the world's last nation to bar women from soccer matches. Saudi Arabia recently began letting women see games.

Under pressure from FIFA, Iran let a carefully controlled number of women into the stadium, allocating them 4,000 tickets in a venue that seats about 80,000 people, and arranged for 150 female security personnel in black chadors to watch them. They sat at least 200 meters



Associated Press

An Iranian woman waves her country's flag as she arrives at the Azadi Stadium to watch the 2022 World Cup qualifier soccer match between Iran and Cambodia in Tehran, Iran, Thursday, Oct. 10.

(yards) from the few thousand men at the match.

Iranian state television, which long has been controlled by hard-liners, aired footage of women cheering, and commentators even acknowledged their presence.

"There can be no stopping or turning back now," FIFA President Gianni Infantino said in a statement. "History teaches us that progress comes in stages, and this is just the beginning of a journey."

Iran faced a potential ban from FIFA international matches if it didn't allow women into the game. The pressure from FIFA and Iran's soccer-loving public has grown since September, when an Iranian woman detained for dressing as a man to sneak into a match set herself on fire and died upon learning she could get six months in prison.

The self-immolation of 29-year-old Sahar Khodayari, who became known as the "Blue Girl" for her love of the Iranian team Esteghlal, whose uniforms are blue, shocked Iranian officials and the public.

At the match Thursday, a reporter with Iran's state-run IRNA news agency posted a video online of chador-wearing officers trying to grab a woman she said had a sign in Khodayari's honor. The crowd could be heard chanting, "Let her go!" The reporter wrote on Twitter that the woman slipped away from officers and ran off.

Hard-liners and traditional Shiite clerics, citing their interpretation of Islamic law, believe in segregating men and women at public events, as well as keeping women out of men's sporting events.

The effort to allow women back into stadiums has gone



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Iranian women cheer during a soccer match between their national team and Cambodia in the 2022 World Cup qualifier at the Azadi (Freedom) Stadium in Tehran, Iran, Thursday, Oct. 10.

through fits and starts.

In 2006, then-President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said

he wanted women to attend matches to "improve soccer-watching manners and promote

a healthy atmosphere." However, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all matters of state, opposed the decision.

Then, last year, Iranian authorities allowed a select group of women into Azadi Stadium by invitation only to watch the Asian Champion League final.

Infantino said that "FIFA now looks more than ever toward a future when ALL girls and women wishing to attend football matches in Iran will be free to do so, and in a safe environment."

Activist groups outside of Iran remain suspicious of Tehran.

Amnesty International called the latest decision "a cynical publicity stunt by the authorities intended to whitewash their image."

"Instead of taking half-hearted steps to address their discriminatory treatment of women who want to watch football, the Iranian authorities should lift all restrictions on women attending football matches, including domestic league games, across the country," said Philip Luther, Amnesty's Middle East and North Africa research and advocacy director.

Still, many in Iran embraced the move, like shopkeeper Amir Ali Bagheri, who sold Pashaei a Team Melli jersey ahead of the match.

Women "are so excited they are going to the stadium," he said. "God willing, there will be freedom sooner so that they can attend all matches, not just the national team matches. That will be much better."

After the match, Pashaei said she hoped authorities would open up more matches to women so she could attend them with her family.

"The 'Blue Girl' and her stories did help. Of course, efforts by women activists and feminists were very effective," she said. "We are happy anyway and hope this will continue, not just in national team matches."

BYU basketball leadership yet to be decided because of recent injuries

By CHELSEA KERN

The BYU men's basketball team has started their arduous two-a-day practice schedule to prepare for the 2019-20 season. With the recently-released schedule, the Cougars are expected to have a difficult season, and they have a lot to

organize before it begins.

The men's team will include seven seniors competing for playing time this year. With unexpected delays and injuries, leadership positions are yet to be determined. As the team adjusts to a new coaching staff and new opportunities, each player is determining where his position is on the team.

"We just have a lot of things

to figure out right now," head coach Mark Pope said, referring to roster decisions with TJ Haws and Zac Seljaas absent from the court. "With Yoeli (Childs) missing the first nine games, we're just dealing with an interesting roster feel right now in terms of trying to figure out how we're going to play and what we're going to do."

While each of the three

seniors have faced different challenges, Haws, Seljaas and Childs are expected to return during the upcoming season.

Although NCAA rulings affirmed Childs ineligible to play for the first nine games, Haws and Seljaas faced physical trials earlier this year, as they both underwent small surgeries for respective knee and foot injuries. Haws and Seljaas are expected to be fully recovered and approved to play by the start of the season, Pope said.

With three of the seven seniors injured or unable to play, preseason practices have given other players opportunities to demonstrate their skill set. Although the practices have only just begun, Pope said he has enjoyed watching the different leadership qualities develop in his players as they determine their position on the court.

"It's a positive leadership by committee situation," Pope said. "I think sometimes you have leadership by committee because there's nobody that's ready to show some leadership skills. On this team, we have a lot of guys that are interested in trying to participate."

One of the upcoming seniors is 6-foot-7 forward Dalton Nixon. He said he has never been on a team with such a large number of seniors.

"It's a good opportunity for each of us to step up," Nixon said. "We feel like we have a chip on our shoulder. Each day we want perfection. We want to do things the right way."



Addie Blacker

Sophomore Gavin Baxter evades the defense. He and other players had more opportunities to play given the injuries of some teammates.

Gavin Baxter, a 6-foot-9 sophomore forward, said each player on the team is important, and he believes this opportunity will allow him, and

other teammates, like Nixon, an opportunity to showcase their talents. He said it gives the team more opportunities to see what they are made of.

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Study links Russian tweets to hacked emails

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WASHINGTON — Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. election has generally been seen as two separate, unrelated tracks: hacking Democratic emails and sending provocative tweets. But a new study suggests the tactics were likely intertwined.

On the eve of the release of hacked Clinton campaign emails, Russian-linked trolls retweeted messages from thousands of accounts on both extremes of the American ideological spectrum.

Those retweets increased the odds selected Twitter users would be online and able to express outrage when the next day on Oct. 7, details such as the revelation that Clinton may have had early access to a primary debate question were released.

Those retweets also brought those lesser-known users a wider audience, encouraging them to tweet more, and ultimately helping polarize American public debate.

In the study, Clemson University professors Darren L. Linvill and Patrick L. Warren say messages were retweeted from some 4,000 accounts on Oct. 6, 2016, the day before Wikileaks' release of hacked emails belonging to Hillary Clinton's campaign chair, John Podesta.

Through the retweets, Russian trolls amplified messages on the fringes of American politics. Twitter users, especially on the far left, responded negatively to revelations about Clinton, fulfilling Russia's attempt to boost Donald Trump's candidacy and add to the divisiveness in American politics.

Ultimately, those retweeted users gained a total of 500,000 new followers over the next four days, the study found. The increase in followers apparently prompted the Twitter users to tweet more. The report



In this Nov. 1, 2017, file photo, Some of the Facebook and Instagram ads linked to a Russian effort to disrupt the American political process and stir up tensions around divisive social issues, released by members of the U.S. House Intelligence committee, are photographed in Washington.

found that overall, they had sent 600,000 more tweets over those four days than they would have otherwise. The researchers based this figure on a comparison with similar Twitter accounts that had not had a retweet from a Russian troll during that period.

The research was supported by a Charles Koch Foundation grant. The authors say the foundation and its conservative leader did not influence the findings, which are in line with other, bipartisan research on Russian meddling in elections.

In a statement, Twitter said, it is "committed to fostering free and open democratic debate around the globe. We've made significant progress since the 2016 U.S. election to address, mitigate, and prevent future

attempts to undermine the integrity of online conversation regarding elections and the democratic process."

While the existence of a spike in Twitter activity on Oct. 6, 2016, has been known and the authors prior work was cited in the Oct. 8 release of a Senate Intelligence Committee report on Russia's use of social media during the election, exactly what those trolls were up to has not been previously detailed.

U.S. authorities have often pointed to Russia's use of fake and ideologically extreme Twitter accounts — or trolls — to spread disinformation. The Senate report detailed a complex and highly effective campaign via the Russian government-affiliated troll farm, known as the Internet Research Agency, or IRA.

But the retweeting strategy has received less notice and may have a more lasting impact.

The retweeting marked a deliberate change in tactics. It remained in full force during the last month of the election, with the IRA, retweeting from an estimated 25,000 accounts and, in turn, making those users more active: They sent some 4 million tweets they otherwise would not have sent, according to the statistical analysis, and gained 3 million additional followers.

The 4 million retweets in one month greatly surpasses the total 2.8 million unique tweets sent by Russian trolls during the three-year campaign ending in 2017.

While Twitter ultimately suspended the fake accounts,

roughly 90% of the more ideologically extreme Twitter accounts that the Russians pushed to greater prominence remain active and contribute to the more polarized public debate today.

"Twitter can go and delete all the trolls, and what the trolls said, but this amplification effect is still there," Warren said. "It's like an infection. You can remove whoever was patient one in the infection, that's fine, but if the infection's already started, it's too late."

The report marks the culmination of two years of study by the professors, whose prior work of Russian troll activity has been picked up by national security agencies and the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The professors zeroed in on Oct. 6 because that's the day

both left and right ideologically aligned trolls went from merely building their identities on the social media platform to suddenly using those personas to build up selected existing users, especially retweeting users on the far left.

Warren and Linvill call this a possible "new type of agenda setting" where a big part of the information operation conducted by the Russian government is changing the voices that are prominent in a political conversation and, indirectly, change the tenor of the conversation.

Sarah Mendelson, a professor of public policy who heads Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College in Washington, said the report fills in details on the Kremlin's strategy.

"There's even more cohesion to the IRA plan than we thought," said Mendelson, who has extensively studied Russian disinformation campaigns.

Mendelson noted that Oct. 7, is not only Vladimir Putin's birthday, but the day U.S. officials publicly stated that the Russian government was behind the election hacking that targeted Democrats, and the day the Washington Post published the Access Hollywood story and audio that included Trump making lewd comments about women.

While some have thought the WikiLeaks release of Podesta's hacked emails was timed to detract from the Access Hollywood story, the professors say the clear Russian strategy of retweets started the day prior indicates that it's more likely the timing of events was a happy coincidence.

The report found that the "left trolls" tended to target ideologically similar accounts that were also often part of the Black Lives Matter movement and used "black" in their description. "Right trolls" tended to retweet and reply to accounts that had account descriptors like "MAGA" and "Conservative."



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