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Students and fans rush the court after BYU beats No. 2 Gonzaga 91-78. This game was the final home game of the season. See page 8 for full story.

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New building announced for BYU School of Music

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

The BYU School of Music will soon have a new home.

Ed Adams, Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications, made the announcement Thursday, February 20. Construction is scheduled to begin by late spring 2020 and is expected to be completed by Fall Semester 2022. Big D Construction has been selected as the general contractor for the project with design by HKS Architects.

The 170,000 square-foot building will be located in the southwest corner of the parking lot east of the J. Reuben Clark Law School and will feature a number of upgrades to the facilities the School of Music currently has in the Harris Fine Arts Center.

Impacts on parking, whether the HFAC will be remodeled or replaced to meet the needs of other programs housed there, what the new music building will be named, and timelines for projects beyond the music building are still evolving. "Today we're going to celebrate the new space for the School of Music, and then we're going to start working on what the next thing is after that," Adams said.

Plans for replacement facilities for all or some of the HFAC's occupants have been in development for years. Adams said inflation pushed the current plan forward. "We had to move on something. The cost of construction in Utah has just skyrocketed."

The new building's design followed a process that included talking to students one on one about their experiences, holding focus groups and touring other facilities across the globe. Adams said the main objective was improving students' experience. "I heard from the vice president that this is the most researched building ever to be done at BYU," Adams said.

He added that the new music building will increase the amount of square-footage the school works with and will fix a number of problems that music students currently face, such as the lack of a concert hall and a choral room — currently students practice



HKS Architects

An architect's rendering of the exterior of the new music building planned for construction on the BYU campus. Accent lighting is a highlight of the exterior design. The view looks toward the building from the northeast.

and perform in an auditorium — and rooms that are not fit well acoustically to the point of being a "safety issue."

"We actually have a situation, where because the sonic volume gets so high in the orchestra and band rooms, that students are required to wear earplugs," Adams said, adding that the School of Music director compared the situation to "giving painters gloves and sunglasses to do what they do."

The new music building will feature a 1,000-seat vineyard-style concert hall, where seating surrounds the stage from all sides. Although the new building's concert hall will be smaller than the HFAC's deJong Concert Hall and a 250-seat recital hall, smaller than the current Madsen Recital Hall, Adams said the new hall is a big step up — especially since it will be the only vineyard-style hall between Missouri and California.

The vineyard design will accommodate the school's various choirs and will allow students to sit toward the back of the stage and observe and learn from observing the performing musicians. The stage will also feature built-in, retractable risers for choirs.

The building will also have a lobby with social stairs and other seating where students can study and have

informal "Concerts at Noon."

"One of the challenges of the Harris Fine Arts Center is there are no places for students in this building," Adams said. "We're hoping to resolve that here with the School of Music in that space."

He added that the new building will include 10 more practice rooms than are currently available in the HFAC. Unlike the the practice rooms in the HFAC that are below ground, these rooms will be on the upper levels of the building where there is more light and will be closer to faculty offices to better facilitate faculty-to-student mentoring.

"The space for faculty and the practice rooms will be much more beautiful, a lot more light, much more aspirational for the students," Adams said.

Adams said the new building will be a "good to really-good facility."

"Is it the best out there? Probably not. And we probably wouldn't build that type of facility only because we have to respect where our funds and sources come from," Adams said. "But for our students and faculty in the School of Music, this will be exceptional."

"What we forget sometimes is music is a performing art; it is the pinnacle experience for them to perform, that's what they work toward. And so we need

to provide spaces that help them get to that point to do what it is that they're longing to do," he said.

Adams said transferring the School of Music to its own building will not only be beneficial for the the School of Music but the other faculty and students in the HFAC as well.

"Music is beautiful to hear to musicians, but if I'm in the film program and I'm watching a classic film, the last thing I want to hear is the four tubas come in over across the film. These have been a long standing challenges," Adams said. "The issue we've been pursuing is a new building for music. The reason why is because it does two things: one, it isolates the sound of the music, and two, we can acoustically build it easier now."

Adams hopes these improvements to BYU's musical facilities will help take the programs to the next level. He recalled a visit from acoustics specialist Mark Holden who was working on facilities at Juilliard at the time.

"He said, 'You could possibly be the best in the world if you had good music facilities,'" Adams remembers. "For the first time, I had a sense that President Kimball's message and prophetic vision for the gospel of arts could come true."

Honor Code controversy still expanding

By KARINA ANDREW

Ambiguity continues over the intent of BYU Honor Code changes announced Feb. 19.

BYU Clubs sent an email later in the day on Monday, Feb. 24, announcing that Honor Code Office Director Kevin Utt would "be presenting on the recent changes and adjustments to the Honor Code" in an open meeting, but university spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said that was incorrect and the Honor Code office would continue meeting individually with students who have Honor Code concerns.

The Honor Code wording change eliminated any mention of homosexual behavior, including the clause prohibiting "all forms of physical intimacy that give expression to homosexual feelings." Members of the campus LGBT community have interpreted it as allowing gay dating. A university statement in a tweet on Feb. 20 seems to imply that's not the case. And groups are forming to take shots at the university for either being too liberal or too vague.

"We have removed the more prescriptive language and kept the focus on the principles of the Honor Code, which remain the same. The principles of the Honor Code align with the doctrine and policies of the Church," university information manager Todd Hollingshead said Monday, Feb. 24, echoing what the university had said almost a week earlier in a tweet about the wording changes. "We will support and guide each student according to the principles outlined in the Honor Code. As we have said so often in the past, we will handle questions that arise on an individual, case-by-case basis."

Neither BYU Communications nor the Honor Code Office have made any official statements besides last week's tweet to clarify the Honor Code wording changes. Some BYU students and others said they spoke to Honor Code Office representatives and confirmed that gay students are allowed to date, hold hands, kiss and do anything straight students are allowed to do and remain in good standing with the Honor Code.

One BYU professor addressed the Honor Code changes in a screen-cast video he made for students who could not attend his lecture in person. A student, whom the professor said he didn't know, trimmed and shared the video, which has since had over 14,000 views on YouTube.

The professor said in the video that two men or two women holding hands, kissing or dating does not violate the Honor Code or the law of chastity as defined by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The professor also said administrators in his department asked him not to share or promote the video once it started circulating among students.

Some people have reacted negatively to the removal of mentions of homosexual behavior in the Honor Code, saying this represents a departure from the standards of the Church. Students and others with this concern have shared their views online using hashtags such as #takebackbyu and #savebyu.

Students and others with opinions on both sides of the topic have encouraged people to talk to Honor Code Office representatives for themselves and wait for official statements before coming to conclusions about the specific provisions of the updated Honor Code.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Harvey Weinstein found guilty

Harvey Weinstein was convicted of rape and sexual assault against two women on Monday, Feb. 24, and was immediately led off to jail in handcuffs. The verdict could send the 67-year-old to prison for up to 29 years.

The verdict followed weeks of often harrowing and excruciatingly graphic testimony from a string of accusers. The conviction was seen as a long-overdue reckoning for Weinstein after years of whispers about his behavior turned into a torrent of accusations in 2017.



Virus pushes beyond Asia

Officials in Europe and the Middle East are scrambling to limit the spread of an outbreak of the coronavirus, which has showed signs of stabilizing at its Chinese epicenter but now poses new threats far beyond.

Across the world, stock markets and futures dipped on fears of a global slowdown due to the virus spread, with the Dow down more than 900 points during midday trading. The number of people sickened by the coronavirus topped 79,000 globally.



Supreme Court to hear same-sex foster parent suit

The Supreme Court said it will hear a dispute over a Philadelphia Catholic agency that won't place foster children with same-sex couples.

The justices will review an appeals court ruling that upheld the city's decision to stop placing children with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's agency because it would not permit same-sex couples to serve as foster parents. The ruling held the city did not target the agency because of its religious beliefs, but acted only to enforce its own nondiscrimination policy.



US appeals court upholds Trump abortion rules

A U.S. appeals court upheld Trump administration changes that include additional hurdles for those seeking abortions through a federal program that helps low-income women.

The rules ban taxpayer-funded clinics in the Title X program from making abortion referrals and prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers — a rule critics said would force many to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down.



Crackdown on immigrants takes effect

With new rules taking effect Monday that disqualify more people from green cards if they use government benefits, droves of immigrants, including some citizens, asylum seekers and legal residents who have a right to those benefits, have dropped social services they or their children may be entitled to out of fear they will be kicked out of the U.S.

The guidelines don't apply to many programs for children and pregnant and postnatal women, including Head Start early childhood education.

Faculty members excited for new music building

By ALICIA MATSUURA

Faculty members from the College of Fine Arts and Communications expressed their excitement for a new building dedicated to students and faculty in the music program.

The Harris Fine Arts Center (HFAC) currently houses the School of Music, the Department of Theatre and Media Arts, the Department of Arts, and the Department of Design. It hasn't undergone remodeling since its construction in 1964. Discussions for a new School of Music building have been ongoing for five years, but it wasn't until last week that plans were confirmed and a rendering of the building was introduced.

Kory Katseanes is a former director of the School of Music and came to BYU in 1999 as director of orchestras. He's thrilled with the announcement and said they've been waiting for a new building for many years.

"It's been evident for some time now that we've been bursting at the seams," Katseanes said. "Acoustic design and classroom space that was adequate in the early '60s no longer meets our needs."

Katseanes expressed sadness in being separated from his colleagues in the other arts, but he knows having a new music building is a step forward for the School of Music and BYU.

"I'm excited for the students that get to be in that new building for the next half a century," Katseanes said. "These spaces, if properly designed, help you become

better as a musician. We look forward to a partnership with a new building that assists us in our efforts in a greater capacity."

Stephen Jones is a professor of composition in the School of Music and former dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications. He said the unique process of creating music requires the support of a special facility.

"Each one of the arts takes specific spaces in order to communicate the truths, ideas and content of their messages," Jones said. "I anticipate a tremendous surge forward in the quality of performances and quality of education we can offer our students because of these new facilities."

Faculty members from other departments in the college also reacted to the announcement. Art Department Chair, Gary Barton said he's happy for the School of Music and hopes something will happen for the other academic units housed in the HFAC further down the road.

"Once the music building is underway, they'll start opening up conversations about what will happen to the HFAC in the future," Barton said.

Future discussions will focus on how spaces previously used for the music department will be utilized and how they'll be converted to accommodate the needs of other departments in the college.

"We haven't resolved those questions about how to use that space down the road," Barton said. "But it is exciting there is that potential for art, for design, for theater and media arts."

BYU investigates need for on-campus childcare

By WHITNEY BIGELOW

BYU administration is actively considering an on-campus childcare program for the first time in the university's history.

"In response to a 2019 proposal, BYU administration has approved a formal investigation by the Faculty Advisory Council into on-campus childcare options to support faculty, staff, and students of BYU," said an email sent to all faculty and staff on Feb. 11. "The purpose of this survey is to understand more about the extent to which BYU may have ongoing demand among faculty and staff for on campus childcare."

The email included a link to a survey for faculty and staff to fill out.

According to Eva Witesman, business professor and co-chair of the Faculty Advisory Council, the council submitted a proposal in 2019 asking the university to "conduct a one year study of the need for, potential benefits and feasibility of on-campus child care at BYU for its students and employees."

The Faculty Advisory Council is comprised of faculty members from each college that are elected by its colleagues. According to their website, the council "considers the issues that are most pertinent and after thorough research prepares recommendations to submit to the Administration."



BYU Photo

A young family poses for a photo at the April 2019 BYU commencement ceremony. Many believe on-campus childcare could help more student parents, especially mothers, reach graduation.

Witesman said that the council is very aware of the struggles of student families and the benefit on-campus child care could provide to them. She also said the Student Advisory Committee is in the process of preparing a survey for student input on the issue.

"The faculty at BYU observe tremendous commitment by our married and single-parent students, both men and women, to follow the counsel of Church leaders to pursue their education while they establish and nurture their families," Witesman quoted from the council's proposal.

Witesman said the council will report its findings to the administration at the end of the academic year.

According to a study conducted by the Utah Women and Leadership Project, BYU is one of the only four-year universities in the state without discredited, on-campus childcare. The university does run small preschool and kindergarten programs, but their intended purpose is research, not child care.

"We are not a child care facility, but a research lab/teacher training facility which requires we have a preschool and kindergarten to accomplish our mission," said Anne Ure, a staff member in the School of Family Life.

Student parents who heard about the survey were excited about the possibility of on-campus childcare, as it would help them financially and support their educational endeavors. However, they were also concerned that the survey was only directed toward BYU faculty and staff and excluded student input.

"I think students are the ones who need it most," said Faith Baer, a student mother

and supply chain management major. "Faculty already have degrees and jobs that can pay for childcare, so they should not be priority enrollment."

Baer is the mother of a 2-year-old and is pregnant with her second child. She says she has struggled to take care of her child while attempting to attend classes. Baer's husband is ill and unable to help take care of the children.

"I have to pick classes that don't have a huge attendance requirement and hope for the best," Baer said. "If I have to go to campus, I make sure it's only one or two days a week and try to find someone to watch my kid for that time or sync up nap time and hope it works."

She said she has been looking for childcare options that are financially possible for her family, but hasn't been successful.

"I've been on every state-funded daycare list for almost a year and I'm still not at the top, so it's not like I'm not trying other solutions as well," Baer said.

Student financial situations make child care services largely inaccessible. According to Glassdoor.com, student employees at BYU make an average of \$10 per hour. The going rate for a nanny in the Provo area is anywhere from \$12-\$25 per hour, according to Care.com. An accredited childcare facility charges similar amounts.

Other Utah universities, however, have created affordable options for student parents. For example, the Universe has previously reported that Weber State University charges students \$3.50 per hour for daycare, and Utah State University's Brigham City campus provides childcare for \$3-\$4 per hour.

Finances are not the only struggle student families face. Students McKenna and Jaden Lindquist are the parents of a 9-month-old daughter, Kate. They juggle schedules and bring their baby girl to school with them every day.

McKenna said that she has never been fond of the idea of letting someone else take care of her child but reconsidered when Jaden had to quit a job he loved because they couldn't work it in between both of their school schedules and caring for their baby. McKenna has also had to give up taking classes she was interested in because they interfered with her husband's schedule.

"It would be so nice to have someone I could trust to be there when I needed them so that I could take the classes I'm actually passionate about rather than the ones that just fit with Jaden's schedule," she said.

McKenna said nap time is a particular challenge for the family, as they have to go between home and campus numerous times each day to make sure their baby has a place to take naps.

"If there was a place on campus I could lay Kate down for a nap while I got homework done, it would change everything for us," McKenna said. "She could sleep as long as she wanted, we would always be on time to class, we wouldn't have to pay for parking passes, we'd spend way less on gas money, and life would just be so much less complicated."

Hannah Carlson, a classical studies major, is expecting her first child this semester. Carlson says the issue of childcare is an inherently female one, as women are primarily the ones expected to take care of their children in Latter-day Saint culture.

"BYU should support me because they're a church-run school and should support the same initiatives as the Church," Carlson said. "The Church emphasizes the importance of a woman's education and the importance of motherhood."

Carlson added that church leaders have counseled young married couples not to delay starting a family until after getting the perfect house, job or wealth status. This results in students juggling the role of parents. She said this leads to many women dropping out of school altogether.

"I've personally stressed out about the question of completing my degree as a young mother," Carlson said. "I feel like it's important. I'll try to graduate, but it would be nice if BYU supported me in this by providing more options for young mothers."

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School choice celebrated in Utah County while homeschooling numbers grow

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

National School Choice Week, held Jan 26 to Feb. 1, saw students, schools and parents across the country celebrating parents' right to choose the best form of education for their children. But homeschooling, an increasingly popular option in Utah County, was left out.

The week has been celebrated since 2011 by the National School Choice Week organization, which, according to its website, is a "nonpartisan, nonpolitical, independent public awareness effort" that does not "advocate, directly or indirectly, for the passage or defeat of legislation or policy proposals."

Celebrations across Utah included one by the Freedom Preparatory Academy in Provo, which has a pre-school, two elementary schools and a high school in Utah County. Freedom Prep students from various campuses gathered at the campus on 900 North.

Jonathan Kano, the dean of students for Freedom Preparatory Academy, said the school was honored to be part of the celebration. "They contacted us earlier on in the school year and asked us if we would like to be spotlighted," he said. While every school is welcome to host a sponsored event with bright yellow scarves and stickers supplied by National School Choice Week, Freedom Preparatory Academy is the only school that was spotlighted in Utah this year.

"In Utah, we're one of the older charter schools," Kano said. "We've been open for 17 school years."

During the assembly,

children heard from Executive Director Lynne Hering and Provo City Mayor Michelle Kaufusi.

Other schools celebrated the week as well. Redeemer Lutheran School in Salt Lake hosted activities that included taking their students bowling. But Principal Joni Davis said they did not apply to be considered a spotlight school. After meeting with a NSCW representative, she was under the impression that school had to pay to be considered.

"Once they started talking money, I said 'No, thank you,'" she said.

But Kano says the application was free. NSCW lists many partners that help fund these celebrations. One of their partners includes The American Federation for Children, whose chairman, prior to November 2016, was Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos — a long-time advocate for parental choice beyond traditional public school education.

In an email interview, NSCW spokesperson Savanna Buckner said, "All schools and organizations that are hosting events that are open to the media and will have more than 100 attendees can apply to that spotlight program." She added that the event hosted by Freedom Prep was "the largest school assembly in Utah for School Choice Week this year."

Kano explained that the week is meant to celebrate all choices when it comes to education. "We're not out to compete, we're out to support," he said. "The hope is that we're working in connection with the traditional schools, and not in competition."

Recently, more Utah County parents are choosing

to homeschool their children, a choice that is under-represented by the National School Choice Week.

The Provo School District in particular has seen an increased number of students choose homeschooling. As of January, there are 1,115 students being homeschooled. In 2016, there were only 456. Similarly, Nebo School District reports 1,642 homeschooled children within district boundaries. They saw 539 of those make the switch just last year. Alpine School District reports 3,632 homeschooled students, when four years ago there were just over 2,700.

But hardly any specific homeschooling programs were featured on NSCW's website. Buckner says it wasn't not on purpose. "We definitely want to shine a spotlight on homeschools as well," she said in a phone interview. "Our outreach team told me that they had 1,477 homeschool groups sign up this year (nationwide). . . It's more difficult to reach out to homeschools because they aren't as publicly accessible as more traditional schools."

The organization's marketing strategy includes sending mailers and emails inviting schools to participate, which, when it comes to homeschools, makes it difficult to know where to send information.

Buckner said they try to be where the homeschoolers are. She attended the Home School Legal Defense Association conference last fall. Their small outreach team travels around the country. "We also send supplies to parents who sign up," she said. However, they have no way of knowing whether these parents are homeschooling their children.

Students push for sustainability office at BYU

By ERIKA MAGAOAY

A group of BYU students is calling for greater collaboration between students and administration in sustainability efforts on campus.

The movement is known as the BYU Student Sustainability Initiative, or BYU SSI, and is not officially affiliated with BYU. The founders are environmental science seniors Derrek Wilson and Allie Tuttle and they are assisted by plant and wildlife sciences professor Ben Abbott.

According to Wilson, the goal of BYU SSI is to help the university be more environmentally friendly on an institutional level and to improve campus culture. He said BYU SSI leadership believes this can best happen through the creation of a student-led sustainability office and committee at BYU, which would allow for more focused and collaborative sustainability efforts and provide resources for students.

"When I talk to students about this idea, so often they say, 'Where do I go to find people who are doing stuff like this?' Nobody knows where other students are who care about the environment at BYU," Wilson said. "If there's a centralized office, then they can go there. They can get involved with the student board; they can get involved with projects and have fun and gain leadership experience."

Tuttle said this office would be run by a student-led committee, creating opportunities for experiential learning and fulfilling BYU's Aims, including improving the ecological environment.

The committee would also include a non-student sustainability coordinator.

"Currently that (role) doesn't exist on its own," Wilson said. "It's put under somebody else's responsibility, so it doesn't get much attention."

Wilson and Tuttle have approached BYU

administration, including Student Life Vice President Julie Franklin and Steven Sandberg, assistant to the president and general counsel. Both individuals expressed support but were unsure how to implement the proposal.

"It's mostly people telling us they don't know where it could fit within the university structure," Wilson said.

BYU SSI has not yet been successful in securing administrative change within the university. According to Wilson, administration must understand that this issue is important to students for change to happen. He said the reason BYU didn't sell caffeine products on campus before 2017 was because administration didn't know students wanted it.

"If we tell administration what we want and across campus if students are supportive of this, then I think that will be the biggest factor in changing their minds," he said.

For this purpose, Wilson and Tuttle have started an Office of Sustainability Petition.

"I think that will be the most powerful, direct action that students can take right now," Wilson said.

Wilson presented the petition to students attending the environmental lecture series in the Kennedy Center on Wednesday, Feb. 12, and plans to do this every week. BYU SSI is aiming for 1,000 signatures by March 15.

Among the students who signed the petition was advertising major Juan Garcia. "I don't know much about the environment, or what effects what, but I know the air in Utah is pretty bad," he said.

University of Utah and Utah Valley University both have sustainability boards, and Utah State University has a sustainability council that provides grants that allow students to receive funding for campus projects. Wilson said that unlike other universities, BYU's student body representatives

cannot affect fees or allocate funds to different places.

"Nothing that we do here will be the same as other universities," he said. "But we can still have an impact and use our voice as students collectively to have broader changes on campus and push the administration."

A lot of people don't know BYU already exercises significant sustainability practices, according to Wilson. A lot of the food waste from the Cannon Center and clippings from the grounds crew are currently composted, and he said the university also makes energy conservation efforts.

"One of our goals is trying to get more of that stuff available to students," Tuttle said. "Our biggest thing is we want to get the students involved."

BYU SSI leads a variety of projects to unite students in sustainability efforts. The projects serve to inform students of the initiative, teach and encourage sustainability and show the administration that they are serious, said Tuttle.

Last fall BYU SSI held an alternative transportation fair, which included a bus in Brigham Square and representatives from the BYU Bike Committee, Utah Transit Authority and Spin Electric Scooters.

"We just wanted to let people know that you don't need a car to get to campus and around Provo," Tuttle said.

Recently the group assisted Y-Serve's refugee projects by collecting plastic bags to be made into mats. Tuttle and other BYU SSI members placed donation boxes in the Cannon Center and Heritage Halls.

BYU SSI is holding a "Tour de Bins" where students can improve BYU's recycling system by finding better recycling bin locations on campus. The group is working with BYU recycling to make the changes effective and long lasting. Volunteers who come can assist in identifying high-traffic areas that could use different kinds of recycling bins.



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Marcus Roberts
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This month's forum will feature modern jazz pianist and composer Marcus Roberts, along with the Marcus Roberts Trio, The Modern Jazz Generation band, and BYU Professor Greg Clark.

Marcus Roberts began teaching himself to play piano at age five after losing his sight but didn't have his first formal lesson until age 12. Despite the late start, he progressed quickly and at age 18 went on to study classical piano at Florida State University with the great Leonidas Lipovetsky, whose own teacher was the celebrated Madame Rosina Lhévinne. Roberts is an associate professor of music at Florida State University, and he holds an honorary doctor of music degree from The Juilliard School.

While Roberts is known for his ability to blend jazz and classical idioms to create something wholly new, he is perhaps even better known for his development of an entirely new approach to jazz trio performance. Roberts tours with his long-standing trio featuring Rodney Jordan (bass)

and Jason Marsalis (drums). In the fall of 2017, he released his newest recording called *Trio Crescent: Celebrating Coltrane*.

One of Roberts' more recent musical projects is the founding of The Modern Jazz Generation band. This multigenerational ensemble is the realization of Roberts' long-standing dedication to training and mentoring younger jazz musicians. Both Marsalis and Jordan are also key founding members of this band.

Greg Clark has taught in the College of Humanities at BYU since 1985. His most recent book, *Civic Jazz: American Music and Kenneth Burke on the Art of Getting Along* (Chicago, 2015), explores the seemingly disparate conceits of jazz and democracy. He argues that jazz presents us with a pattern for democracy—both endeavors of collaboration, improvisation, and listening. In recent years he has partnered with Marcus Roberts to educate others on what jazz music brings to the conversation about democracy and the art of getting along.

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BYU community speaks out about missing and murdered Native American women

By THOMAS MADRIGAL

Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind was eight months pregnant and returning to her home in Fargo, North Dakota, one day in August when neighbors asked if she would come to their apartment to help model a sewing project. LaFontaine-Greywind agreed. She never returned.

LaFontaine-Greywind's body was retrieved from a river days later, her baby, merely a month away from its due date, having been cut from her womb with a box-cutter-type blade.

Police searched the apartment of the individuals who kidnapped LaFontaine-Greywind and found the baby days after LaFontaine-Greywind's reported disappearance.

LaFontaine-Greywind is one of many Native American women targeted and killed every year.

Her tragedy sparked Savanna's Act, which was introduced to the U.S. Senate in January. If passed, the act would require the U.S. attorney general to review, revise and develop law enforcement and justice protocols addressing missing and murdered Native Americans.

The issue of unreported cases of missing and murdered Native American women has continued to affect families and friends seeking closure for their lost relatives. Advocacy groups, along with Native American professors and students at BYU, are hoping to raise awareness about the issue.

While this issue occurs throughout the United States and Canada, Salt Lake City has the ninth highest number of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in the United States, according to the Urban Indian Health Institute.

Legislation like the Violence Against Women Act — which added provisions for Native American women and coalitions to combat domestic violence within tribes regardless of geographic boundaries — and organizations like Restoring Ancestral Winds (RAW) are some of the resources different individuals are using to try to tackle the issue of missing and murdered Native American women.

RAW, a center for helping Native Americans who have suffered from sexual assault and domestic violence, is working alongside tribes in the Great Basin area, which includes half of Utah, most of Nevada and sections of Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and California.



Native American Jingle Dress Dancers attend and perform at Women's March Provo on Jan. 18 to raise awareness of missing and murdered indigenous women. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

Karina Andrew



Moroni Benally, RAW advocacy and public policy coordinator, said there is a bigger issue to be understood when discussing the topic of domestic violence and missing persons cases involving Native Americans.

"We have to start talking about the pathways of how that (disappearances and murders of Native American women) happens," Benally said.

One overlooked factor Benally discussed was the feeling of rejection from communities of "two-spirit" or LGBT youth on reservations. Rejection increases their risk of suicide and their chances of being coerced into sex trafficking or eventually becoming murder victims, Benally said.

"One of the reasons it hasn't received a lot of attention, or hasn't received the necessary resources until now, is in part because a lot of these victims were not the iconic victim; they weren't the white, blonde-haired young woman," Benally said.

He said many of these issues

start with "the historical trauma of these communities."

Many Native Americans no longer live on reservations, which makes tracking them the state's responsibility instead of their tribe's, according to Benally. This is supported by the 2010 U.S. Census, which found 78% of Native Americans lived outside of American Indian and Alaska Native areas.

Many of them leave reservations with the intention of looking for better opportunities than those available to them on the reservation.

"They're already vulnerable, they're dispossessed of their communities and they don't have the skills to make it, and so they end up in very vulnerable situations," Benally said. "The perpetrators know what to look for; they know how to find the victims."

He said a contributing factor to many of these cases has to do with the normalization of domestic violence some women experience because of early exposure to violence in the home. This issue perpetuates far beyond just kidnappings and murders, it has been rooted into the core of their culture for decades, he said.

"If you could find a single Native American who has not been touched by this (the disappearances and murders of Native American women), in some personal way, it would be a miracle," Benally said.

Benally and RAW work closely with local police departments and other organizations to help provide the best resources to victims and their families.

Jason Jensen, a private investigator and co-founder of the Utah Cold Case Coalition, has worked since 2017 to help solve cold cases throughout Utah. However, since the coalition's early stages, Jensen has only worked on one case involving Native Americans.

"Oftentimes, things don't get reported because they try to handle it on the reservation," Jensen said.

The degrees that state and local governments can intervene on reservations also inhibit some victims and potential victims from seeking the safety they desire.

"Due to laws surrounding their nations, they (reservations) are usually a safe haven for criminals to be on," Jensen said.

Government officials see the need for change in these communities and are doing their part to make a difference.

State Rep. Angela Romero helped pass a resolution to have May 5 recognized as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and LGBT Awareness Day. Gov. Gary Herbert signed the resolution on March 25, 2019.

Romero has worked closely with organizations, such as

the Utah Department of Public Safety and RAW, to help bring awareness to and promote advocacy for this issue.

"In order to show it's a crisis, we need to quantify the data," Romero said. "It's a much more complex issue."

Romero, who has Native American and Hispanic lineage, said she felt a need to have these communities better represented and hopes to do so during her time in office.

BYU law professor Michalyn Steele said although she has not personally dealt with such cases, being a Native American has made her well aware of the issue.

"I'm not aware of anyone in my personal circle that has been murdered or is missing. But you don't have to look far into the Native American community to see these tragic stories unfolding week after week, year after year," Steele said.

She said she has seen laws move toward enhancing tribal jurisdiction and the legal matters that take place on the reservations.

"It hasn't gone far enough, but I have seen movement," Steele said.

This issue reaches far beyond the Native American soil in the United States; it also affects the first nation tribes in Canada, she said.

"Crimes against native or indigenous women need to be treated as seriously as crimes

against anyone else," Steele said.

A way to tackle the issue in a more serious manner would be to add better investigative and prosecutorial guidelines and procedures, she said.

BYU education professor Roni Jo Draper said it is important for her to discuss such topics in class and help students be aware of problematic issues surrounding them.

Draper is also a member of the Yurok tribe in Reno, Nevada, where she grew up and attended college.

Though Draper does not live on the Yurok reservation, she has family members who do. She said her periodic visits helped her notice the lack of resources and representation the individuals on reservations deal with daily.

"I think we maybe have a misunderstanding that it's just this geographical location," Draper said, adding that there are more tribal members who live off the reservation than live on the it, so those protections need to be extended.

Legal complexities between Native Americans who live on and off reservations make each case unique with different precautions depending on the scenario.

Very few individuals know the severity of the issue because of representation and reporting of the cases that are investigated. Draper said she thinks more could be done to inform those who may be unaware of the issue.

"I don't think there has been enough attention around (the cases)," Draper said. "There are so many hard things in the world, and this may just seem like one more."

Draper said in addition to the lack of coverage around this issue, there are many overlooked variables that directly contribute to the murders and disappearances of these women, something she said needs to be addressed.

BYU student Victoria Meza, who is part Navajo, said despite her understanding of life off a reservation, she sees the struggle of being raised on reservations from her summer visits with family.

"My grandparents chose to raise my mother also off the reservation, because from their experience, living on a reservation just wasn't the experience they wanted their children to live," Meza said.

She said she felt she had adequate resources as a Native American woman not living on a reservation to feel safe but that it would be different if she had lived on one.

This is partially because of the lack of resources like police enforcement, she said.

Meza said she understands some women decide to stay on a reservation despite difficult circumstances because of their connection to the land and feeling like a part of them would be missing if they left.

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Simple Bites

Recipe Column



This week:
Beef stew

Ingredients	For 1	For 2	For 4
Lean beef (round steak or stew meat)	1/4 lb.	1/2 lb.	1 lb.
Flour	1 tbsp.	2 tbsp.	1/4 cup
Vegetable oil	2 tbsp.	3 tbsp.	1/4 cup
Onion, cut into bite-sized pieces	1/2 small	1 small	1 med.
Potatoes, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces	1 med.	2 med.	4 med.
Carrots, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces	1 med.	2 med.	4 med.
Au jus seasoning pkg.	1/4 pkg.	1/2 pkg.	1 pkg.
Salt	To taste	To taste	To taste
Pepper	To taste	To taste	To taste

Directions:

Trim and cut beef into small bite-sized pieces. Place flour in a bag with 2 tsp. of salt and 1 tsp. pepper. Add beef and shake until beef is coated with flour mixture. In a large pot heat oil and add floured beef and onion. Saute over high heat, stirring often, until beef is brown on all sides.

Add water or beef stock to cover beef. Add Au jus seasoning and mix well. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 hours. Peel and cut potatoes and carrots into bite-sized pieces. Add to simmering beef. Add more water or stock if necessary to cover vegetables. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are soft and stew becomes thick. If necessary, thicken with 2 tbsp. cornstarch mixed with 1/2 cup water. Add additional salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot over rice or with rolls or biscuits.



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



Brooke Sorenson



Spring Buford



Hollis Hunt



Emilee McFadden



Photos: Jenny Goldsberry
Michael Pack

BYUSA optimistic about voter turnout for upcoming election

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

The BYU Student Service Association election for president, BYU's equivalent to a student body president, and executive vice president will be held March 4-5.

Despite a lack of political power for the positions compared to other universities, BYUSA is hopeful about voter participation among the student body.

Last year, BYU saw the highest voter turnout in the state for student body elections. BYU rallied over 6,200 votes in its presidential campaign, which was over 2,300 more than the runner-up school, Utah State.

Even though the president is the weakest politically among their collegiate peers — they can't change policies or vote with the rest of the student body presidents on state issues — BYU consistently has the highest voting turnout of any other university in Utah. One reason why might be the culture, said BYUSA Elections Coordinator Vanessa Loveless.

"The demographic is not a commuter school," she said. While other students might commute to school for a couple hours a day, BYU students tend to spend most of their day on campus because they live nearby.

Loveless said the role of president is much more than that. "These candidates can't change anything," she said, "but what they can do is initiate changes on how we serve students around us."

The role of the president has recently been redefined as "work(ing) with formal BYU student councils, organizations,

clubs and groups to establish mutually beneficial relationships and opportunities." Next year's executive vice president also has a new role of "direct(ing) the dialogue between BYUSA and the BYU student body." They will also have creative license to tell the story of BYUSA during the time of their presidency.

This year, there are five candidates vying for the votes in the upcoming election. The candidates recently hosted two rallies at The Wall in the Wilkinson Student Center where they served students free fries and burgers.

BYUSA presidential candidates

Brooke Sorenson is a public relations major with a business minor and a Basic Life Support certification. That's one certification below an EMT certification, which she hopes to receive someday "But communications is where my heart is," she said. "It's an art in and of itself."

One of her favorite places is the Museum of Art on campus.

For three years, she's been a representative on the Student Advisory Council, but she didn't become involved with the intention to run for president. "To be frank," she said, "it was something I never, ever imagined doing up until about a day before the application was due." After seeing changes in the structure of BYUSA, she wanted to become even more involved. According to her, the changes have been for the better.

"It sparks conversation or innovation in everyone's minds," she said. "It shows the office is willing to create change and take risks."

Her service platform, called

"Yes, we did that," features an idea to foster connection between students and their faculty representatives so students can have their voices heard. "It's about helping students recognize that they do have people who represent them," she said.

Spring Buford is a computer science major with an emphasis in bioinformatics.

She felt inspired to become more involved after finishing a recent internship with Microsoft. "The thing I learned is that it's important to pursue your passions to become more productive," she said. Her passion is people.

She's currently the manager of the Women's Initiative Mentors Office, a concept she helped create through her research with the Women's Initiative Council. Now she's doing research for BYUSA's Student Advisory Council. She's working on an inspired learning project, helping students overcome barriers that keep them from research, study abroad and internship opportunities.

Her favorite spot on campus is the fifth floor of the Harold B. Lee library because there are lots of windows. She spends most of her time in the Talmage where there aren't many.

She uses her platform, BYUnify, to advocate for more BYUSA offices around campus and to make more departments aware of the association. "I'm not expecting them to join BYUSA or clubs," she said, "but the point is I am reaching out."

Hollis Hunt is an experience design and management major with a minor in nonprofit management and a black belt in taekwondo. He's been involved in BYUSA for two years, and also liked the new changes,

including when the office went from having seven areas to four.

"Having seven was a lot, sometimes too much," Hunt said, adding the change has meant the office can be more inclusive. "The key to inclusivity is simplicity."

Beginning last spring semester, a new area called "Experiences" was created. "I was obsessed with the Experiences area," he said. It aligned nicely with his major. Now he's a team lead, organizing events for BYUSA.

His campaign is called "There's Room for Everyone." It's largely focused on helping students feel a sense of belonging at BYU. To demonstrate that sentiment, he wants to encourage underrepresented clubs by "giving them a space in the Wilk to promote who they are."

He's been planning to run for president for a long time. So long, in fact, that he already knew who he wanted to be the executive vice president on his ticket. But then the election policy changed.

This year, BYUSA switched things up by having candidates run as individuals. An increase in voting options has the potential to decrease the number of students who vote. Almost every university saw a decreasing number of votes for non-presidential elections. Southern Utah University is an exception, with their Vice President of Clubs and Organization election receiving more votes than their presidential election.

Loveless said the hope is that the change will actually result in more votes. "Five candidates come from different corners of campus," she said. "More

participation means you're reaching different pools of people."

Executive vice president candidates

Emilee McFadden is an economics major with a minor in Spanish. She previously represented the McKay School of Education on the Student Alumni Relations Council. BYUSA and Student Alumni are two different organizations with similar goals and objectives, but Emilee admitted there is some friendly competition between the two. "The main tension is caused by the following and name that BYUSA has," she explained. "Student Alumni gets clouded over a little bit. Instead of competing, Student Alumni is hoping to have more of a collaborative effort."

In an effort to increase this collaboration, she walked into the BYUSA office and asked how she could be involved in summer 2019. "I joined BYUSA hoping to understand it better," she said. "To have opportunity to serve in an impactful way." Since July, she's been a member of the Student Advisory Council, representing Student Alumni. Now, not even a year later, she's running for the second highest position in the organization.

During her time at BYU, she's enjoyed getting to know campus better. For a time she worked for University Relations and helped create the self-guided tours for campus visitors. She said it's helped her appreciate the campus more and that she'd like to pass it on through a service she calls "Throwback Thursday." Every Thursday she'd like to host an informational meeting on the history of BYU and its Student Service Association.

Michael Pack joined BYUSA because he happened to be

walking by the office when two volunteers were speaking Italian. He served his mission in Milan, Italy, so he greeted them in Italian. He was subsequently invited to join BYUSA and has been a part for the past two years.

One of his favorite volunteer experiences was surprising a BYU gymnast after she broke her leg. "We knew she was a big fan of basketball," he said. "We were able to get the entire basketball team to sign a basketball for her. So we got that and we got Cosmo to deliver it."

Like Hollis, Michael is an experience design and management major. His favorite place on campus is the duck pond in the Botanical Gardens. "I just love just hanging out and just pondering."

As a part of his campaign he wants to value the individuality within the office. He is proposing that the office start "I am BYUSA" videos similar to the "I am BYU" videos. "They're going to be videos, telling the who, what, why and how have experiences on our club's history," he said.

Candidates only have approximately four weeks and \$150 to campaign for votes. Time is short and resources are few to help level the playing field, according to Loveless.

"We don't want the person with most money or Instagram followers to win, but the person with the best ideas," Loveless said. The hope is that candidates will get creative with the small amount of time and money they have.

Online voting will take place on March 4 and continue through March 5. After the first day of voting, the presidential candidate with the least amount of votes will be eliminated from the election. All those who voted for the eliminated candidate can vote again on March 5.

MIXTAPE

Best and Worst of the Jonas Brothers

The Jonas Brothers are back and better than ever! They've had some great new songs, and some great bops from the past. They've also had a few flops. You can't blame 'em though, it must be hard growing up in the music business. Here are a few of the best and worst Jonas Brothers songs.

This week:

Hannah

Worst: "Hollywood"
Jonas Brothers
Jonas Brothers

This was right around the time their TV show *Jonas LA* was happening and honestly it wasn't their best time. The song is a little boring, and truly sounds like something from Camp Rock... which doesn't seem like something that they would have wanted to do to be considered serious artists. At least they figured it out eventually.

Best: "Lovebug"
Jonas Brothers
A Little Bit Longer

Honestly one of the best from old JoBros. It is a genuinely good love song. Not the cheesy stuff like "Burnin' Up" (although I love that one too). "Love bug" shows a more mature side to the Jonas Brothers and the build up at the end is honestly iconic.

Best: "Sucker"
Jonas Brothers
Single

They picked the perfect comeback song. The perfect hook that gets stuck in your head is key. Science literally shows that a hit song is a hit song because it is catchy. It's a key element and this song nails it. The whistles, the claps, the guitar riff. Great song.

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de Jong Concert Hall

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Fri, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

BYU Young Ambassadors

Sat, Feb. 29, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

BRAVO! "We Shall Overcome," Featuring Damien Sneed

Tue., Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

BYU Symphony Orchestra Concerto Night

Thurs., Mar. 5, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

Little Shop of Horrors

Mar. 6-7, 11-14, 18-21, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2:00 p.m.
Pardoe Theatre

Mountain Strings: BYU's Folk Music Ensemble

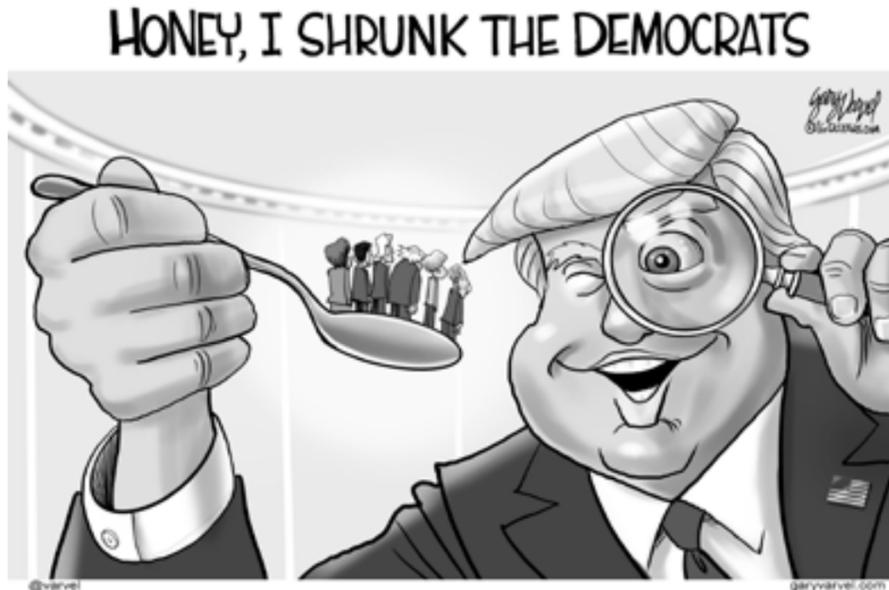
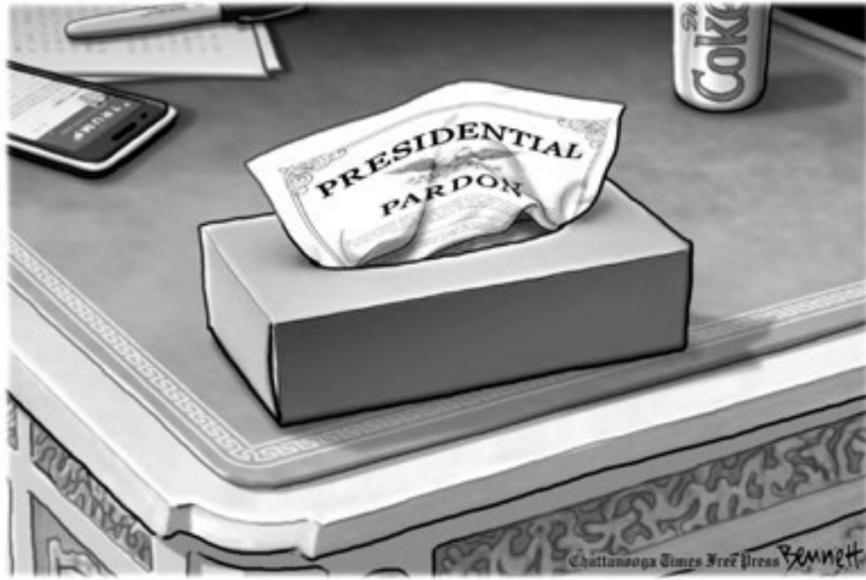
Fri., Mar. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Madsen Recital Hall

BYU Wind Symphony

Fri., Mar. 6, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

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Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut.

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@baileygolding

"I didn't prepare my talk so it's all down hill from here. Let me start off with one word - Avocado" @HeardAtBYU

@zachedmonds94

In a UVU YSA Ward this guy started a comment with "in my religion class, I go to BYU so I'm a little different from you guys, but in my religion class..." @HeardAtBYU #twitterstake

@CastillofDreams

Look at what I wrote in my notes while falling asleep: "If the line is crooked, teje data are 'nt coming from wehrereou. If the line is crooked, the data ma not be coming from under your geophon. Example aboge." @HeardAtBYU

@colindross

BYU girls will write an amazingly heartfelt post about their boyfriend/husband and the guy will respond "thx love u"

@VainHarriet

I don't know who needs to hear this, but playing the piano in the Wilk is not a personality trait. @HeardAtBYU

@hayleypetersen

opening tiktok is the most dangerous game one can play

@sydsimps12

Guy 1: Hey dude! What's up?
Guy 2: Oh dude what's up with you?
Guy 1: Nothing much, how's your sister?
@HeardAtBYU

@reminemington

Sometimes i go to fuego friday just to feel something

@bruhmuhn

"Pardon my French, but what the freak!?" @HeardAtBYU

@TheGremlinShack

"Nations that have more funds are more likely to be authoritarian and have rebellions. In other words, mo' money, mo' problems." @HeardAtBYU

@aaashleyols

"oh my hecking heck!!" @HeardAtBYU

@danlewburn

Running around BYU campus wearing shorts, a t-shirt, and NO SHOES while it's 35°F outside should be against the honor code.

@camillewhis

For a communications assignment next week, everyone has to create content and post it on social media, and whoever generates the most engagement (likes, comments, etc) wins. So I am considering faking my own engagement (marriage).

@BenjaminEPark

The speaker in church is claiming our youth spend far more time reading "the TV guide" than the Book of Mormon and honestly, I don't understand why the church is struggling to reach the younger generations.

@jessienoelle13

Girl 1: I'm from Nebraska and "I've" never tried corn ice cream.
Girl 2: It's SO good! @HeardAtBYU

@ttoll_15

I went to class today without brushing my hair, no makeup, the same clothes from yesterday (that I slept in) & brought an entire box of cheez its to eat for breakfast. Last semester of college done RIGHT baby!!!!

@rodeoman

what's everyone's favorite song about life being a highway

@the_cassadilla

my friend of 4 months just asked me what my name was and if that's not a college mood idk what is

@_blackberryjam

"if you can answer this right, [the TA] will take money out of my wallet and go buy you your favorite candy"
-my biochem professor
@byuprofessors
the girl next to me is now eating peanut butter m&m's

@classicmerm

I spend SO much time writing lesson plans, teaching those lesson plans, and grading papers for my students, and what do they give me in return? THE FLU

@alexakayallen

My love for Hamilton is paying off in my Political Science class and I would just like to thank @Lin_Manuel for the main source of my political knowledge.

Tweets are unedited.

READERS' FORUM

A better ASL program

Brigham Young University is a distinguished and highly elevated university, well known for some of its academic programs. It offers classes on a wide range of topics and areas of study, including American Sign Language, also known as ASL. Although BYU offers up to the 400 level courses for ASL and has 10 professors who are deaf or affiliated with the deaf world, they do not offer an ASL major or minor. The highest academic achievement in the field of ASL you can receive at BYU is a language certificate, which is still in development. ASL is one of the only languages taught at the university that doesn't at least offer a minor.

According to faculty members in the department, the main reason the ASL program doesn't offer degrees is due to the fact that the professors do not hold Ph.Ds in ASL or deaf studies. Deaf professors don't need a doctorate degree to teach ASL as effectively, or even more effectively, as professors who are not deaf. Deaf people interpret the world differently and visually, which is inherent in their language and culture. The importance and variation of facial expressions in ASL is evidence of that.

Deaf professors are better at making, interpreting and describing these crucial facial expressions. BYU isn't utilizing its deaf professors to improve their ASL program because they don't realize that a deaf professor is better at describing the uses and subtleties of different signs, whether they have a doctorate degree or not, because it's their native language.

BYU prides itself on its educational programs, expert faculty who run extensive research projects and diverse campus. The deaf professors here on campus are a vital part of the diversity and excellence of BYU. The ASL program doesn't properly reflect the amazing parts of BYU.

We need to utilize the wonders and benefits of having such great access to the deaf world. We should be using the insights of the deaf faculty to optimize our ASL program into one that better demonstrates the essence of the BYU Cougars, one with defined certificates and a pathway to a major or minor.

—Jillian Elder
Lancaster, California

Honor Code confusion

There is confusion at BYU. This confusion is causing anger, hatred and discord. Sides have formed, both firm in their belief of being right and justified. "Progmos" and "Deznats" have spent

the weekend condemning each other, exchanging insults and slanders, both doing so in the name of Christ. There is no love in their hearts. Some of us are celebrating, some of us are weeping, most of us are simply bewildered at what is going on and don't know what to make of it all. Questions abound with seemingly no answers in sight.

These things ought not to be.

Dear BYU, how could you do this to us, your students? Slipping in the biggest Honor Code change since who knows when, with no warning, no announcement, no explanation, no guidelines, no reasons, no answers, nothing but a vague tweet? And that only after the fact? What did you expect to happen? What were you thinking? And now, days later with the Honor Code office being flooded with calls, emails, visitations and questions, what has been the official response? Nothing. Silence. Why? What are you waiting for?

Please BYU, help us. Help us, your students, know what to make of all of this. Tell us what it means and show us how we are to act in light of these changes. Give us something. Shed light on our confusion and dispel the shadows that have settled on this campus.

We are waiting.

—Jacob Tubbs
Malad, Idaho

Wake up, BYU admissions

I have two sons who are well balanced students at BYU. This year we were excited to have our daughter apply. She is an amazing person and student. Any other year she would have had a fair shot at being accepted to BYU, but the new essay heavy criteria is promoting payment for admissions just as USC and other scandalized institutions.

Students are hiring essay writers while honest, hardworking students are paying the price by writing them on their own. BYU is promoting the same tainted application process as these other institutions. Did you consider that unless your proctor essays, you wouldn't get paid writers? Did you consider that completely reversing instead of modifying your criteria would cause horrific cheating? So, a seminary attending, Boeing summer internship, 100+ volunteer hours, 3.83 unweighted GPA, 30 ACT, CIF swimming, AP Calculus and AP Biology, etc. student is dismissed for students that hire someone to write their essays.

That is shameful and a true scandal. But of course you can't challenge BYU admissions. Wake up.

—Pam Sanders
Class of 1989

OPINION OUTPOST

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

Utah's porn warning bill

Fixing something that is broken can be bothersome and expensive. Rather than take the time or spend the money to fix a printer, a toilet or an elevator, the temptation can be strong to stick up an "Out of Order" sign and call it good.

That's clearly the thinking behind Utah's House Bill 243, a measure that would require a warning label on any printed or online pornographic material that is in or can be accessed in Utah. Which means anywhere in the known universe.

Warning labels are ubiquitous in our culture, everything from Hot Coffee to Severe Tire Damage.

The problem with this particular warning label is that there is no solid definition as to what we are being warned about.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Faith in the workplace

The fundamental idea that faith is a dimension of diversity seems to be catching on in corporate America. It's not just good for employees, it's good for business: Workers who bring their whole, authentic self into the workplace are happier, more productive and more likely to deliver on their objectives.

According to a recent Associated Press examination of the Fortune 100 companies, more than 20% of the organizations have formed or permitted faith-based employee resource groups designed to tap into the increased desire of workers to bring their beliefs with them to work.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Xi Jinping

The early phase of the coronavirus outbreak in China remains an important and still poorly understood lacuna. Prompt, early action could have saved lives and averted enormous disruption. Instead, the Chinese people were exposed to danger in the first weeks of the epidemic

when their officials failed to sound the alarm, even though they knew something was afoot.

Not all the details of decision-making in the secretive Chinese system have yet come to light. But a key disclosure was made Feb. 15 in the Communist Party bimonthly journal, Qiushi, which reprinted the text of a speech that President Xi Jinping gave Feb. 3, according to the newsletter Sinocism. In the speech, Mr. Xi declared, "Issued demands during a Politburo Standing Committee meeting on January 7 for work to contain the outbreak." Thus, he knew of the outbreak by that day, and quite possibly days beforehand.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

ACT and SAT dump

The University of California has been under heavy political pressure to drop the tests as an admission requirement, as some other colleges have done across the country. Board of Regents Chairman John A. Pérez, a powerful voice on the board, has been a vocal opponent of the tests. There's even a lawsuit claiming that the use of SAT and ACT scores violates the state's

civil rights law.

Opponents of the tests point out that scores are closely correlated with families' education and affluence and that people with money can pay for tutoring to improve their children's scores. These render the tests inherently biased, they contend.

But throwing out the tests entirely would be a mistake. A faculty review team took a year to examine the role of the admissions tests from every angle.

The scores already are not counted as heavily as grades for admission, even though they are better predictors of success.

—Editorial Board
The Los Angeles Times

Bernie Sanders medical stonewall

Seventy-eight year old Bernie Sanders wants Americans to hire him for one of the world's most demanding jobs. He has refused to release detailed medical records, and this week his press secretary said health inquiries are reminiscent of "the kind of smear, kind of skepticism campaigns" of old.

Oh? "The American people," Mr. Sanders said in September, "have a right to know whether the person they're going to be voting for, for President, is healthy." He added that he would "certainly release our medical records before the primaries," and "before the first votes are cast."

That would have been three weeks ago.

In October he had a heart attack, and now Mr. Sanders has changed his tune. "We have released as much documentation, I think, as any other candidate," he said this month on NBC. "You can start releasing medical records, and it never ends." He is "trying to walk a little bit more," and "trying to sleep a little bit better. Sometimes that's hard. But I'm feeling great."

At the moment, Mr. Sanders is scrapping for delegates with millennial Pete Buttigieg, 38, and OK Boomer Amy Klobuchar, 59. Surely he sees why his age is a political issue?

—Editorial Board
The Wall Street Journal

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Friday night's low temperature



SENIORS

- Yoeli Childs
- TJ Haws
- Jake Toolson
- Zac Seljaas
- Dalton Nixon
- Evan Troy
- Taylor Maughan



Stats against Gonzaga

- FG 53.2%
- 3 Pt. 40.7%
- FT 77.8%
- 22 assists
- 10 steals
- 31 rebounds



Photos by Hannah Miner

Final score: 91-78

Historic win bumps BYU to No. 17 in latest AP Poll

By AARON FITZNER AND SYDNEY FLEMMING

BYU's path to the NCAA Tournament seems less like a dream and more like solidified reality after its win over No. 2 Gonzaga on Feb. 22. BYU was bumped up to No. 17 in the latest AP Poll rankings with the win. The hype for the No. 23 BYU vs. No. 2 Gonzaga matchup could be seen around Provo in the days leading up to the game. A stretch known as "tent city" emerged outside the Marriott Center doors on the night of Wednesday, Feb. 19, as students set up camp hoping to get the best seats when the arena doors opened days later on Saturday. The trail of tents stretched from the Marriott Center doors to BYU's administration building, with thousands of students waiting to claim their seats.

BYU Sports Nation's Spencer Linton and Jarom Jordan conducted a special "College Game Day" inside the Marriott Center on the morning of Friday, Feb. 21, giving analysis from the Marriott Center court with hundreds of screaming fans in the background. This event was created in hopes to mimic the popular College Game Day program that ESPN features every Saturday morning during the college football season.

Head coach Mark Pope and members of the BYU men's basketball team then held a 45-minute "ROC Rally" in the Marriott Center on the

night of Friday, Feb. 21, to give thanks to BYU's ROC student section in addition to getting their adrenaline pumping for the game that would take place almost 24 hours later. Coach Pope and BYU basketball players spoke to the crowd before dismissing them almost 45 minutes later and joining them in the tent line outside of the Marriott Center to give out free pizza and greet fans.

The matchup matched the hype as No. 23 BYU men's basketball overcame the pressure to hand No. 2 Gonzaga its second overall loss this season in a historic win in the Marriott Center in front of a sold-out crowd.

The Zags had many streaks coming into this matchup — they have won 40 consecutive WCC games, held a 19-game winning streak, boasted an 18-game win streak on the road and won the last six matchups versus BYU.

The seniors' impact on the team can't be overstated. Forward Yoeli Childs scored 28 points, adding 10 rebounds to lead all scorers on the floor. Guard Jake Toolson added 17 points, going five for nine from behind the arc, proving why he's the No. 4 three-point shooter in the country. Senior point guard TJ Haws added 16 points with four rebounds and eight assists to aid.

Head coach Mark Pope said he is proud of how his veteran players handled the pressure.

"One of the great things about having a veteran team is that our guys understand it's hard every single night," Pope said. "Our guys have

been emotionally fatigued and physically fatigued and banged up and changing lineups and guys getting hurt and they were still dialed in enough to get the job done."

Going into the half, BYU outscored Gonzaga from the field, shooting 51.4% while the Zags shot 45.8%. While BYU's scoring was impressive, Pope always stresses that defense wins games. In the first half, BYU out-rebounded the Zags 18 to 15, which may not seem that notable but made a significant impact on the court.

A Bleacher Report article backs up BYU's offensive numbers during the 2020 season, claiming the Cougars are "lethal" from the field. According to the article, seven players make, on average, at least one three per game. However great BYU's offense is, the article also made a point to reference BYU's weakness: manufacturing points.

The article points out BYU's poor offensive rebounding output, along with its inability to get to the free-throw line. In all of the NCAA's 350 teams, BYU falls at No. 347 for offensive rebounds per game with 6.36. The top teams all have 13 or more per game.

"Our guys were unanimously up and down," Pope said. "And if you want to have a chance to play with the best team in America, which I think the Zags are, and if you want to have a chance to play with them, then you better play, better be dialed in on every single possession. The guys really, really tried."

Gonzaga attempted to push back in the game's final minutes but didn't succeed. The Zags only scored two more points to finish the game while BYU scored six. BYU finally ended the six-game losing streak against the Zags, which proved important because both teams currently have national rankings.

With time winding down on the clock and the game already in BYU's hands, Childs harnessed the energy of the crowd and slammed the ball into the hoop with force to solidify BYU's miraculous victory.

"I think with this team, we just keep putting in the work and keep trusting each other to take the right shots," Toolson said. "I knew that we had a special team and that we had a chance to do something. My confidence has grown and the things that we've been through as a team have really taught me and showed me what this team is about."

Looking forward, BYU could meet Gonzaga again come March in the finals of the WCC tournament. Since BYU is No. 2 in the WCC and Gonzaga is No. 1, there is a possibility the Cougars could play the Zags in the championship game, assuming both teams win their semifinal match. Though an automatic berth in the WCC semifinal isn't set in stone, it would take a lot for BYU to be knocked out of the WCC No. 2 seed.

With a 23-7 overall record — and 13-3 in WCC play — the Cougars are making a run for the tourney.

Bleacher Report posted an article

where it labeled BYU as the No. 1 Cinderella Team for March Madness in the 2019-20 season. There is a lot of uncertainty hovering around BYU, mostly because BYU played 13 games without star player Yoeli Childs. Included in those 13 games were losses to No. 5 San Diego State, No. 1 Kansas, No. 3 Gonzaga and a heartbreaking 87-84 overtime loss to Saint Mary's.

Now back on the court, Childs leads the team with 20.7 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. On Feb. 8, Childs led BYU to a win over San Francisco with 32 points, one point shy of his career-high in a game.

Two days before the San Francisco game, ESPN college basketball analyst Fran Fraschilla commented on BYU's recent offensive performance with Childs, saying, "You do not want to see them in your bracket."

As of Feb. 24, BYU is No. 1 in the nation in three-point shooting, averaging 42.2% on the season. WCC rival Saint Mary's is behind in third, averaging 40.8%. The Cougars are also ranked No. 3 in field goal percentage, averaging 50.3% from the field. WCC leader Gonzaga is ranked No. 2, making 51.2% of its shots from the field on average.

BYU will take on Pepperdine in its final regular-season matchup before heading to Las Vegas for the WCC tournament. BYU would secure a triple-bye in the WCC tournament with a win, handing the Cougars the No. 2 seed in the tournament and an automatic advancement into the conference semifinals.

No. 15 ranked BYU Gymnastics takes home MRGC awards

By EMILY STRONG

BYU Gymnastics has had a strong first-half schedule in the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference. The team is a force to be reckoned with since it has Abbey Miner leading in awards and top team finishes.

BYU Gymnastics is now eight meets into the 2020 season after coming off a huge road win against No. 5 Denver in Colorado where BYU won 196.200-195.175. Being on the road has not stopped BYU Gymnastics from achieving its highest score since 2004 — a 197.075 against SUU on Jan. 24.

“We have three or four hard weeks ahead of us, but we have lots of depth and there will be a lot of teammates coming in and getting experience,” Young said. “Overall, I really like where we are.”

For the first time in five years, the Cougars came home with the No. 1 ranking in the MRGC, beating Boise State in their home arena. The victory for BYU came as a team effort, with Miner leading the way once again.

Miner is competing for the first time in all-around and has been working for the last three years to reach this point, overcoming injury and limitations to get to this point of confidence in every event. Her hard work is paying off.

Miner was awarded the MRGC Gymnast of the Week

award for the first time in her career after the Best of Utah meet that took place mid-January. Miner has now taken home the award four times this season. Along with her Gymnast of the Week awards, Miner has also been awarded Co-vault Specialist and Co-floor Specialist of the Week from MRGC. With the early season filled with firsts for Miner, her awards are not the only thing she’s walking away with. Miner has also set career-high scores in uneven bars, balance beam and all-around.

“It’s been really rewarding this season being consistent and continuing to get better and better as the weeks have gone on and get that experience,” she said.

Miner is leading the way with six individual awards from the MRGC, but she is not the only gymnast to take home awards. Sadie Miner has taken home Vault Specialist of the Week, Helody Cyrenne was awarded Co-beam Specialist of the Week and All-American Shannon Evans was awarded both Floor and Co-vault Specialist of the Week as well as Gymnast of the Week.

Evans returned to the all-around competition in BYU’s home meet on Feb. 7 against Sacramento State University. In her return, she won the all-around competition with a 39.475. This all-around feat also led her to be awarded Gymnast of the Week, which is her eighth time winning the award during her time at BYU.



Hannah Miner

Shannon Evans completes her bars routine during BYU’s meet against Boise State on Feb. 15. BYU Gymnastics recently achieved its highest score since 2004.

“You can’t replace a Shannon Evans at any event, and we all knew that Shannon would be back because we saw her

training,” coach Young said. “It’s great having her out here and smiling and being the star Shannon is.”

BYU already has a total of 12 awards within the first six weeks of awards, with more likely on the way once awards

are given this week. Southern Utah University leads the conference with 13 awards, followed by Boise State and Utah State.

BYU Track and Field runs away with record meet

By EMILY STRONG

Several BYU athletes broke school and personal records during the first indoor track and field invitational of the 2020 season.

The BYU Track and Field team opened its 2020 indoor season with an invitational at the Smith Fieldhouse and hosted teams from Westminster College, Utah Valley University, Utah State University and Southern Utah University. This opening meet included many BYU student athletes breaking personal records on both the men’s and women’s side.

Athlete Jaslyn Gardner broke the school record in the 60-meter sprint on Jan. 11 with a time of 7.39, beating the previous record held by Mindy Neely McClurkin,

who had held the record since 2010. This is Gardner’s second school record, her first being in the outdoor 100 meter sprint, which she broke at the 2019 Robison Invitational with a time of 11.38.

“I knew I would probably get the record, whether it was this meet or in the season. My goal was to get a 7.3 and I got it. It felt good to get the record early in the season, and I was just really excited when I knew I got it,” Gardner said.

She is in her sophomore year at BYU, with competitions in the 60-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter under her belt. Coming off of her freshman season in both indoor and outdoor season, Gardner is one of BYU’s youngest sprinters.

“I definitely want to go to nationals and compete there. I think that would be a good experience,” she said.

Sierra Freeland also had a



BYU Photo

Whitni Orton is one of many athletes on the women’s track and field team to see their names written in the BYU record books this season.

career-high invitational when she set a new career best in

the shot put. Freeland threw 15.28 meters moving up on the all-time record board to No. 7. This new career best was 0.82 meters further than her previous indoor record of 14.46, which was set at the Iowa State Classic in February 2017.

“When I found out that I was on the top-10 board, it was exciting because I haven’t moved up in a while. The top-10 board is something pretty much everyone on the team wants to be on, and if you are on it, you want to keep moving

up over and over again,” Freeland said.

Freeland is competing for BYU in her junior season and has competed in the shot put, discus, hammer throw and weight throw events in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. While this is her junior year with BYU Track and Field, she did not compete during the 2019 season as she was redshirting. This invitational was her first competition back. She threw 50 feet, which has been a goal of hers for a long time, but she knows that there is no way she is stopping there and hopes to progress throughout the remainder of the season.

The success at the invitational did not stop with the women’s team, Men’s Track and Field also had a day filled with personal records, with Brian Matthews setting personal records throughout the heptathlon event. The scores that he posted at this invitational will likely qualify him for nationals.

Track and Field Head Coach Ed Eystone talked about how this opening invitational was also used as a benchmark for where athletes were at after months of conditioning and training. He said track and field is a mental sport as much as anything else, so the momentum of a strong start,

especially coming off of the winter break, showed great things for BYU’s season.

“As we continue to match up with stronger competition, our expectation is that they will rise up and elevate,” Eystone said. “Elevate is our team theme this year. We hope that they will just continue to elevate and that we qualify as many athletes as we can for the national meet.”

Elise Romney joined her teammates in the record books by jumping 4.31/14-1.75 in the pole vault. This height set a record at the Nike Boise Indoor Invitational. She previously held the No. 4 spot in the record books before this jump.

Whitni Orton is the most recent BYU women’s Track and Field athlete to break a BYU Record, already her third broken record of the 2020 season. Orton’s time of 8:49.63 in the 3000 meter broke the previous record held by her former teammate, Erica Birk-Jarvis, by 11 seconds.

The BYU Track and Field team is coming off of a Men’s NCAA Championship win in cross country in December, while the women’s team placed second. This momentum is carrying through to the beginning of indoor season as these cross country runners also make up the distance team for track and field.

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MIND IF I SIT HERE?

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ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP SNIFFING LIKE THAT?

I CAN'T HELP IT, YOU SMELL LIKE BACON.

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HEY, EDDIE... IT'S BEEN A WHILE. WHEEA HAVE YA BEEN?

I CAN'T TELL YA, FLO

CAN'T OR WON'T I SWAHR AN OATH

SNORE AN OATH TO WHO... OR IS THAT WHOM?

WHOM... AND I CAN'T TELL YA THAT EITHER, BUT I CAN SAY WHAT

WHAT?

YES

AND HEAR WE GO...

AT LEAST I THOUGHT IT WAS A GHOST SHIP...

HELLO... ANYONE THERE? DO YA NEED HELP?

YES... NOW GO AWAY BEFORE YOU CONTAMINATE US!

TO BE BLISSFULLY CONTINUED...

THEY WERE MARCOONED ON AN ISLAND OVAH THREE YENNS AGO

WAIT... A CRUISE SHIP HAS BEEN MISSING THAT LONG?

WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT ON THE NEWS?

'CUZ THAT'S THE WAY THEY PLANNED IT...

WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THE ELECTIONS GOING ON

WHAT ELECTIONS?

YOU MAY ENTER

IT'S A NO-NEWS BOOZE CRUISE

CAN WE GO?!

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COME ON!

OKAY, OKAY. BUT BE CAREFUL.

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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Strive for an epic effect
 - Poker or snooker
 - Plays a role
 - Savory food quality
 - "Hear, hear!"
 - Had on
 - The Devil
 - Richly adorn
 - Black gem with bands
 - Cinnamon-and-sugar cookie
 - Yang's counterpart
 - Hurdle for a coll. senior, maybe
 - Beats by ___ (headphones brand)
 - Hurdle for a H.S. senior, maybe
 - "Saturday Night Live" segment
 - Mate for a mama
- DOWN**
- Baba, crier of "Open sesame!"
 - Pooh's pessimistic pal
 - Retail giant with a famous catalog, once
 - ___ Antonio, Tex.
 - Finger or toe
 - W.W. 's Red Baron, e.g.
 - After-tax amount
 - Zilch
 - Televized activity with Ping-Pong balls
 - Very: Sp.
 - Result no longer allowed on "Jeopardy!"
 - Reggae relative
 - School lunch sandwich, for short
 - Comprehend ... or what 20-, 29- and 47-Across do, finally

- ACROSS**
- Ideologies
 - Something to pitch or break
 - "I give up!"
 - Ham or lamb
 - ___ bowl (health food offering)
 - 1988 Summer Olympics city
 - Subject of interest to a 23andMe user
 - Vivacious
 - "You are not!" retort
 - Cellphone button
 - Tiny sound?
 - Xylophonist's need
 - URL ending
 - Hit from the '60s?
 - "Baa baa" mama
 - Groups plotting coups
- DOWN**
- "Casablanca" setting
 - IV solution
 - English school that's a rival of Harrow
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 - Bronze and brass
 - Aviated
 - Unburdened by
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 - Keyboard key pressed by a pinkie
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 - "Mr. Blue Sky" band, for short
 - Prepped, as apples for baking
 - Tiffs

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 - 41 Unburdened by
 - 42 A.T.F. agent, e.g.
 - 45 ___-told
 - 46 Keyboard key pressed by a pinkie
 - 47 "Nothing in life is fun for the whole ___"
 - 49 Prepped, as apples for baking
 - 51 Tiffs
- DOWN**
- "Sign me up!"
 - Go back and forth
 - Layer below the earth's crust
 - Shade of blue
 - Symbol on a Braves baseball cap
 - "Bullets," in poker
 - Old German money
 - Orchestra locale
 - On drugs
 - Beat writer ___ Cassidy
 - Not be punctual
 - Greatly desires
 - "Mr. Blue Sky" band, for short
 - Sportscast summary
 - E-file recipient, in brief
 - Soccer stadium chant
 - Study

- ACROSS**
- 29 Upset stomach soother, informally
 - 37 Hands down
 - 48 "Live and Let Die" villain
- DOWN**
- 30 Twistable joint
 - 31 They'll earn you a 2.0
 - 32 Annual Austin festival, for short
 - 34 Healthy diet and regular exercise, say
 - 35 Barkeep's grabber
 - 36 Hullabaloo
 - 41 Pokémon Go, in the late 2010s, e.g.
 - 42 Savage
 - 43 Mama Cass
 - 44 Vacuum cleaners featuring "cyclone" technology
 - 46 Minuscule
 - 50 Rummage (through)
 - 51 Witticism
 - 52 Advocate for
 - 53 Cougar or cheetah
 - 54 Abbr. in a real estate ad

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Chinese Flagship students return home to escape coronavirus

By REBECCA NISSEN

BYU student McKay Christensen and his friends were in Hualien, Taiwan, getting ready to go to the beach when they heard the news.

During what was supposed to be a study and internship experience abroad, they had been keeping track of the coronavirus while traveling China and were well aware of the cities to stay away from. Over time, the virus had grown too big and the students' safety was at risk.

On the last week of January, The Chinese Flagship foreign study and internship program — both at BYU and across the country — was cancelled, requiring all student participants to be back in the United States by Feb. 5.

"It kind of put a damper on the whole day, but we still went around and saw everything," Christensen said.

Flagship Center director Matthew Christensen said he wasn't surprised with the decision to close the program considering the Coronavirus' growth. However, he and Managing Director Rita Cortez worried when one student was having difficulties returning to the United States.

"He was a BYU student whose flight was canceled a couple times," Matthew Christensen said. "He was having a hard time getting out. So finally, we just advise(d) him 'Just fly anywhere you can outside of China and worry about getting a ticket into the U.S. after that.'" Eventually the student was able to get a flight from Seoul to San Francisco.

Unlike his classmate, McKay Christensen was outside China when asked to evacuate. He had also planned on returning home to visit family before his internship, so he already had a plane ticket. When recalling



McKay Christensen

McKay Christensen stands in front Heaven's Door on Tianmen Mountain.

his classmates' experiences, one word he used to describe the ordeal was "ridiculous."

"For my classmates, they had to jump on and buy plane tickets as soon as they could," McKay Christensen said. "There were a lot of airline carriers that were canceling tickets out of China, so there were a lot of people that had their plane tickets switched around three or four times before they finally got back to America."

Because the majority of the Flagship students were traveling outside of China, they had to leave many of their belongings at their apartments. McKay Christensen lamented over the expensive rock climbing equipment, camera lens and drone that were left behind.

Dexter Murray, a BYU senior majoring in Chinese, and his wife also had to leave many of their belongings in China. They said it was unsafe for their teachers in China to go to the students' apartments to retrieve belongings and send them back to the

U.S.

"We came back to Utah each with just a backpack that had a swimsuit and snorkel and warm winter clothes," Dexter said. "So, we got back to Utah with almost nothing."

Program directors Matthew Christensen and Cortez said they are doing what they can to help remedy the issue for students who had to return to Provo early.

Difficulties students are facing go beyond just missing their belongings. Cortez said many students are living with family and commuting long distances because they couldn't find housing near campus. One couple, Cortez noted, was traveling between Salt Lake and Springville or Spanish Fork where the wife's parents live.

"They're kind of just staying with both sets of parents until they figure it out and what they're going to do next," Cortez said.

Though the students and directors dealt with a lot, student

safety remained the directors' first priority.

Because they were always updated on the students' locations and because of the emergency plans that had already been set up, the Flagship program's cancellation was smooth and not frantically implemented, according to the directors.

Though students like McKay Christensen are safe, they continue to worry about their friends in China. He expressed his concern for his friends and their family in Wuhan. He also addressed the negative stereotypes that have come from the suspected origin of the virus.

"I don't think that's the way we should be handling our brothers and sisters over in China," McKay Christensen said. "I feel like I've seen a lot of pointedly racist comments and pointedly attacking comments on China and their culture in the last couple weeks. Nobody should be attacking or pointing or laughing when somebody else is in pain."

New church handbook clarifies procedures policies

By SADEY LUDLOW

A new digital handbook for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints addresses moral issues by clarifying doctrine, changing some wording and adding new official policies.

The handbook, titled "General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," was made publicly available in English on Wednesday, Feb. 19. It replaces the old two handbooks of the Church — Handbook 1 and Handbook 2.

An official statement from the Church was released to announce the changes and to address frequently asked questions.

The Church said the purposes of the new handbook include facilitating global adaptability, using a ministerial voice, providing learner support with graphics and tables, giving enhanced accessibility and supporting a revelatory mindset.

The Church believes in ongoing revelation — personal revelation to individuals and worldwide revelation to prophets and apostles.

"Having a handbook that is largely digitally delivered allows us to update it as new revelation is received as the Church goes in new directions as part of its worldwide growth," Elder Anthony D. Perkins, General Authority Seventy and executive director of the Church's Correlation Department, said in the press release.

A few of the major changes in the handbook include clarification that priesthood authority is not dependent on gender, changes in Church discipline terminology and added information relating to transgender individuals.

Chapter 3, titled

"Priesthood Principles," says although men are ordained to priesthood offices, both men and women are given priesthood authority for their Church leadership positions. The handbook states it is important for people to understand that individuals are given divine authority to act in their assignments regardless of gender.

Chapter 32, titled "Repentance and Church Membership Councils," changed several terms previously used in the "Church Discipline" chapter of Handbook 1. In an attempt to use ministerial language, "disciplinary councils" are now called "membership councils," "disfellowshipment" is now "formal membership restrictions" and "ex-communication" is now "withdrawal of membership."

Chapter 38, section 6, titled "Policies on Moral Issues," provides a new entry about transgender individuals. It says most Church participation and some priesthood ordinances are gender-neutral, but priesthood ordination and temple ordinances are received according to birth sex. It explains that sex reassignment and social transition may result in membership restrictions but that a preferred name can be recorded in membership records.

Translation of the handbook into other languages is in progress, and the Church estimates that within this year, the first version of the new handbook will be published in half of the 51 languages the Church plans to translate it into. Handbook 1 and Handbook 2 will remain archived in Gospel Library until the new general handbook is available in all 51 languages.

Official notices will be sent as the rest of the handbook is written and published as well as a summary of the recent updates.

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