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Quarterback depth on display in 2019 season



Preston Crawley

BYU's second-string quarterback and redshirt freshman Jaren Hall takes a snap during BYU's 42-14 blowout win over Utah State in Logan, Utah, on Nov. 2.

By EMILY ANDERSEN

BYU has struggled to hold on to a starting quarterback this year with Zach Wilson, Jaren Hall, Baylor Romney and Joe Critchlow all having played the position. In fact, BYU hasn't had one quarterback start every game of a season since Taysom Hill started every game during his sophomore season in 2013.

Wilson and Hall were both taken out with injuries at different points during the 2019 season, allowing Romney to step in. Wilson started the most recent game against Idaho State on Nov. 16, but in the fourth quarter when the team was already up 42-10, Critchlow came in and threw his first pass since 2017.

Wilson was BYU's first-string quarterback going into the season. He started

the first five games but injured his thumb in a game against Toledo on Sept. 28 while attempting to tackle a Toledo defender who had intercepted his pass. He had surgery on his hand shortly after and returned to the field five games later against Idaho State. During the game against Idaho State, Wilson was put in a similar situation when he was picked off by Kody Graves, and once again the sophomore quarterback went for the tackle. Luckily this time he escaped without injury.

"That was just instinct. It was like, 'If I'm a competitor, I'm not going to let someone have the ball back,'" Wilson said.

Wilson has thrown for a total of 1,499 yards this season and has a 61.7% completion rate. He's thrown an average of 7.3 yards per pass attempt and his longest pass was a 75-yard touchdown pass

to Aleva Hifo against Toledo, which was the longest play of his career.

Hall was BYU's second-string quarterback and replaced Wilson when he left the game against Toledo. In the next game against South Florida, Hall left the game with a concussion and was replaced by Romney. After taking a week off, the redshirt freshman was cleared to play against Utah State on Nov. 2, but another hit to the head meant he would miss the second half of the game. Two weeks later, Hall has still not been cleared to play after his second concussion of the season.

Hall has passed for 420 yards this season and has a completion rate of 67%. His average yardage per attempt is 9.1 and his longest completion went for 36 yards.

BYU third-string quarterback Baylor Romney is a walk-on at BYU. He had originally signed with Nevada, but after

servicing a mission in California, Romney decided to walk-on at BYU in an attempt to play with his younger brother Gunner Romney. Romney has played well for the team, but head coach Kalani Sitake said after the game against Idaho State that Romney didn't play because he is a little banged up and is taking some time to recover.

Romney has thrown for 747 yards this season and has a passing rate of 63.5%. He averages 8.8 yards per passing attempt, and his longest pass went for 77 yards against Utah State.

In the fourth quarter of the Idaho State game, Critchlow came on for the last drive of the game. In his short time on the field, he threw for 58 yards with a 100% completion rating. His longest pass was an 18-yard completion to Tevita Ika, and his average yardage per attempt was 11.6 yards.

BYU attitudes about sexual assault are improving, study says

By HARRIET NORCROSS

Attitudes towards sexual assault have improved at BYU since 2011, according to a recent study conducted by BYU psychology professor Melissa Jones and undergraduate students Meagan Andrus, Erica Bennett, Albana Reategui and Tianna Chandler.

The study, titled "Changes in Attitudes Towards Sexual Assault at BYU," was completed in September but has yet to be published.

In the study, researchers compared results from a 2011 survey about students' views on sexual assault to the results of an identical survey conducted in 2019.

Both surveys included 33 yes/no questions and two open-ended questions that asked about inappropriate dating experiences participants had heard about or experienced. The yes/no questions asked students if they would classify certain scenarios as rape and if they believed female rape victims were partly to blame in certain scenarios.

In 2011, 83 survey participants were male and 65 were female, while in 2019, 76 were male and 75 were female.

The data reveals that students today are less likely than students in 2011 to blame victims of rape or to excuse sexual assault.

The study found that 40% more female participants disagreed that a woman is partly responsible for her rape if she is in a man's bedroom.

There was also a 25% increase in male participants who disagreed that a woman is partly responsible for her rape if she changes her mind during sex.

82% of female participants reported having experienced sexually inappropriate encounters, in contrast to 54% of males.

One of the open-ended questions asked participants about the worst experiences they had heard about sexual assault. The majority of female participants answered with personal experiences or things experienced by close friends or family members. Male participants tended to answer with events they'd learned about from the news.

Of the women who had not experienced sexual assault, some indicated they considered themselves "lucky," while none of the men mentioned this idea.

According to the study, these responses imply that sexual assault is more "personal and close" to women than to men.

"For females, it is a matter of luck if something has not happened to you," states the study. "For men, it is unusual if something has happened."

Among the female participants' recorded experiences, trends included "emotional pressure to do something they didn't want to do, feeling ashamed when they refused, and being taken somewhere against their will/ lied to and told they could not go home unless they performed a sexual act."

Of the female participants, 36% reported having experienced non-consensual/unwanted touching or groping and 20% recounted experiences of unwanted kissing or making out.

One purpose of this study was to gauge how recent events concerning sexual assault and the resulting social effects have impacted the public consciousness at BYU.

Following national attention and a Title IX violation investigation because of mismanagement of a reported case of sexual assault and an Honor Code investigation, BYU adopted several changes to improve how the university addresses student needs regarding sexual assault in 2016.

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BYU's 'Much Ado About Nothing' reflects Elizabethan era

By NATHAN WANLASS

Performers are constantly trying to better their skills through hard work and dedication. Hours of practice, training and memorization eventually turn into live productions aimed at impressing audiences. Actors, dancers and singers work incredibly hard to make their characters and personalities come to life.

It is safe to say that without the work of those behind the curtain, some productions wouldn't be the same. This is especially true for shows that are centuries old, such as the Department of Theatre and Media Arts' production of William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

BYU students are striving to make their latest show as authentically Shakespearean as possible without requiring a ticket to fly to the London Globe Theatre.

Paige Francis, the production's hair and make-up designer, has been meeting with the director, stage manager and other designers since January 2019. She said the show is going to be fun, light, romantic and engaging for its viewers.

"The main goal of the production team is to make the director's vision (come) to life," Francis said. "We are trying to create an atmosphere for the audience that will take them back in time. Shakespeare isn't often done in the Elizabethan period anymore."

Francis designed the hair and makeup looks, while coordinating with the



Preston Crawley

Actress Mikah Vaclaw wears a wig in the hair style worn by women during the Elizabethan period. Vaclaw plays Leonata, a female adaptation of the original male character Leonato, in BYU's production of "Much Ado About Nothing."

costume designer to create the characters' looks. She said creating shows in a specific time period has unique challenges.

"For hair and makeup specifically, we today have certain ideas about what beauty is, and what looks right and wrong," Francis said. "Trying to stay within a period with a design, but slightly changing it to be acceptable for a modern audience has been difficult but a huge opportunity as a student designer."

Costume designer Elizabeth Banks faced similar challenges in recreating Elizabethan clothes. Banks said people dress far more casually now than they did back then. For example, women often wore things like petticoats, bonnets and corsets.

"They were more structured and formal, but in our production, we have a more casual look for most of the show," Banks said.

Banks has been involved in sketching

out what the costumes should look like, and picking out fabric to make the clothing. She and the other designers worked on costumes, each with their own set of accessories, for 18 different cast members.

"We've built a few things from scratch: a dress and a couple of doublets," Banks said. "It's really cool to see something that you've drawn and then eventually see it in real life. There are very talented people who make the costumes."

Denali Linton, the associate set designer, strove to recreate the Globe Theatre's design for "Much Ado About Nothing." This process took a lot of research, and Linton even had an opportunity to go on a study abroad to London, where she got additional pictures of the Globe Theatre for a better reference.

"Because they have already recreated it in London, most of the challenge has been fitting our design in the stage," Linton said.

Since the Globe Theatre is its own building, recreating it inside a smaller theater within the HFAC proved to be a tight fit. But despite the challenges Linton said she has enjoyed working on "Much Ado About Nothing" because of its larger scale.

"We've taken out seats and built out into the audience," Linton said. "We have a really dedicated production team. Everybody has been working together; it's been a fun thing to be a part of."

"Much Ado About Nothing" will be performed in the Pardoe Theatre in the HFAC from Nov. 16 to Dec. 7.

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University becomes focal point of protests

Police tightened their siege of a university campus where hundreds of protesters remained trapped Nov. 18 in the latest episode of protests against growing Chinese control over Hong Kong. The battle for control of the campus of Hong Kong Polytechnic University has been the focus of the latest protests as demonstrators fortified the campus to keep police out. Now cornered by security forces determined to arrest them, they desperately tried to get out but faced officers armed with tear gas and water cannons.



Trump considers offering written testimony

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invited President Donald Trump to testify in front of investigators in the House impeachment inquiry ahead of a week that will see several key witnesses appear publicly. Pushing back against accusations from the president that the process has been stacked against him, Pelosi said Trump is welcome to answer questions in writing, if he chooses. On Nov. 18, Trump tweeted he might be willing to offer written testimony.



Late entries shake up 2020 election

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick roiled the presidential race last week with a surprise bid. New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg is likely to do the same in the coming days. The late entries have exposed a fresh gulf in a party already plagued by divisions. On one side: anxious establishment leaders, who welcome new candidates. On the other: many rank-and-file voters across early voting Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, who say they're more than satisfied with their current options.



Kanye West performs in Houston jail

Kanye West followed the Johnny Cash route and performed for inmates at a Houston jail. In secret, the star rapper-turned-gospel singer performed songs from his new album "Jesus is King." He and his choir performed for more than 200 male inmates before crossing the street to another jail facility and performing for a crowd of female inmates. Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said West's representatives asked jail officials about doing secret shows.



Utah student develops idea for CPR device

A Utah high school student who lost both her parents to heart attacks has been nominated for a prestigious scholarship on the strength of her idea for a CPR-assistance device. Kennedy Hall's idea is to create a device that fits over a person's nose and mouth and do artificial breaths for a person, the Daily Herald in Provo reports. Hall said a machine like she's envisioning might have helped her parents, who died after a lack of oxygen caused brain damage.

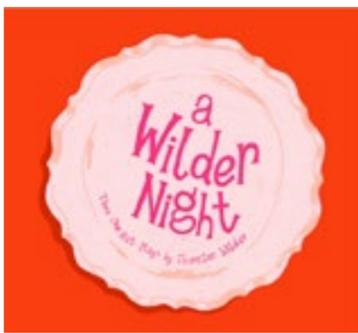
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Impeachment inquiry provides opportunities for professors

By REBECCA NISSEN

News about President Donald Trump's impeachment inquiry has appeared in many news media outlets, news feeds and Google searches. For political science students and teachers alike, this is more than an ongoing current event—it provides professors the opportunity to teach from more than just readings.

BYU political science assistant professor Adam Dynes talked about the timeliness of what he is teaching in his Principles of American Politics class. "It's very relevant to the class because we're thinking a lot about checks and balances. We're thinking about the role of Congress, the motivations of

members of Congress and how that affects their behavior," Dynes said. He listed many of the topics that have been talked about in relation to current political events.

When the topic of Trump's impeachment inquiry first came up in class, the first thing Dynes said he was interested in looking at was the students' opinions and observations. He dedicated 20 minutes of class to holding a discussion about the current impeachment inquiry and the impeachment process.

Dynes said he is continuing to bring up the impeachment in class to apply what they are learning to the impeachment process. He anticipates the topic being applied in future lessons as an example for their lessons on bureaucracy.

In observing and educating

students about the impeachment process, Dynes said he feels Democratic power expressed within the House Intelligence Committee is not "a totally out of line process" for impeachment inquiry.

"It's structured in a way where the minority party, in this case Republicans, are able to ask questions as well," Dynes said about interviewing witnesses.

During the televised meetings, however, Dynes observed that the Democrats hold advantage because a Democrat runs the meeting, and it was the "Democrats that voted on what the process would look like." They have more members on the committee and more members in Congress. But Dynes said this structure is normal for committees and there is nothing strange about it.

The strangeness Dynes said has occurred within the hearings is that Democrats and Republicans will debate through the witnesses, asking them questions that would normally be asked to authorities.

Associate political science professor Adam Brown commented on the impeachment inquiry.

"Donald Trump has been accused of behaviors that appear to be impeachable offenses," Brown said. He pointed out that "Impeachment is a political process, not a criminal process."

The most important thing Brown said to keep an eye on during the impeachment process is whether Republican senators will feel impressed to remove Trump from office based on the persuasive quality of the impeachment hearings.

STUDY

New data indicates positive changes

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Two positions were created: a full-time Title IX coordinator in place of a part-time position and a victim advocate/confidential advisor. The Title IX Office was moved to a separate location away from the Honor Code Office and a new policy was adopted to ensure the Title IX Office does not share information about a complainant with the Honor Code Office without that person's

consent. An amnesty clause was also adopted.

The study also mentioned the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements that occurred around the same time as the changes at BYU in 2016, during which women came forward about their own experiences of sexual assault.

"With the growth of these movements, the ways both men and women think about sexual assault have changed and continue to change," the study states.

BYU continues with efforts to improve attitudes and resources about sexual assault. On campus, the Title IX Office and Women's Services and Resources co-sponsor Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, with

a variety of activities including an event about the meaning of consent meant to educate students about sexual assault.

Title IX at BYU also has an online webpage dedicated to educating and raising awareness about dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The website also urges students to take action against such issues. The page includes links to informational fact sheets, safety prevention tips and resources for victims and their family and friends.

According to the study, students in 2019 have a stronger understanding of consent and "fewer students adhere to common rape myths" compared to students who answered the

survey in 2011.

"We do believe that this study indicates a trend towards greater understanding of rape myths, consent and sexual assault at BYU," the summary states.

However, the study says there is still room for improvement.

"Sixteen percent of male participants in 2019 believe females share the responsibility of being raped if they are dressed immodestly," the summary states.

However, the study acknowledges that its small sample size means the data might fail to adequately reflect the beliefs and trends of the entire student body of 33,000 persons.

The researchers stated in the study that they "urge further study."

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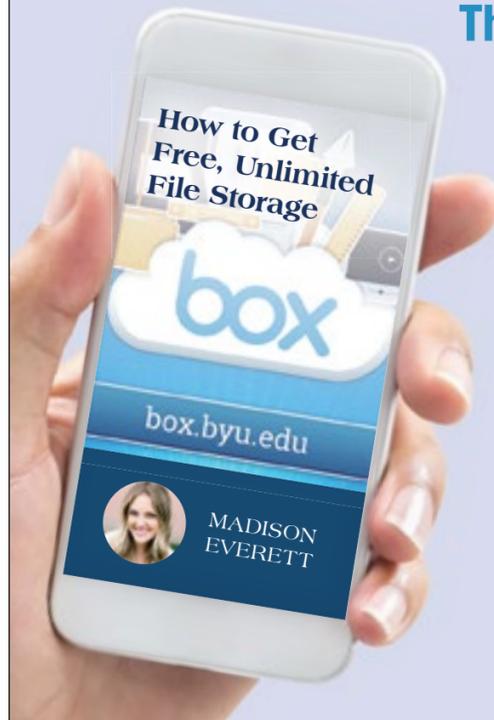


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Ann Romney shares importance of family

By ANNA MORGAN

Ann Romney said her husband, Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, always reminded her while they were living in Boston raising five boys, that what she was doing was important because her job is eternal.

At the time, Mitt Romney was achieving financial success, climbing the political ladder and becoming one of the most well-known figures in Boston.

Ann Romney said that during this time their deep love and appreciation continued to grow for each other.

"We were such a partnership," she said. "It was so enriching to be a partner with him raising those boys."

As Mitt and Ann Romney experienced the joys of partnership, their relationship became an example to their five boys.

"The kids saw what a loving husband he was to me and what a loving father he was, and because of all that, my sons are the same way now with their wives," Ann Romney said.

Mitt and Ann Romney established a firm relationship at the beginning of their marriage. Ann Romney explained that the key to this was knowing that "marriage is an equal partnership."

Their partnership led to success in different ways and affected many lives because of their example and desire to live a gospel-centered life.

"The world has different values for what success is," Ann Romney said. "For the gospel-centered life, success is measured by family and success in family and the love that we have for each other."

In a world of diverse views, different priorities, and daily challenges, true success means something different to all people. Because of her life

experiences, she said she has come to understand what matters most.

She said she realized the joys of motherhood, the importance of family and how to overcome difficulties. These lessons were put into perspective when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998.

Ann Romney said she created a way to find joy in the journey by living a life centered around friendship and family as the mother of five sons, grandmother to 24 grandchildren and wife and supporter of the two-time presidential candidate and now Utah senator, Mitt Romney.

MJ Henshaw, former communications director on Mitt Romney's senate campaign, said she had personal experiences working with the Romneys that impacted her life for the better.

"(The Romneys) don't define success by winning or losing or by titles; they define success by their relationships with family and with their faith," Henshaw said.

Ann Romney said she learned the importance of motherhood from her own mother.

"I had the mother that was so nurturing and loving and did everything for her children," she said. Because of her mother's example, Ann Romney said she knew the kind of mother she wanted to be for her own children.

Even though her sons have all married and have families of their own, Ann Romney said she still considers herself a full-time mother.

"Parenting never ends; you are always a parent. Now I am parenting my grandchildren in a very different way — through example and love and increasing that circle of influence. But my children, too, are still my highest priority," Ann Romney said.

Her son Matt Romney



Kevin Lynch



Ann Romney is a mother of five boys, grandmother to 24 children and is involved in a center that researches medical treatments for neurological diseases. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to listen to or read a Portuguese translation of the story.

reflected back on the challenging time in their family when his mom was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

"The fact that she raised us boys and we're still alive is inspiring enough," Matt Romney said.

Ann Romney is involved in a collaborative global pursuit

called the Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases. This research takes place at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and is intended to accelerate treatments, prevention and cures for five of the world's most complex neurological diseases: multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease,

ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), Parkinson's disease and brain tumors.

"It's so interesting how life takes you to different places. As a student at BYU, I would never have imagined that I would be running a brain research center," Ann Romney said.

Recently, those working at the Ann Romney Center have turned their attention towards the importance of nutrition and how the food people consume can affect bodies' reactions to fighting diseases.

"What we're eating can literally be the medicine for longevity and healthy minds and healthy bodies. I want to tell everyone to be so careful about what you're eating," Ann Romney said.

At age 70, Ann Romney said she is relearning how to cook for her family now that she has gained knowledge about nutrition. She now experiments with alternative ways of cooking, such as zucchini brownies and chia pudding with avocado.

"If I told my grandkids what was in it, they probably wouldn't eat it," Ann Romney said.

Ann Romney's care for herself, her family and those around her is apparent in the way she interacts with others.

"The first time I met Ann stands out in my head. I grew up in Utah and have heard about the Romneys my entire life, but when I met Ann, she was everything I wanted her to be and more," Henshaw said. "She's kind, warm and good to the core. She exceeded every expectation I had."

Henshaw said that Ann Romney is constantly looking for ways to do good and improve people's lives. As a loyal BYU fan, Ann Romney has taken the motto "enter to learn, go forth to serve," to heart and said BYU students can do the same by serving others and being an example.

"More than ever, we need the gospel principles of love and shedding our reactionary feelings and replacing them with feelings of love for our fellow man," she said. "Embrace your friendships and know that those things are what are lasting."

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Professor Gates is editor in chief of the Oxford African American Studies Center. His six-part PBS documentary series *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* earned the Emmy Award for Outstanding Historical Program—Long Form, as well as the Peabody Award and NAACP Image Award.

Having written for such leading publications as the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and *Time*, Professor Gates now serves as editor in chief of *TheRoot.com*, a daily online magazine.

Professor Gates is also known for the PBS documentaries *African American Lives* and *African American Lives 2*; a follow-up one-hour documentary, *Oprah's Roots: An African American Lives Special*; as well as the documentaries *Wonders of the African World* and *America Beyond the Color Line*.

Professor Gates is widely acknowledged for his contributions to academic African American studies and for raising awareness of the role of race in American society. His work on genealogy and family history, including collaboration with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has stimulated interest nationwide in the quest to find and understand our roots.

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Young barber and business owner leaves his mark on Provo

By THOMAS MADRIGAL

Reise Malachowski did something out of the ordinary when he decided to open up his own barbershop and became his own boss — all before turning 20.

He described his interest in hair as a form of art and expression and recalled experimenting with Mohawks, pompadours and anything in between on either himself or his friends and family from a young age.

“The first time I can really remember cutting hair would be 5 years old, doing Mohawks and stuff,” he said.

His interest in the rockabilly era sparked his fascination with the hairstyles of that particular time period.

After multiple barbers failed to deliver a signature pompadour haircut, he decided to practice on himself instead.

“I started trying to cut my own hair and really started playing with pomade, and I realized how much sculpting you could do with hair,” Reise said. “It really became a big part of my identity.”

Upon completing a barbering program, he realized that if this was something he wanted to do long term, he would need to find a way to provide for a future family. “I felt a sense of



Thomas Madrigal

Reise Malachowski takes a seat in a retro barber chair in his shop, The Man Barber, on Oct. 5.

responsibility.”

After doing a summer of sales, where he and his then girlfriend sold alarm and satellite systems, the two were able to get their own home and rent a space where he could work part-time as a barber.

He said his first shop did not

do as well as he thought it would, and with a less than ideal location, it was difficult to build a good clientele.

After conversing with the manager of Unhinged, a vintage clothing store on Provo Center Street, Reise agreed to cut the manager’s hair and trim his beard at a discounted price.

The manager enjoyed Reise’s work and suggested he move his business to the second floor of Unhinged. Reise accepted the invitation, was approved by the building owner and moved into what is now known as “The Man Barber.”

“I took a big pay cut at first, but I knew that if anyone was going to take me seriously and I was going to get my clientele, I needed to do it full-time,” he said.

Reise gained more than a



Thomas Madrigal

Reise Malachowski works on a client’s haircut using a straight razor. Malachowski gained an appreciation for barbering at a young age.

bigger profit from the relocation. He also formed new friendships with clients and coworkers who share his same appreciation for barbering.

“Those friendships with the barbers and with the clients that we get coming back really become our good friends that we see through the lows and highs of life has really taught me a lot,” he said.

Despite the financial difficulties that come from being a young business owner, he expressed how grateful he is for the opportunity to live out his dream of creating art every day.

“I never dreamed I would be here this fast,” he said.

He said his high school sweetheart and now wife, McKenzie Malachowski, was essential to his success and helped motivate him to want to be better.

“His work ethic changed entirely when he started barber school,” she said.

While they were not entirely sure how they would survive

financially once on their own, McKenzie knew she wanted to make it work for both of them.

While Reise barbered part-time in the evening, the two worked at a call center.

Despite the steady income the call center provided, the two knew they wanted to do something different in the years to come.

“Sales wasn’t something we loved or wanted to do long term,” she said. “We were honestly miserable at the phone sales place.”

McKenzie designed the layout of the shop, helped with logistics and scheduled appointments for all the barbers in the shop’s first stages.

Although it took a great leap of faith for them to jump on the opportunity, she said it’s rewarding to help her husband’s dreams become a reality.

Barber Isaac Barahona knew Reise while they were in their high school’s show choir together. Though the two were a few years apart in age, they

became friends during their teenage years.

Barahona was exposed to the barber culture in his adolescence and gained the skills needed to barber with his own unique style. His friendship with Reise has evolved as the two have worked together to hone The Man Barber aesthetic.

“(Working together) makes it easy to hang out and figure out what we need to get done,” Barahona said.

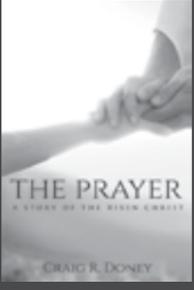
Barahona said his friendship with Reise and the overall atmosphere of the shop makes work more enjoyable.

“It’s our home away from home,” he said.

Throughout the years working side by side with Reise, Barahona has seen firsthand the strides Reise has made both as an individual and a business owner.

“Over the years, I have seen his work ethic evolve, and he’s sharpened his view on what his barbershop should be,” he said.

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Modern libraries expanding their role to empower, educate, engage

By LAUREN LETHBRIDGE

It's a bright, sunny day at Mountain Ridge Junior High in Highland, Utah. The sky is blue and cloudless. A bell chimes. Students stream out of classes. Some go outside, but many go straight into a large room filled with books. Boys and girls alike race in, some heading for stacks of books, others eagerly grabbing laptops and sitting at the numerous round tables.

Mountain Ridge Junior High's library doesn't just offer its students books and a place to read, it also provides devices they can check out as well as a creative space, called a makerspace, where students can be hands-on and creative.

Librarian Robyn Rhoton also acts as the technology manager for both students and teachers. She helps with video equipment, printing needs and app use. Rhoton teaches classes and organizes activities like a Rubik's Cube challenge or Banned Book Week for the students to participate in during their lunch hour. "When I do programming, I hardly have to advertise it. I have kids coming in all the time," she said. "They want to be here."

Rhoton has spent her six years at Mountain Ridge Junior High serving the students and working to upgrade the technology. "That old, 'shush' kind of library is a thing of the past. Now it's super technology-based," she said.

Technology has become more commonplace in libraries over the years. Libraries not only lend out books, but also lend out equipment like cameras and microphones. Provo City Library recently created an audio and visual lab that rents equipment and gives free instructional classes.

"Libraries have a leveling effect. They make resources available to people who may not be able to have access to them because of a variety of costs," Provo City Library assistant director Carla Gordon said.

Emily Knox, an associate professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said libraries are one of the few spaces available that people

don't have to pay to use. Libraries provide information a community needs, she said.

Knox teaches her students what it means to be a professional librarian or, as she calls it, an "information professional." Knox said the information librarians help patrons find is not solely factual. It can come in all sorts of forms like cookbooks, games, computer access or programming.

Tiki Levinson is the director of a small public library in Delta Junction, Alaska. Levinson said libraries are a vital part of life there. "Many people live without a lot of resources, be it in the form of Internet access, a personal computer or cell phone, entertainment options or decent housing. The library helps fill many of those needs even if it is only for a few hours a day," she said.

"When I do programming, I hardly have to advertise it. I have kids coming in all the time. They want to be here."

Robyn Rhoton
Mountain Ridge Junior High Librarian

Levinson believes that while libraries provide access to things like the internet, they still play an important role in bringing people together. "Libraries are valuable because they are brick and mortar; they offer a place for minds and bodies to interact with others in a positive, constructive way," Levinson said.

Libraries give people a space for social conversations, said Wanda Brown, president of the American Library Association. Brown believes libraries can help people learn how to be sociable and work with others from diverse backgrounds.

In 2019, people are exposed to information 24/7, and there is a widespread belief that "fake news" is rampant. Because of this, Eric Jennings said libraries and librarians play a larger and more important role in society to teach people how to sift through

information to find what is true and valuable.

"Librarians can help students understand the complexities that are involved in evaluating information sources," said Jennings, who is an associate professor and head of user services at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's McIntyre Library.

In his article, "The Relevance of Academic Libraries in the Twenty-First Century," Jennings describes three roles of libraries: to engage, educate and empower. "Empowering our users to understand information is one of the most difficult things we do," he said.

Librarians teach people information literacy by providing



Lauren Lethbridge

Robyn Rhoton, the librarian at Mountain Ridge Junior High in Highland, Utah, helps students and teachers research, check out books and work with various technology.

personal attention and helping patrons find information in all different formats — things Jennings said Google cannot do.

All forms of libraries — public, academic and in-school — play a more critical role than they ever have, said Jenny Olsen, the librarian at Alta High

School in Sandy, Utah. Olsen said understanding bias is crucial for everyone.

"Teaching students to evaluate information based on credibility, relevance, authority, accuracy and purpose is not only necessary for working on school projects, but also for evaluating

their social media feed," Olsen said.

Technology has required adaptation and change, and Knox believes libraries have always been on the forefront. "Every time there was a new revolution in information, libraries have dealt with it," she said.



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This week:



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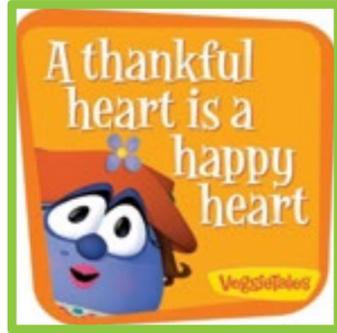
"Thankful"
Kelly Clarkson
Thankful

With the release of her very first album, Kelly Clarkson had a heck of a lot to be thankful for. She had just won American Idol and was well on her way. Thankful showcases Clarkson's beautiful vocal riffs while the smooth baseline really gets you in the mood for Thanksgiving and being with the people you care about.



"Thankful"
Celine Dion
Loved Me Back To Life

It's hard to not appreciate the cheese of a song like this. This power ballad really gives you all the feels. Being grateful for the storms, appreciating the good times and the bad. Plus you can't ever go wrong with Celine Dion and a gospel choir in the background at the climax of the song.



"Thankfulness Song"
Veggie Tales
25 Favorite Lullaby Songs!

Look. I know you might roll your eyes at Veggie Tales but that show was *the bomb*. There are some lessons that have really stuck with me to this day. "I'm glad for what I have, that's an easy way to start" is just one of the lines that really hits home for me. Not the most musically intense, but still a great song for the Thanksgiving season.

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- Baking soda 1 tsp
- Pumpkin pie spice 1 tsp
- Cinnamon 1 tsp
- Nutmeg 1/2 tsp
- Salt 1/2 tsp
- Butter 1 cup
- Sugar 1 cup
- Pumpkin puree 1/2 cup
- Egg 1 egg
- Vanilla 1 tsp

Directions:

In large mixing bowl, beat butter, sugar, pumpkin together.
Add egg and vanilla, blend well. Add flour, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Mix well until completely blended.
Scoop dough onto parchment lined baking sheet. Flatten dough using a glass or palm of your hand.
Bake 350 degrees for about 10 minutes or until lightly golden.

Cream cheese frosting:

- Butter 4 tbsp
- Cream cheese 4 oz
- Powdered sugar 2 cups
- Cinnamon 1/4 tsp
- Vanilla 1 tsp
- Milk 2 tbsp

Cream cheese frosting:

In small mixing bowl blend butter and cream cheese until smooth.
Add powdered sugar, cinnamon, vanilla and milk. Beat until smooth and creamy.
Add more milk if frosting is too thick, add powdered sugar if frosting is too thin.

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@sophieparmley

"Every time someone plays a Christmas song before Thanksgiving, an angel gets its wings ripped off" @HeardAtBYU

@loganfinders

"what's the worst thing about having a kid at 20??" @HeardAtBYU

@danlewburn

"I saw a guy on Mutual that looked like Andrew Garfield and Toby McGuire at the same time!" @HeardAtBYU

@KiaraMercedes_

1: "a person came and sat next to me at the wilk, set down her food, and started praying over it"
2: "...and?"
1: "and it weirded me out!"
2: "why?!"
1: "...because the Cougar Eat food already comes pre-blessed!" @HeardAtBYU

@KaitleySmith

I was so star struck I didn't even ring check him!!! @HeardAtBYU

@indi_glow

Time flies when you're snoozing your alarm

@Drizzlekenz

"I apologize if love and marriage is not your obsession" my stats professor @byuprofessors

@Cameronstageman

"I was really trying to keep the commandments but I was out of protein powder" @HeardAtBYU

@autumndaun

"I've seen that... filtered." @HeardAtBYU

@grantlofgreen

"If I spent as much time gold digging as I did studying I would have a much more stable financial future" @HeardAtBYU

@_aguinn8

"I've got a mental breakdown scheduled for 3:00 today and honestly I'm looking forward to it." @HeardAtBYU

@KaitleySmith

At ward prayer: "what's the dumbest thing you've done to injure yourself?" Girl: fell in love with a boy @HeardAtBYU

@HeardAtBYU

In sacramento meeting while the bishop read some very sobering fatality statistics in coordination with the World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Crash Victims, someone's phone goes off with a laugh track

@alyssa_tolman

quote from my sacramento meeting: "It's easier to love someone unconditionally when they're dead" @HeardAtBYU

@jeffreyyaaron

Real Housewives of BYU Married Student Housing

@n8jackman

Had a return missionary speak today and one of the first things he said was "before my mission I didn't like people". He then gave the majority of his talk and then said "and I still don't really like people"....

@lil_miss_loo96

I uh forgot I was supposed to say the opening prayer and said out loud "oh shoot that's me!" As I sped walked to the pulpit

@LatterdayLikes

When BYU misses a free throw the @byuROC should start saying "oof Kevin!"

@joewheat27

Let's be real, "Disney+ and chill" is what BYU students have been doing all along

@straightsass

this was said in complete seriousness. "that's my one requirement for school. i have to get all As" @HeardAtBYU

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BYU's struggle with plastic waste management

Plastic straws and utensils are plaguing the world as one-time-use products. They go directly to waste and are almost never recycled. One of the main reasons people use these one-time-use products is because they are often the only option we are presented with. The first time I got food in the Wilk, I realized I didn't have any utensils with me and was forced to use a plastic fork. BYU needs to provide metal utensils because we have a responsibility to think of the planet we live on.

I believe there is something each of us can do to help the environment. From 2000-2010, we generated more plastic waste than in the entire 20th century. It is easy not to consider where your trash may be going or convince yourself that one spoon won't hurt anything, but if every student threw away one spoon a day for one year, around 8 million plastic spoons would be wasted. All of that damaging waste will pile up until BYU decides to switch to the metal alternative.

Our attitude and mindset towards these plastics can change from focusing on our personal needs to looking outward on what the environment needs. Changing the norm may be a hard adjustment at first, but once BYU establishes the metal substitute, reducing plastic waste will be effective and long lasting. Our mindset should be to "just say no!" Refusing plastic and incorporating metal will cut down our plastic waste, and overall help BYU make the world a better place.

—Ben Keeney
Portland, Oregon

Educated women: 'At home and abroad'

Women as co-providers and nurturers of the family need to obtain a higher education. Women can empower each other to achieve goals and dreams, but we sometimes put our dreams on hold for other worthy causes, such as starting a family. Mothering is important but shouldn't be our only pursuit. Overall, women need to be more committed to education.

Women need a higher education to fulfill the sacred responsibility to nurture, rear and teach their children in all aspects of life. We are instructed in the scriptures to learn "of things of both heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad..." We must take upon ourselves the responsibility of cultivating both spiritual and temporal knowledge. If not, we cannot educate our children.

Education also helps provide for our physical needs. Statistics show that children who are

raised in a home where the mother has a higher education are more likely to pursue advanced education. According to researchers at our university, "Higher levels of maternal education are positively associated with many different academic outcomes for children throughout development." Even before a child enters school, research shows "higher maternal education has been associated with more advanced spontaneous language production."

Education is a framework for helping our familial, societal and personal wellbeing. If you are considering dropping out of school or don't think education matters, think twice about the consequences that could have for your family. Without educated women, our society, economy and families will falter.

—Caroline Hyland
Cottonwood Heights, Utah

A lack of accommodation for student mothers

There seems to be a cultural push at BYU to get married and have babies. Both of these things are wonderful, but until you actually experience having babies while still a student at BYU, you don't really realize BYU is not actually a very young-family-friendly school. There are many examples: the difficulty of traversing campus with its many stairs while pushing a stroller, the lack of parking close to campus for parents with young children or the fact that some professors tell you even though you have tried to find someone to watch your baby while you are in class and can't, you will just have to figure something out. However, the most frustrating aspect of being a mother while still in school are the lack of places to feed your child.

I cannot tell you how many times I have had to feed my baby while standing upright in the disability stall in a bathroom because there was nowhere else to feed her. There are a few limited places, but most of them are a single room for only one mother to feed her child at a time. This means that if you need to quickly feed your child between classes and someone else is feeding their baby, you have to choose between nursing in a bathroom stall or enduring the glares and gawks as you try to feed your baby as discretely as possible in a corner of some remote hallway, most of the time without a chair. Not every building has a place to feed babies, and there isn't always time to run to one of the few mothers' rooms while praying that someone else isn't in it.

There are so many wonderful aspects of being a student at BYU. However, it is frustrating that even though BYU is a Church school, and in the Church we believe that the family is the most important unit of society, BYU is not accommodating to mothers who are trying to finish their degrees while raising a family.

—Cambria Gang
Moscow, Idaho

OPINION OUTPOST

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Tax breaks

Of all the ways President Trump's 2017 tax cut has enriched the wealthy at the expense of the public interest, perhaps the most outrageous is the black comedy of "opportunity zones."

The law lets the wealthy avoid capital gains taxation by investing in projects or companies in designated geographical areas. —Editorial Board
The New York Times

Vaping

"Will be meeting with representatives of the Vaping industry, together with medical professionals and individual state representatives, to come up with an acceptable solution

to the Vaping and E-cigarette dilemma." President Trump tweeted Monday. "Children's health & safety, together with jobs, will be a focus!"

... The president announced two months ago that he would crack down on e-cigarettes, following dire news about their appeal to teenagers. Now — reading "together with jobs" — public-health advocates are worried he might reverse course. —Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Free tuition

Tuition and other costs associated with higher education keep rising, and graduates who have borrowed money must, of necessity, forego other financial goals until the money is repaid.

Because of this, some Democratic presidential candidates have proposed enlisting taxpayers to provide free tuition for all college students as a way to alleviate this problem. Before

Americans jump on that bandwagon, however, they need to understand who is borrowing money and why.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Charter schools

Treeside Charter School in Provo is deep in debt.

... There is more evidence that the Charter School Board was lax in its oversight of failed schools than it was hamstrung by a lack of authority. At the least legislators should wait for the Utah Board of Education's task force to report back before considering any plan to further empower the charter board.

Sometimes disruption is just disruption, and no child deserves to be a casualty. —Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Ukraine

Even as members of Congress

zoom in tightly on Ukraine, it's important that the rest of us not lose sight of the bigger picture. The Ukraine scandal is, at the end of the day, really just a microcosm, a single piece of a much broader story about this president. What he is accused of doing there is, to one degree or another, what he does everywhere, and it speaks to who he is — his character, his style, his values and his failure as president.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Free press

Former Vice President Joe Biden ... is uniquely qualified to elevate the discussion of saving America's free press.

As a front runner in the 2020 race for the Democratic presidential nomination, Biden should make it a priority to support the press and its essential, constitutionally protected role in supporting democracy.

—Editorial Board
The Seattle Times

Holidays

Ultimately, it doesn't matter if some residents start celebrating Christmas six to 12 days early or wait until 12 hours after the Thanksgiving holiday. If that's where your principles stand, then you're likely not embodying the spirit of either holiday. After all, if something drives a person to show more gratitude or think more of others, who are we to quash it?

—Editorial Board
The Daily Herald

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BYU Photo

Yoeli Childs is currently serving an NCAA-ordered nine-game suspension as BYU basketball plays its 2019-20 season. Despite similar circumstances, Ohio State football's Chase Young's suspension was cut in half.

NCAA lessens Ohio State player's suspension despite similarity to Childs'

By AARON FITZNER

Ohio State football defensive end Chase Young's four-game suspension has been dropped to two games, leaving the Heisman Trophy hopeful eligible to play in the team's matchups against No. 9 Penn State and No. 14 Michigan. Ohio State announced the news on Nov. 13. The circumstances surrounding Young's suspension mirror those of BYU forward Yoeli Childs, which the NCAA has refused to lessen.

Young received a four-game suspension for accepting improper benefits from a friend in the form of a loan that was used to buy airplane tickets for his girlfriend. Young's girlfriend used the flights to attend the Rose Bowl game between Ohio State and Washington on Jan. 1.

According to ESPN, Young's penalty was lessened because he repaid the borrowed loan and because Ohio State reported the infraction to the NCAA rather than keeping it hidden.

"I want to thank and express my sincere gratitude to university staff members who worked so diligently and expertly to learn and understand the facts, and then to report these facts to the NCAA as part of our request to have Chase reinstated," Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said in a prepared statement.

During a press conference, Smith said that Young was "honest and he was forthright" during the reinstatement process — words that mirrored remarks made by BYU athletic director Tom Holmoe on Aug. 9.

On Aug. 9, BYU athletics reported that Childs would be suspended for the first nine games of the season for not complying with new rules instituted during the 2018-19 season in regards to declaring for the NBA draft.

Officials determined that Childs received improper benefits through costs related to a basketball trainer and travel expenses, while also signing an agent before filing paperwork required by the NCAA. Agents are permitted to cover certain expenses

for their clients while preparing for the NBA draft, but the NCAA deemed some of the expenses impermissible.

Childs repaid the expenses in full along with interest once he realized they weren't allowed under NCAA rules. Like Ohio State, BYU reported the issue to the NCAA.

Holmoe addressed Childs' suspension in a BYU athletics press release dated Aug. 9. Smith's wording was almost an exact replication of Holmoe's statement as both men said the athletes were honest and forthright during their reinstatement processes.

"We are disappointed with the NCAA's decision to withhold nine games of his senior season," Holmoe said in the Aug. 9 press release. "Yoeli was honest and forthright throughout the reinstatement process."

The similarities between the two situations are eerie, as both Childs and Young repaid their debts and self-reported the respective infractions to the NCAA. The difference is that the NCAA lessened Young's suspension, but not Childs' suspension. With this ruling, the NCAA adds yet another

brick to the ongoing construction of its tower of inconsistency and unjust penalties.

There are plenty of allegations as to why the NCAA let Young off with an easier penalty than Childs, with perhaps the most reasonable of justifications being the size and stardom of Ohio State and Young. Young is currently in the Heisman race, and a Heisman win would make Young the first defensive recipient of the award since Michigan's Charles Woodson in 1997.

The NCAA is historically known as an organization that places higher emphasis on revenue than it does players and institutions — the Young ruling shows this.

Young has already missed one game — a 73-14 blowout win for Ohio State. Young will also miss the upcoming Buckeyes game against Rutgers which like the previous game, will likely result in an Ohio State blowout.

By allowing Young to play in the games against No. 9 Penn State and No. 14 Michigan, especially given that Michigan is Ohio State's biggest rival,

the NCAA will make more money marketing Young's name as a participant. This will also give Ohio State a better chance of making the College Football Playoff, which would bring in more revenue for the NCAA.

Both Ohio State and Michigan are in the top five of the College Football's Most Valuable Teams list, so it is crucial that the best players are on the field for the rivalry matchup. This, in turn, will be crucial to keeping Ohio State happy as a top-revenue university and universal likeness.

In contrast, it is much easier for the NCAA to make an example out of BYU as the university does not have Ohio State's level of fame. Suspending Childs may result in some revenue loss as BYU has a following that spreads coast to coast, however, it is unlikely that the NCAA will face the same degree of liability for suspending Childs as his likeness isn't nationally known, nor is BYU a perennial powerhouse.

The Daily Universe reached out to BYU athletics for a comment but was unable to reach them at this time.

Tom Holmoe announces Kalani Sitake's contract extension through 2023

By AARON FITZNER

BYU athletics director Tom Holmoe officially announced that head coach Kalani Sitake will remain with the Cougars through the 2023 season.

"We are pleased to announce a contract extension for Kalani," Holmoe said in a press release. "We believe in him and the direction of the program. Together, we are committed to creating a bright future for BYU football."

The Daily Universe first reported that plans for the extension were shared with the football team in their locker room following the 42-10 win over Idaho State. With the win, BYU football was made eligible for the SoFi Hawai'i Bowl, an invitation that Holmoe officially accepted following the victory.

Sitake has reached bowl eligibility in three seasons as head coach of the football team, going 2-0 with wins over Wyoming and Western Michigan. There has yet to be an announcement regarding who BYU will face in this year's Hawai'i bowl, though it is expected that BYU will face Hawai'i or an opponent from either the AAC or MWC conference.

Since being named the 14th head



Addie Blacker

BYU athletics director Tom Holmoe has announced that Kalani Sitake has agreed to a contract extension that keeps him as the head coach of BYU football through the 2023 season.

coach of the BYU football program in December 2015, Sitake has notched notable wins over Michigan State, Mississippi State, No. 6 Wisconsin, Tennessee, No. 24 USC and No. 14 Boise State, while the team's highest-ranking came during the 2018 season when they were placed at No. 20.

Since being hired, Sitake has posted a 26-24 record with two winning seasons and a potential for a fourth winning campaign on the way.

"I truly appreciate the continued support that Tom Holmoe, President Worthen and the BYU administration have for our program," Sitake said in a press release. "I love our players, coaches and fans, and I'm excited about the future of BYU football."

Sitake is the third coach to lead the BYU football teams since LaVell Edwards' legendary 28-year tenure 1972-2000. Sitake is the first of Edwards' alumni to coach for BYU football.

Mary Lake sets new BYU women's volleyball dig record

By ASHLEY JORGENSEN

Mary Lake has accomplished a great deal during her volleyball career. She has become an All-American, played for the U.S. National Team and received three WCC Player of the Week nominations. Most recently, on Nov. 7, she surpassed the previous BYU women's volleyball digs record of 1,793 career digs. Lake reached 1,794 in the match.

The BYU women's volleyball libero attributes her success to the little things that have "snowballed" over time. She said every touch, every point and every match counts. For Lake, those touches, points and matches have added up to 1,815 digs as of Nov. 12.

"I'm really proud of Mary for all the hard work over the last four years," coach Heather Olmstead said. "I'm obviously ecstatic that she was able to break the all-time dig record, and I think it goes to show how much heart and soul she's put into this program. I mean, that's a lot of digs — a lot of scrapes and bruises and a lot of energy going into those digs."

Lake also credits her teammates

and coaches in becoming the new BYU women's volleyball all-time career dig leader. She said her teammates' effective serving and blocking made it possible for her to get so many digs, while direction from her coaches taught her to read the game so she could be in the right place at the right time.

The Cougars were traveling for two away games when Lake hit a season-high 21 digs that put her one point in the lead of the previous all-time career dig record, 1,793, held by Ciara Parker, who played for BYU from 2012-15. The team took the opportunity to celebrate Lake and her hard work.

"It was fun to be on the road together and be able to celebrate that with her and for her," Olmstead said. "I think you could tell from that video, her humility and knowing that she's so grateful for the opportunity. She loves her teammates, so I think it was cool that they got to celebrate together."

Each game Lake plays will only put her further in the lead and make her record trickier to beat. She sits fourth in total digs during the rally-scoring era in WCC history. Lake's impact on the team will last for years through her records and by affecting the younger players on and off the court.

Volleyball's Madelyn Robinson isn't taking anything for granted

By ASHLEY JORGENSEN

It's 8 p.m. in Provo. While other students may be doing homework or heading out for the night, Madelyn Robinson is getting some much-needed rest before she wakes up the next morning at 4:30.

Volleyball practice doesn't start until the late afternoon, but Robinson has developed a habit of making every minute count, even if that means waking up before the sun.

Robinson's self-discipline

made her stand out to college recruiters while she was in high school, and it has continued to make a difference on the BYU women's volleyball team since she joined in 2018. Robinson has started in 22 matches this season and recorded 251 kills and 139 digs as of Nov. 18.

Robinson said she played several sports growing up but chose volleyball because of her fond memories playing with her dad and sister, Malia. The three spent many evenings at the gym hitting volleyballs back and forth.

For a few years, Robinson

didn't have a steady school that she attended because her family moved around Utah County. This meant that she didn't play on a high school team until she was a junior. Her family moved in with her grandparents in Highland, Utah and lived there while her grandparents served a mission, making Lone Peak the first high school Robinson knew she would be attending for an extended length of time. Because of this, she decided to join the volleyball team.

She said she was pleasantly surprised to find that her club coach, Reed Carlson, had

become Lone Peak's new volleyball head coach. She didn't take the opportunity for granted and chose to dedicate herself to the team. In 2016, she was named Lone Peak's volleyball player of the year.

"She will put herself on the line for those she loves and trusts and for what she believes in," Carlson said.

The Lone Peak volleyball team won state championships in the 2016 and 2017 seasons that she played with the team. Robinson knows the value of hard work and is willing to make sacrifices to accomplish her goals.

"I have learned so much from her and consider her one of the most dynamic individuals I have ever had the pleasure of coaching," Carlson said. "She taught me what someone can accomplish and is willing to endure when they have a clear purpose." Carlson added that Robinson's daily commitments have led to her success.

Once Robinson graduated from high school, she chose to play for BYU and picked jersey number 9. Her dad and uncle both wore 9 on their respective sports teams and passed the tradition down to their kids.

She continues to push herself in college. The sophomore finished her first year at BYU with 138 kills; her single-match record was 12 against Duke. She focuses every day to continue improving her skills. She said the highlights of her volleyball career happen at practices.

"When you're with your girls, it's a good time," Robinson said. "I love practices. Practices are great and getting in the gym and working."

The exercise science major also enjoys practices because she values taking care of her



Addie Blacker

BYU volleyball star Madelyn Robinson bumps the ball during a game against Pacific.

body. Her teammates said she follows a healthy diet and restricts her sugar intake.

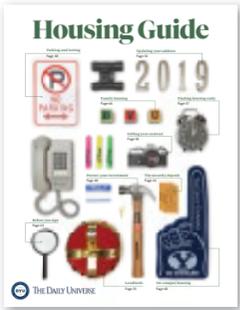
Robinson has a more laid-back side too. She is rooming with her older sister and said she is having the time of her life. When she isn't on the court, she spends time with

King George, her Percheron horse, or practices the violin. Before she knows it, the sun begins to set and 8 p.m. rolls around. It's Robinson's bedtime again, and in a few short hours, her alarm will sound to alert her of the start of another busy day.



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