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Impacts of BYU Honor Code changes still emerging

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

The intent of BYU's Honor Code appears to be back where it was before Feb. 19 updates that removed language prohibiting expressions of homosexual behavior.

But BYU is finding there isn't a simple reset button that puts things back where they were.

Events in the two week void between the language change and a March 4 clarification from the commissioner of the Church Educational System that "same-sex romantic behavior" is "not compatible with principles included in the Honor Code" sparked immediate protests and fueled controversy on campus and online.

During that void, BYU students in the LGBT community claimed a dating victory; the university tweeted that the notion of a gay-dating sanction might misconstrue the Honor Code language's intent; questions about that to the university were deflected to the Honor Code office; surreptitious recordings made during Honor Code Office meetings show officials there understood same-sex dating was no longer an Honor Code violation; and a now-viral video by a BYU finance professor that corroborated the message in the recordings has caused trouble for the professor.

Since the March 4 clarification, LGBT supporters have started a GoFundMe campaign to help LGBT students who say they want to leave BYU pay costs associated with transferring to another school.

Students demonstrating same-sex romantic behavior during that two weeks were also left to wonder whether they are now in trouble with the Honor Code. University spokeswoman Carri Jenkins told The Universe that "Any student who was confused by earlier



Hannah Miner

Students participate in a protest outside the Wilkinson Student Center on Mar. 4 following a letter clarifying wording changes in the Honor Code. Despite the letter, some remain confused concerning the changes.

interpretations of the policy will not be disciplined by the Honor Code Office for that behavior."

The Universe began researching the Honor Code office's role and counsel to students during the two week void after students began sending the newsroom recordings purportedly made with Honor Code Office Director Kevin Utt, Honor Code administrator Ben Schilaty and others. Voices on the recordings clarified repeatedly that gay marriage and breaking the law of chastity are still violations about the

Honor Code but said "We don't have any rule or policy that prohibits" gay dating.

According to Jenkins, neither Utt nor Schilaty were aware that they were being recorded. "Meetings between students and Honor Code administrators are meant to be personal and confidential," she said. Going forward, the Honor Code Office will "assist our students based on the clarification we have received" on March 4.

BYU finance professor Jim Brau had been in the habit of posting videos of his

lectures on YouTube for an audience of about 1,200 students. He described an interpretation of the Honor Code the day after the Feb. 17 announcement in a lecture where the video went viral in the following days. Last week he emailed his students informing them that he would no longer be posting his lectures online.

"My family and I have been receiving threats from alt-right online groups and other online posts," he said. "No other business pre-req class that I am aware of does YouTube, so now we

will be consistent with all of them."

Finance student Austin Smith is one of Brau's students and attended the first class this professor had since sending the email. Smith said the professor was emotional throughout his lecture.

Following the March 4 letter from CES Commissioner Elder Paul V. Johnson, students complained that they were still confused. Yet to be seen are what methods the university will use to manage its message in this issue going forward.

BYU men's volleyball takes top spot in the nation after weekend in Honolulu

By HANNAH MINER

BYU men's volleyball traveled to Honolulu for two matches against then No. 1 Hawaii on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6, in sold out Stan Sheriff Center. The matchup saw BYU sweep Hawaii on Thursday (25-15, 25-17, 25-20) and then fall to Hawaii in its second five-set match of the season on Friday (25-20, 25-22, 22-25, 23-25, 17-19).

The series also saw BYU's highest hitting percentage of the rally scoring era at a .603 during the sweep on March 5. Gabi Garcia Fernandez broke BYU's record for most aces in a single season during the match on March 6, and now totals 56 aces this season. BYU's 17-match win streak was the second best start in program history, as well as the third best win streak in a season.

BYU has a .361 hitting percentage this season, the second highest in the country as of March 8. The Cougars average 12.97 kills per set and lead the country in blocks per set, with 2.95.

Thirteen of BYU's 17 wins have been against top 15 teams, including No. 1 Hawaii, No. 3 UC Santa Barbara and No. 5 Lewis. Hawaii and BYU stayed atop the AVCA poll this week, with BYU overtaking Hawaii for the No. 1 spot. The teams will also likely face each other again in the NCAA tournament later this spring.

Head coach Shawn Olmstead said looking forward, the Cougars are focused on taking one match at a time and not getting ahead of themselves. They are looking at every match as



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BYU setter Brody Earnest, center, hypes up his team before the Jan. 31 game against UCSB. The Cougars swept No. 1 Hawaii on Mar. 5 and lost in the 5th set on March 6.

an opportunity for improvement and doing everything they can to be in the present.

"We've been going into every game this year saying, 'Hey, it's another game, it's another chance for us to get

better,'" Wil Stanley said. "I think that has been our biggest upside this year, just the fact that we don't take any game differently. (Whether) we're playing Hawaii or we're playing Concordia, we're going to go into the game with

the same mindset of 'How can we make ourselves better?' And that's kind of how we've kind of improved every single game this year."

The Cougars will face No. 13 Stanford next as they continue on the road.

They will then take on an unranked USC and No. 14 Concordia Irvine on the road before returning to the Smith Fieldhouse to play their final home game against Grand Canyon University on April 2.

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Women fill city streets with call for justice

Women filled the streets of the world's largest cities to protest gender violence and inequality on International Women's Day, with the mothers of murdered girls leading a march in Mexico City and participants in Paris inveighing against the "virus of the patriarchy."

While many protests were peaceful celebrations, others were marred by tension, with security forces arresting demonstrators at a rally in Kyrgyzstan and police reportedly using tear gas to break up a demonstration by thousands.



Stocks, oil plunge in global fight for crude production

Global stock markets and oil prices plunged Monday, March 9, after a fight among major crude-producing nations jolted investors who already were on edge about the surging costs of a virus outbreak. The abrupt plunge in markets added to the anxiety over the coronavirus, rattling markets and sending investors in search of safe havens like bonds.

The last time crude prices fell this low, in 2015, the U.S. saw a raft of bankruptcies by smaller energy companies.



Harry, Meghan do their last royal job

Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, made their final appearance as senior royals at Westminster Abbey, joining Queen Elizabeth II and other members of Britain's royal family Monday for an annual Commonwealth Day service.

The televised event was expected to be the last time the couple works alongside the entire Windsor clan before Harry and Meghan fly off into self-imposed exile in North America. The pomp-filled observance featured no hand-shaking, apparently because of the new coronavirus.



Sanders, Biden up attacks as race takes shape

Former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders are spending their first weekend as their party's last top White House contenders increasingly taking aim at one another.

It reflects the new contours of a race that once featured 20-plus Democrats. An increasingly bitter matchup could endure for months until facing President Donald Trump in November. Each wants to show he's the best choice before six more states vote on Tuesday.



Rules pass affecting abortion providers

Abortion clinics would be required to cremate or bury fetal remains and women would have to get an ultrasound before the procedure under proposals approved by lawmakers in Utah this week, over objections that the new rules would erode access to abortion.

Republican sponsor Curt Bramble said in a statement the requirements will ensure dignified treatment, choices for parents and space to grieve if needed. Opponents argue the rules are aimed at stigmatizing abortion and can be costly.

Religious Education's podcast downloaded globally

By ERIKA MAGAOAY

Last month BYU's religious education program released "Y Religion," a new podcast featuring research produced by BYU religion professors. The podcast is reaching thousands of people around the globe.

So far, three episodes are out and a new one will be released every two weeks. Episode topics range from dreams as revelation to women and the priesthood.

"Y Religion" is currently in the top 20% of podcasts according to The Podcast Host, with almost 1,500 downloads of the most recent episode after just a day and a half said executive producer and BYU professor Anthony Sweat. If episode three is downloaded more than 3,200 times before April 2, "Y Religion" will rise to the top 10% of podcasts, according to The Podcast Host's rankings.

Sweat didn't anticipate reaching an international

audience when the podcast first came out because there had been no outreach to other countries. Within the first week of publishing the first episode, however, they had listeners in Mexico and France. "I had no idea how they heard of it," Sweat said. "I love it, that there's people everywhere listening."

The podcast features BYU religion faculty research from 2019 and will move into 2020 research as it is published. "We're trying to take really good academic research and make it digestible for the average BYU student and the average saint," Sweat said.

The first podcast was about John Hilton III's study on the atoning crucifixion of Jesus Christ. "His article is really well done, and it might be read by a few hundred people," Sweat said, "but when we put it in this podcast, it gets downloaded by a few thousand people really fast, and all over the world."

Shortly after the episode

was released Andreas Leit, a member of the Church in Denmark, emailed Hilton, thanking him for his research. In the email, Leit explained how his Greek Orthodox extended family use crosses and crucifixes to express their faith.

"I myself wore a cross for many years on a necklace and did not at all find this conflicting with my doctrinal understanding of the Atonement, the role of the Savior in my life and its symbolic meaning," Leit said. "It reminded me of what he had done for me, and I loved the fact that others could see it and immediately associate my religious affiliation by it, namely that I'm a Christian."

Leit explained that friends and church members sometimes questioned why he wore the necklace, and Hilton's research meant a lot to him. "It made me feel like this part of me could also fit beautifully within the Church, my testimony and our doctrine," Leit said.

A few hundred publications are produced by the religion department each year, Sweat said, with the department currently comprised of 74 full-time faculty, one visiting faculty, 25 part-time faculty and eight seminary and institute faculty. Hilton is currently on research leave and is working on a book on the crucifixion of Christ. He said that his research consists of studying what the scriptures, general conference talks and academic texts teach about crucifixion.

Sweat said many people aren't aware of what religion professors are publishing. When he was first hired at BYU, people would ask him if religion professors even did research. "I thought a podcast



Preston Crawley

Brad Wilcox, right, interviews professor Kerry Mulestein for an upcoming "Y Religion" podcast.

would be a great way to bring all this research into one location and to package it in a way so that the average Latter-day Saint can access or grasp some of the main concepts of what religion professors are researching and writing and producing."

The goal of the podcast to enlighten minds and strengthen faith, Sweat said. "I want someone to listen to an episode and go, 'Wow, I learned something that was really insightful, and that strengthened me in the gospel in some way,'" he said. Faith is grown in the mind and in the heart, and so research complements faith, he said. "I want people to see how those are coming together."

Sweat first pitched the idea for the podcast three years ago. The religion department approved the idea, and he put together a team of faculty and students together. Though Sweat and his team had no prior experience producing podcasts, they got to work creating pilot episodes. "Most of us aren't experts in what we're doing," he said. "We are learning on the fly."



Emily Andersen

Countries where Y Religion has been downloaded as of March 3.

The faculty assisting in production are Ryan Sharp, Casey Griffiths and Brad Wilcox. They read the research and conduct interviews with their colleagues for the podcast. Sweat said he wanted listeners to hear the religion department interviewing each other because professors can link the research world to the general population. "I want people to see just all the cool things that the religion department is publishing and doing that could benefit the kingdom," he said.

Sweat said he wants to include others in the creation of "Y Religion." "I wanted

students to have the experience of being involved," he said. "I want them helping with the interviews, recording them, mixing them, doing the music for it, doing the marketing for it. I had a student design the logo for it. I had students submit their suggestions for the name of the podcast."

BYU student Bridger Tower designed the graphic; Alastair Scheuermann, Sam Clawson, Grant Cagle and Collette Jones created the music; and Mitchell Bashford and Connor Miller do the mixing and recording.

"Y Religion" can be streamed on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and Stitcher.

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Policy changes reflect, encourage cultural change regarding women's role in Church

By KARINA ANDREW

Collette Demars Violette remembers a time when her ward's Sunday School president was a woman.

Violette's father, the bishop of their Rhode Island ward in the 1970s, had called a single adult woman to serve in the position. A visiting family from Utah, however, saw the unconventional calling assignment and made Church administrators in Salt Lake City aware of the situation.

Within weeks, Violette said the First Presidency released a statement saying that Sunday School presidents should be male priesthood holders, and a representative from Salt Lake City called Violette's father and asked him to release the Sunday School president.

Though Church doctrine is unchanging, policies and practices are often influenced by culture and societal expectations, according to Barbara Morgan Gardner, BYU religion professor and author of "The Priesthood Power of Women." Such cultural presuppositions in the Church include traditional gender role like those described in The Family: A Proclamation to the World.

"Because of tradition, because of society and because of culture, we the people, as members of the Church especially, have put up roadblocks or stopped women from being able to do things that they otherwise could do simply because we don't understand the doctrines or the policies that the Church has already put into place," Gardner said.

In the October 2019 General Conference, President Russell M. Nelson called upon women to look past cultural influences and understand and exercise priesthood power. The Church has also changed policies recently regarding women's participation in ordinances, allowing women to witness ordinances and changing the wording of some temple ordinances.

BYU student Elizabeth Daley said serving as a witness in the temple was especially meaningful to her. She said she felt validated as a woman by the prophet's recent statements. Fellow student Alex Palmer said the changes were relieving.

"I just feel like there are a lot of things, especially toward gender roles and responsibilities with (the) priesthood, that are more based in tradition and culture rather than doctrine," Palmer said. "It's nice that we're catching up to the truth."

Gardner said the doctrine of the priesthood, including women's access to it, has never changed — Church leaders change policy and procedure to better reflect that doctrine and empower women to participate in the Lord's work. As women and men come to better understand the application of this doctrine, women will be better able to fulfill the Lord's will, Gardner said.

"There is no power that a man has that a woman doesn't have," she said. "We are at the very top of the iceberg when it comes to doing what the women of the Church could be doing right now."

Washington Stake Relief Society President Jill Whitaker affirmed Church members have yet to fully understand the doctrine of the priesthood and how it applies to women. In visiting the various wards in her stake, Whitaker said, "I could tell there is still a little bit of confusion as to what our role with the priesthood is."

Whitaker said she feels she has accessed the priesthood power of God when she follows promptings from the Holy Spirit, serves others, performs the duties of her calling and tries to do what she believes is God's will for her.

"I don't feel like I have power in the worldly sense, but I feel like I have purpose in the Lord's sense and that's what His power is," she said. "The most important way to use priesthood power is to draw upon the Atonement and anyone can do that."

While expressing gratitude for the emphasis on women's priesthood power and the



Karina Andrew

A statue outside the Provo City Center Temple. Women now can serve as witnesses to sacred temple ordinances. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.



procedural adjustments that have taken place, some Latter-day Saint women also commented on the need for further changes.

Whitaker said for much of her life, she felt her participation in Church leadership was limited and her input as a woman was not highly valued.

"Up until a point in my life, I felt maybe that me being on a ward council or on the stake council was just kind of a 'Well, we want to have your input, but only to a point,'" she said.

Social media activist and Latter-day Saint Chelsea Homer agreed that in her experience, women's input in Church councils was regarded as less meaningful than men's.

"I felt like a consultant at best," Homer said of her time in a ward council.

Though Homer acknowledged her experiences do not represent the experiences of all Latter-day Saint women, she expressed the hurt she feels over the lack of female representation in Church leadership. Other women, such as BYU student Daley, echoed the sentiment.

"You go through a Conference session, there's one or two or three women speakers in the whole thing," Daley said. "I would love to hear from the

brethren's wives, or even from more of the women leaders."

There are other changes Latter-day Saint women said they want to see stem from a Church culture Violette called "male-dominated."

Palmer said some elements of Church culture she would like to see change include treating women's education like an "insurance policy" or a backup plan in case their husbands' jobs fall through, putting women on a pedestal that doesn't leave room for complexity and limiting women and girls' involvement and service.

"We also have dreams and our eternal progress and our intelligence are just as important," Palmer said.

Gardner called on men in the Church and at BYU to be proactive in contributing to cultural change.

"There's a great misunderstanding that has been perpetuated for both men and women," she said. "The men — BYU students, leaders, all men — need to pay the price to understand the priesthood power of women so that women can do what the prophet is asking them to do. It's synergy — men and women have to work together to fulfill God's purposes on the Earth and they have to support each other."

BYU's conflict resolution center promotes peace

By ERIKA MAGAOAY

The BYU Center for Conflict Resolution, an on-campus resource for housing disputes and interpersonal problems, changed its name to Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution in order to reflect recent efforts to promote peace on campus and in the world.

"We felt that adding peace to the name helps capture more what we're doing," director Benjamin Cook said. The new name also fits in nicely with BYU's motto, "the world is our campus," he added.

The name change was suggested by the center's assistant director, Emily de Schweinitz Taylor, who has been with the center since January 2019. "I was frustrated that people coming in just thought about the conflict," she said. "How you frame things sets the tone for what they expect."

In a conflict-adverse culture, people tend to assume that a peacemaker is someone who only self-sacrifices and usually avoids conflict, Taylor said. "Really, being a peacemaker is about learning to address conflict in constructive ways."

Cook said he felt that the center was being underutilized as a resource on campus when he became director in 2015. "I felt like it had a lot of capacity and potential to have a bigger impact," he said. "We see the center as having a bigger role in promoting peace on campus and around the world."

Prior to Cook's arrival, the center existed primarily to help resolve housing disputes between landlords and tenants by providing mediation and arbitration services.

According to Taylor, resolving housing disputes remains a

core function of the center, but the center is expanding its services by engaging and educating students in peace-building.

The center is creating resources for students who are interested in peace-building for a career. Through the development of a network and database, Cook hopes students will be better connected with professional opportunities in peace-building.

"We felt that adding peace to the name helps capture more what we're doing."

Benjamin Cook
BYU Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution director

"If you're somebody who's interested in peace-building, whether you're an undergrad or a law student, what does that look like?" Cook said. "What are summer internship opportunities, or what kind of organizations are doing peace-building work? That's something we think is really important."

The center also works closely with the BYU Peace and Conflict Resolution Society to help organize events that bring people with peace-building experiences or training to campus. Recently the center hosted a training on effective communication between members of opposing political parties.

Additionally, the center is working with student researchers studying peace-building and conflict resolution. "We want students to know that we are seeking out opportunities

for students to present peace-building research at national conferences and carve out peace-building careers," Taylor said.

Some of the center's other resources include help with interpersonal conflicts, such as issues with roommates. "We have people who can consult with you and help with even small conflicts," Cook said.

International relations student Joseph Smith said the center has been a phenomenal resource to him at BYU.

"On a personal level as well as for other projects I'm involved in, it's been incredibly useful in regard to conflict resolution," he said. "There have been times where I've been able to go in and ask for advice, ask for strategies and then have them review some of the things that I'm doing, and it's invaluable."

Smith said when students realize there's a place on campus where they can not only resolve interpersonal conflicts but also gain some valuable life skills, he doesn't see any reason why it wouldn't be full all the time.

Cook and Taylor continue to search for ways to improve the center. This summer they will receive training on how to replicate other universities' peace-building programs from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame.

"We would like BYU to become known as experts in peace-building. We think that aligns with the school's mission," Taylor said.

The Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution is located in 4412 WSC. Though the name change is official, updates to the center's website and materials may not take place until summer 2020.

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Steven M. Sandberg

Assistant to the President and BYU General Counsel

Steven M. Sandberg is the oldest of five siblings who were all raised in Provo, Utah. Steve came to BYU for his freshman year before leaving to serve a mission in Madrid, Spain. After his mission, he graduated from BYU with a major in English and a minor in international studies. Steve and his wife, Bobbie, then lived in Taiwan so they could learn Chinese, eventually moving to New York City, where Steve received a JD from Columbia Law School.

Steve has clerked for Judge Andrew J. Kleinfeld in Fairbanks,

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Utah Legislature

Utah lawmakers vote to study violence against Native women

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SALT LAKE CITY — Utah is poised to study the disproportionate violence inflicted against Native American women and girls after the Utah Legislature voted to create a task force.

Indigenous communities gathered at the Utah Capitol to celebrate Tuesday, March 3, after the proposal passed the Senate unanimously, the Deseret News reported.

It now heads to Republican Gov. Gary Herbert's desk and his office did not immediately respond to a text message seeking comment on whether he will sign it.

Democratic state Rep. Angela Romero's plan would bring together a nine-member task force of lawmakers, researchers, tribes, law enforcement and an advocate for victims. The task force will identify data-collection gaps in local, state and federal enforcement agencies.

"We have to make sure we protect all voices," Romero said.

Nationwide, American Indian women face a murder



Associated Press

Jingle Dress dancers participate in an event to raise awareness for HB116.

rate more than 10 times the national average, according to federal statistics. Utah had the eighth-highest number of missing and slain indigenous women in a nationwide study of 71 cities completed by the Urban Indian Health Institute several years ago.

The violence inflicted against Native American women is worsened by incomplete data, poor institutional practices and protocol, and lack of resources, said Yolanda Francisco-Nez, executive director of Restoring Ancestral Winds, a group that

supports tribal communities dealing with issues like domestic violence and sexual assault. When indigenous women or girls are killed, the deaths are often misclassified as suicides or different causes of death, she said.

"Because my granddaughter is Navajo — my granddaughters are Navajo — I'm not comfortable right now letting her go to places by herself," she said. "Especially in Salt Lake City where I know that because she is an indigenous young woman she is vulnerable."



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Teachers from the Salt Lake City School District are shown during a rally at the Utah State Capitol.

Income tax could pay for more than education under new plan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Income tax money can only be used for education in Utah, but lawmakers are now advancing a complex proposal to change that in hopes of shoring up the state's faltering sales-tax base.

The proposal approved by a Senate committee Thursday, March 5, would allow income tax to be used for other needs of children and the disabled as well as education, the Deseret News reported.

Lawmakers have called the plan their "last option" after they were forced to repeal a deeply unpopular plan to prop up the sales tax base by raising taxes on food. A previous proposal to tax services, meanwhile, was nixed after business community opposition emerged.

"We have one to two years left after this year before we hit the fiscal cliff," said Republican House Majority Whip Mike Schultz. "We heard loud and

clear the public does not like taxes on services. So then we went and tried the sales tax on food. We heard loud and clear that does not fly."

Convincing voters to change the way education is funded could be tricky: Utah often ranks among the lowest states in per-pupil spending on education. In late February, hundreds of teachers marched on the state capitol to demand more money for education. The state teacher's union is opposed to passing the new proposal during the final days of the session, with executive director Brad Bartels saying it would be a "generation change in education funding" an deserves more discussion.

The plan would require a constitutional amendment, so it must first pass the Legislature with a two-thirds majority and then go before the voters in November.

Lawmakers on Wednesday, March 4, worked to head off potential criticism, pointing to a part of the plan setting up a \$100 million education rainy day

fund. The proposal would bring more stability to education funding, since income tax typically dips during an economic recession, leaders argued.

"No one's ever said we do not want to fund education," said Republican House Majority Leader Francis Gibson. "This is really about shoring up education funding."

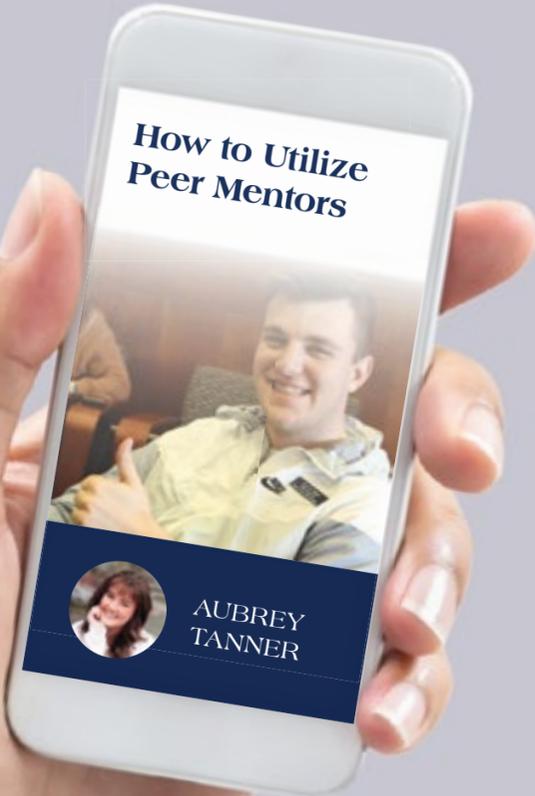
The plan would allow income tax money to be used for things like the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides coverage to children whose families are low income but earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, said Republican Senate President Stuart Adams.

It would also include legal commitments requiring lawmakers to provide funding when school populations increase. School districts could also have more flexibility in how they use property tax money, Adams said.

Democratic Rep. Brian King questioned Republican lawmakers' unveiling of the complicated plan with days left in the legislative session. "Not cool," he said.

#BYU hacks

The 'how to' at BYU



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Bill to cap insulin costs inches toward passage

By DIEGO CALDERON

A Provo representative is sponsoring a bill that would reduce insulin expenses for Utahns.

Rep. Norm Thurston, R-Provo, is sponsoring HB207, which has passed the House and has been favorably recommended by a Senate committee. It waits for a full vote in the Senate before the Legislature ends March 12. Thurston says the measure would not only save money for insulin consumers but would not hurt the insurance companies. The bill would cap co-pays for insulin at \$100 per month.

During a House floor debate, Thurston said, "50,000 Utahns regularly use insulin to live. Without insulin they would die." Also, he added, "One in four people who are dependent on insulin

ration the insulin because they can't get enough. The No. 1 reason why can't get enough is because of the cost."

Thurston is sponsoring this bill along with Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, R-Spanish Fork. On Feb. 6, Thurston explained the House Health and Human Service Committee how the bill would benefit consumers and providers.

Mindie Hooley, the leader of the Utah's #Insulinforall Chapter, told a legislative committee, "I started the Utah chapter because I was hearing people were rationing and dying because of the cost of insulin, and I knew I had to do something to bring forth awareness." Hooley has listened to stories as she helped several cases in the state.

Nevertheless, one time she could not purchase insulin for her son because she could not

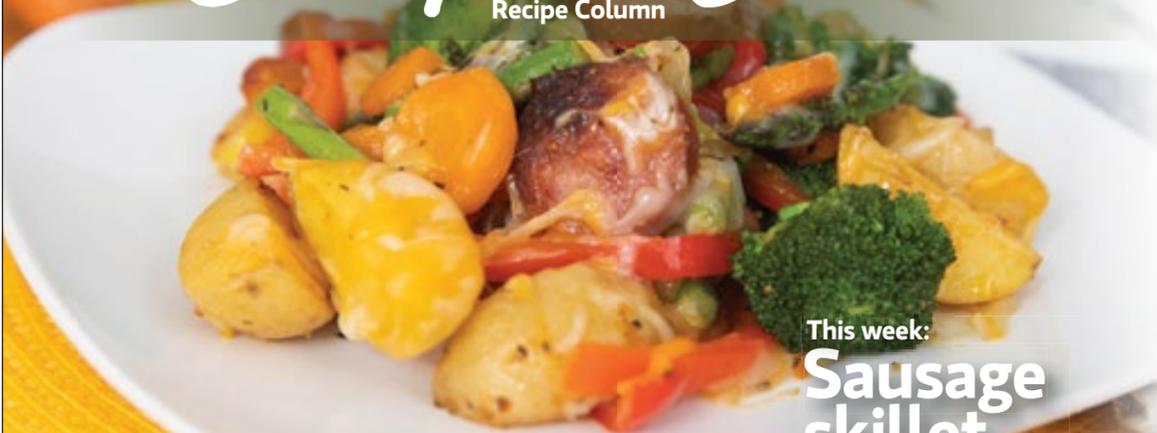
afford it. Her son was rationing doses and had not told Hooley about it. He began to feel headaches and other symptoms that were more serious every time. Hooley added: "We went into medical debt over a course of quite a few months. Insulin costs more than my car payment, my house, and our food bills."

HB207 would benefit families like the Hooleys while also benefiting the insurance companies. "We don't oppose the bill," said Utah Health Insurance Association Executive Director Kelly Atkinson.

Thurston said, "The Canadian scientists discovered how to extract insulin from animals. And ever since then people who had Type 1 diabetes no longer have to die. They sold that patent for \$3 to the University of Toronto with the idea that insulin belongs to the world."

Simple Bites

Recipe Column



This week:
Sausage skillet dinner

Ingredients	For 1	For 2	For 4
Kielbasa or Smoked Sausage	1/4 pkg	1/2 pkg	1 pkg
Onion, diced	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
Olive oil	1 tbsp	2 tbsp	1/4 cup
Baby red or yellow potatoes	3-4 small	6-8 small	8-12 small
Carrots	1 large	2 large	4 large
Broccoli	1/2 cup	1 cup	2 cups
Cheddar cheese, grated	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
Sea salt	1 tsp	2 tsp	1 tbsp
Black pepper	1 tsp	2 tsp	1 tbsp

Directions:

Slice sausage or kielbasa into small bite-size pieces. Wash and cut potatoes and broccoli into small bite-size pieces. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil and add sausage slices and onion. Sauté, stirring often until onions are clear and sausage begins to brown. Add about a quarter cup of water and cover, allowing the veggies to steam. Add additional water if pan becomes dry. When veggies are fork soft, add broccoli and cover. Allow to steam about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper (add more or less to taste), stir. Sprinkle with cheese and cover to melt. Serve hot.



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BYU professors produce first Congolese-American film

By HANNAH PETERSEN



BIMPA Production, Congo Rising and Purdie Distribution

The cover for "Heart of Africa," the first Congolese-American film. The movie reenergized interest in cinema in the DRC. It is set to release state-wide on Mar. 13.

It all started with letters. Margaret Young and her husband, Bruce, were serving in the Provo MTC in 2007 when Margaret started writing different missionaries, including Aime Mbuyi, a native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Youngs had no idea that this small service would set them on course to co-produce the first Congolese-American feature film — and the first Latter-day Saint feature film to be produced in Africa by Africans.

Margaret learned that Mbuyi had originally been part of a revolutionary group before converting to the Church. She was fascinated by his story and felt it deserved to be told. When she attended Mbuyi's wedding in 2014, she was introduced to Tshoper Kabambi, who would help shape her dream into a reality.

Kabambi was a young man who was looking to restore cinema to the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2017, he accepted Margaret's offer to direct a film detailing Mbuyi's story. The movie became the first ever to be directed, acted and shot in the DRC by native Congolese.

The road to production, however, wasn't easy. In the years after meeting Kabambi, the Youngs had to overcome many challenges to begin work on the film.

In speaking with American filmmakers about how to tell a fictionalized story of Mbuyi's experiences, the Youngs were told the DRC didn't have the infrastructure to support a crew and filming in-country and that they would most likely need to film in South Africa and "just pretend it was the Congo," Bruce said. They were also told they would need \$1.5 million to make the movie. The Youngs tried raising the money, but they raised less than \$100,000.

"I just felt this was actually a turning point in my life. I just felt this film needs to get made. And I am willing to take the risk to do it," Bruce said. "And so, I felt very good about it, I felt it was the right thing to do."

As producers, the Youngs decided to part ways with their American affiliates based on the lack of funding and creative differences that were too strong to ignore.

After Kabambi agreed to direct the film, the Youngs' hope for the movie was revitalized.

Kabambi and Margaret rewrote her screenplay to include the major languages of the DRC: Lingala, French and English.

With a screenplay and a director, they started building their cast, which included six major roles that were filled by Congolese actors Moyindo Mpongo, Emmanuel El bas, Bavon Diana Landa, Amour Lombi, Fendi Bakajika and Megan Dembo.

"This is real Congolese people and their language, and it really feels like it was meant to be that way," Bruce said.

The Youngs also cast Brandon Ray Olive — known for his roles in the TV series "NCIS" and the movies "Logan Lucky" and "Mosaic" — to play the role of American missionary Jason Martin.

Filming started in the summer of 2017. BIMPA Productions lacked the particular quality of cameras and equipment necessary to film a 4K movie so the Youngs provided the necessary materials — but getting the filming equipment to the DRC proved difficult. Margaret's brother and all other crew members who traveled from the U.S. to the DRC transported the equipment in their carry-on luggage to ensure its protection.

Bruce stayed in the U.S. to continue his work as a BYU English professor, while Margaret, a former BYU English professor, flew to Ludja, DRC, where filming took



BIMPA Production, Congo Rising and Purdie Distribution

Filmmakers use movie magic to create rain for a vital scene in the feature film "Heart of Africa."

place. She ended up staying in Ludja through the entirety of the filmmaking process. The Youngs took a hands-off approach to the filming and left it to Kabambi and his wife, Deborah Bassa.

Both director Kabambi and actor Olive said the hardest experiences in filming came from illness. Everyone involved came down with malaria and Kabambi suffered through malaria and typhoid fever.

"We were all so focused that we exposed ourselves to mosquitoes, the cold and sometimes an unsanitary environment that was not adapted to the lifestyle of most of us, which caused illness and discomfort, and everyone was affected," Kabambi said.

The illnesses increased filming time from two weeks to four and a half weeks, but that wasn't the worst of their troubles.

"I almost got kidnapped," Olive said. He said filming in a different political atmosphere caused local authorities to question the purpose of the filming and what type of message the movie intended to publicize.

Margaret said while she wasn't present at the time of this event, she saw Olive's post on Facebook where Olive said that a fellow filmmaker who was present took Olive's place and was arrested by the local law enforcement.

Olive said that once the police understood they were creating a movie for entertainment, "the threat kind of subsided."

That filmmaker was later released and filming resumed.

Traveling and dealing with different politics also became a struggle for those involved in filming. Bruce said the DRC is on the U.S. State Department's advisory list to deter American travelers from visiting so American cast and crew members had a hard time getting in and out of the country.

Filming ended without any major repercussions or further trouble, but editing and

the addition of music and subtitles still needed to take place. Kabambi flew to the U.S. in fall of 2018 and summer of 2019 to help with the final edits.

Margaret felt particularly happy with the choices that director Kabambi took in filming the story.

"As we take the film, and it's in their language, as we show it, it also says 'Your story matters. You are deeply valuable,'" Margaret said.

The final edit came to have five languages, two of which were only a few of over 400 languages and dialects of the DRC.

"One of the things I just love about this film is how (Kabambi) is integrating the view of Africa, the Congo. Unless you're there, you cannot see what you've all just seen, and we're in part of it, we're in Central Africa, in Ludja, the gorgeous, gorgeous scenes that nobody gets to see because there is no tourist industry there," Margaret said at the screening of "Heart of Africa" at the LDS Film Festival in Orem, Utah, on Feb. 26, where it won the 2020 Audience Choice Award.

Olive said he saw how Kabambi worked to make "Heart of Africa" the voice for the DRC and to not "Americanize" the film.

The director and majority of the cast and crew are native Congolese. This served them as they each worked hard to make the film exemplify the views and lives of those living in the DRC. With the majority of them having no official schooling in the art of filming, Kabambi said that "Heart of Africa" gave each of them an opportunity to learn and improve upon their skills.

"Heart of Africa" premiered in Kinshasa, DRC on Feb. 15. It later appeared at the Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles between Feb. 17-19.

Kabambi said that since even casting the film, the local people and governmental players in the DRC have become interested in cinema again.

"Thanks to 'Heart of Africa'

those who did not believe in the future cinema industry in the DRC now believe in it," Kabambi said.

The filming, production, marketing and distribution cost roughly \$200,000.

The Youngs plan on using whatever revenue is generated from the film to help repay some of the initial costs of production and distribution; however they hope to put as much of the revenue as possible toward building the film industry in the DRC through their non-profit, Congo Rising.

"Heart of Africa" is set to premiere March 11 Megaplex Theatre at the Jordan Commons in Sandy, with the state-wide release in Megaplex and Cinemark theaters on Friday, March 13.

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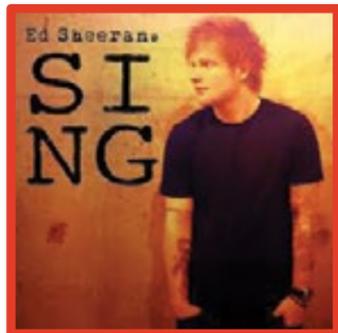
History of Ed Sheeran



1 "Lego House"

Ed Sheeran
Plus

Ed Sheeran started his first major album with a number of slow love songs. He quickly gained fame after releasing classics such as "The A Team" and "Give Me Love." They became fan favorites. This song is less popular, but is one of my other favorites for its lyrics that depict true love through troubling times.



2 "Sing"

Ed Sheeran
Multiply

Sheeran's second album picked up in tempo and speed. My favorite songs from the album are "Sing," "Runaway," and "Bloodstream" because they all include a lower and more prominent baseline. This album is also popular for tracks such as "I See Fire," which was featured in *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, and "Photograph," both of which are more similar to his previous album.



3 "Castle on the Hill"

Ed Sheeran
Divide

In 2017, the album *Divide* was released. It was an instant hit. This album has more pop songs than his previous work, which seems to be a success. "Shape of You" gained huge popularity and even won a Grammy and a Billboard Music award. If you like "Shape of You," I highly recommend *Castle on the Hill*.



4 "Love Yourself"

Justin Bieber
Purpose

Yes, this is a Justin Bieber song, but it was actually written by Ed Sheeran. Sheeran has written many songs for other artists, like "Cold Water" by Major Lazer and "Hotel Ceiling" by Rixton. After writing "Love Yourself," Sheeran went on to collaborate with Justin Bieber for their hit "I Don't Care."

Scan the album covers with the Universe Plus app to hear a sample of each song and to submit your own music reviews.



This week:



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HONOR CODE REACTIONS

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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.

Leave comments at universe.byu.edu or @UniverseBYU

@dallinhxson

BYU is a PRIVATE institution and it is a CHOICE to pay money to attend. Because you received an ecclesiastical endorsement and agreed to attend, you really have nothing to "protest" against the school. The church and its schools aren't going to conform to your beliefs.

@calebturner23

No matter how you feel about the changes/non-changes at BYU, it's hard to ignore just how bad it's been handled purely from a PR/Communications standpoint...

@benfrandsen

My heart aches for the whiplash that LGBTQ students at BYU have experienced the last couple of weeks, culminating in today's letter from the CES director and the Q&A with the HCO director. I am devastated by the pain many of you must be feeling. I'm open to talk if it will help.

@TomStringham

Very grateful for the clarification from Elder Johnson on the questions raised by the HC change. I would've accepted anything church leaders decided to teach, but the uncertainty was really stressing me out. @BYU

@mkfyfstr

Just gonna say right now, if your response to today's CES/BYU news is to tell queer students "we knew this would happen" or otherwise rag on them for being "naive" & daring to be hopeful/optimistic about their school, you are a jerk & should keep your mouth shut.

@jules_jules_ju

All BYU do is make statement, refuse to clarify statement, retract statement, and lie

@OliverWDahl

Whether you agree with the honor code and today's clarification or not
Whether you live the honor code or not
Whoever you are, whatever you've done or said or felt
You are worthy of love. Your pain is valid. I'm just one guy, but know you can count on me to show love.
#BYU

@BackFromThat

It's actually shocking to me how little time it took for everyone "gushing" over President Ballard's remarks yesterday to turn against the Church generally, and certainly completely against the spirit of his remarks, as soon as BYU released the new guidelines.
#DezNat

@joewheat27

If we celebrate BYUs statement by dancing on the ashes of the dreams of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, then we totally missed the point of Pres Ballards talk and we need to repent. They need our empathy, not our scorn.

@Txfomormonism

This is just the worst. I am so sorry BYU students. I keep trying to think of something else to say but this just sucks. I tiny step forward and 3 giant steps back is frustrating and tiring.

@TheConorHilton

love & thoughts & prayers & peace & good vibes to any and all queer BYU students today.
you are not broken, you are loved, you are holy
you have a community with me and countless others, even if you feel outcast and alone.
i hope one day everyone will recognize your worth.

@theprezstarIII

The days of sitting on the sidelines are over. There will continue to be protests for change. The line has been drawn in the sand. You can't put one foot in the world, and one foot in the Church.
Who's on the Lords side?
I stand with the First Presidency and Twelve.

@LabansESword

Today I've been thinking about the whole Honor Code protests and controversy and something I've concluded is that so many individuals do not understand Christ's nature and teachings about love, mercy, and obedience.

@soophwafel

If I see another "if you don't like the honor code then leave" tweet I'm going to lose it. The way BYU/CES has handled all of this is irresponsible and hurtful to say the least. We should all be upset.

@jennkofe

What if we've been "saved for these last days" because this generation is accepting and loving and moving in the right direction? What if we're the ones you should listen to? I stand with the LGBTQ+ students of #BYU. #loveislove

@erinkay32

I support BYU & support the churches doctrines & still LOVE & feel EMPATHY towards our LGBTQ+ brothers & sisters I know Christ would cultivate an attitude of strict adherence to eternal laws while still showing unconditional love to all Gods children
I hope we can all do the same

@Papa_Ostler

I don't think it's fair to tell upset BYU students to just leave. They've been planning their whole lives to attend BYU. Let's give them space to work through their feelings without saying 'just leave.' Jesus invited everyone to His table. Seems like we should do them same

@classicmrm

to my LGBTQ+ friends at BYU: keep being brave
to everyone else: keep being kind

@ElleMaeGal

If organizations decide to boycott BYU and that pressure causes them to become better I will be THRILLED. But I would also be sad that it came down to money and not actually listening to those who are suffering. I want to be a part of a church that is better than that.

Tweets are unedited

STAFF OPINION

Communication averts confusion, fosters healing

The lack of communication about the revised Honor Code has harmed many at BYU, and the continued spread of misinformation is fostering contention on a campus that ought to be a leader in promoting Christ-like love.

The Church Education System letter distributed Wednesday, March 4, came as a shock to many BYU students who claim to have received confirmation from the Honor Code Office that gay dating would not be punished after new Honor Code language was released on Feb. 19.

Members of BYU's LGBT community have expressed sorrow and pain over the way the miscommunication was handled, saying it has left them feeling betrayed, vulnerable and unwelcome. Also under attack are groups standing up for the university's right to set standards as a private school sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Regardless of the varied opinions about the construct of the Honor Code or other major issues at BYU, the campus community is best served when students, faculty and staff are kept in the loop so issues aren't hijacked in a vacuum of information.

As the Honor Code situation continues to develop and as protests and counter-movements unfold, hateful speech against the LGBT community, against BYU and against the Church is easier to find than facts about the Honor Code changes. Such speech only serves to further shove apart an already divided community.

In his devotional address on March 3, President M. Russell Ballard said, "The Lord is aware of you. He loves you and is concerned about you individually and collectively. He is anxious to heal any wounded souls on this campus and to bring together each and every one of you in love and peace. We can help in the process as we love, seek forgiveness, offer forgiveness and seek to build bridges of understanding."

This campus will not see the peace President Ballard promised unless administration, faculty and students seek to understand those with whom they disagree, share updated and factual information, speak kindly to one another and find constructive ways to express hurt and anger.

Lack of communication only feeds feelings of hopelessness and loss, and obscurity breeds contempt. Healing will only occur as members of the BYU community commit to suspending uninformed anger and listening to one another with respect.

—Karina Andrew
Universe News Desk Editor

READERS' FORUM: HONOR CODE DEBATE

BYU is and should be one of the greatest universities in the world. Developing faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and His gospel should be BYU's top priority. However, the manner of how a grave miscommunication between our university and CES happened should bring everyone to a pause.

While I am thankful clarification has been given, there are many unanswered questions about this whole affair that should be answered honestly, directly and as soon as possible. Was the change in policy dictated by the university or the Church? Did the Honor Code Office intentionally lie to LGBT students about dating? What would be the motivations for such? Will there be any punishments meted out to those who were gravely misguided? Why did it take so long for any clarification to come forth?

There are many questions that must be asked and answered as we heal and turn to the Savior for love, grace and courage to obey God's commandments.

—Bryce Spencer
Farmington, Utah

In his devotional address given just last semester on BYU campus, President Nelson said, "Homosexual immorality would be treated in the eyes of the Church in the same manner as heterosexual immorality."

Could it be any clearer? So, for the Church Educational System to make an announcement that completely contradicts that statement is shocking and confusing, to say the least.

This letter was especially upsetting because it came two weeks after the removal of the homosexual behavior section from the Honor Code. The campus was celebrating. Many students came out after finally feeling safe as LGBT at BYU. Honor Code Office administrators themselves told students and faculty what this meant: LGBTQ couples dating, hugging, holding hands or kissing would not be punishable by the Honor Code Office.

But then we got the email.

Talk about whiplash. In a matter of minutes, delight turned into despair, peace became pain and hope gave way to heartbreak.

To add insult to injury, those who opposed LGBTQ students dating became even more vocal about their disapproval. They repeatedly tell LGBTQ students that if they don't like the Honor Code, they should just leave BYU.

Shouldn't we be making our campus a place where everyone can feel accepted and loved?

—Lane Gibbons
San Antonio, Texas

I wish everyone would just stop yelling at each other.

On the one hand, we have people insisting that BYU doesn't love people who experience same-sex attraction if they don't let them date. On the other, we have people who say that two men can't hug each other if one or both experience same-sex attractions. They think they'll somehow make headway by saying things like "homosexuals aren't children of God" and reciting the Family Proclamation on campus.

Neither group is right. Neither group is truly being Christlike. And caught in the middle are many, many people who are just trying to live the gospel in peace, who love the Lord and who believe and love the doctrine on the family. They are the people that I love and care about and you are hurting them.

The vitriol against people who experience same-sex attraction drives people away from the Church. It does not help anyone listen. This vitriol leads fathers to avoid touching their sons and leads boys to think that they can't hug a friend without saying "no homo." It rips communities apart.

On the other side, the insistence that the only way to live a happy life is to give in to the sexual urges from same-sex attraction is a flat out lie. There is a lot of hope and happiness here. Brotherly affection is, in my opinion, much better than

any sexual relationship could be. Those who push the societal narrative of sexual freedom are causing a lot of damage as well, not to mention tearing down institutions that provided many boys a lot of hope in their teenage years.

Please, everyone, just stop. Let people make their choices and learn. Don't insist on others changing their standards to fit your chosen way of life. Just live and let live, for heavens sake.

Follow both great commandments. Please stop destroying things and people I love.

—Stephen Done
Class of 2006

Recently, BYU has taken the section on "Homosexual Behavior" out of the Honor Code. In response, students took the liberty upon themselves to start a celebration movement for the LGTBQ community. Some of these students are under the impression that because of this section being removed, it is now OK to publicly show affection with their LGBTQ loved ones. Just because this statement was removed does not give students the privilege to support this behavior when it is still against the policy of the Church.

Of course, it is absolutely crucial we love and try to understand all people, no matter the choices they make. It is absolutely crucial that we do not discriminate students that are different than us. I cannot begin to imagine the hate some students receive at the Lord's university. But as a student that cares a lot about the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must have a deeper understanding of what Christ asks of us than what our own desires motivate us to do.

BYU, clarifying this change, stated that "same-sex romantic behavior cannot lead to eternal marriage and is therefore not compatible with the principles included in the Honor Code." This is crystal clear. There have been rallies and revolts against this new statement and there is just no room for this at a university that believes in

being honorable. You don't see people rallying publicly against the parking issue we have at BYU or the Word of Wisdom we promise to keep.

If something is not settling right, then pray. Ask Heavenly Father for help to understand. Rethink the motivation behind your actions. Our lifestyle should not be based upon what the Honor Code says or doesn't say — it should be based off of what Jesus Christ says.

—Brittany Robertson
Austin, Texas

Regardless of what "side" you're on, it's important to recognize these truths:

1. BYU handled this situation very poorly. Communication between the Church, the Honor Code Office and BYU students was vague, absent or faulty for too long. It's a PR nightmare that was almost entirely avoidable, but more importantly, it hurt BYU students far more than it needed to.

2. God's laws concerning marriage and chastity will never change, and BYU has the right and obligation to uphold them.

3. God's laws concerning dating don't really exist. Or if they do, they're not written down anywhere.

4. We need to show real love to LGBT members of the Church. Not "tough love," but true, charitable, kind, merciful love. They may need it now even more than before. Something as simple as saying "I accept you for who you are, and I hope you feel happy and safe" goes a very long way.

5. Casting shame on anyone, ever, for any reason, does not help them to change for the

better. This is the case for sinners, criminals, addicts, etc., and especially for people who have to deal with same-sex attraction while being a member of the Church.

—Jordan Stanford
Calgary, Canada

In the Bill of Rights, the Founding Fathers set forth the fundamental philosophies of freedom for our country. The first priorities for the new nation were the freedoms of expression: the freedom to speak, the freedom to worship, the freedom to assemble, and the freedom to live. As citizens of the United States, we not only have the privilege of freedom, but we also have the civic duty to exercise these freedoms to make our world a better place.

Because of the recent conflict concerning the Honor Code, many have stood for their beliefs, for their rights and for what they know to be true. To all those who have stood—on both sides — thank you. Your voice is heard and your influence has the power to inspire possible change. I ask only one thing: as you stand for truths that are holy to you, stand in a holy place.

I have recently heard of some of the circumstances that have arisen from conflict. Sadly, both sides have those who make assumptions and attack others in ignorance, hate or spite.

As we work towards a solution together, please remember the very ground you stand upon is holy and is dedicated to the Lord. Stand, please, for the right, but as you do, stand with integrity, not depravity.

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WCC tournament sets pace for March madness



BYU women's basketball huddles before its 62-51 loss to Pepperdine in the West Coast Conference quarterfinals. Though the Cougars led in 3 pt. percentage, Pepperdine led in field goal percentage and rebounds. Scan the photo above with the **Universe Plus** app for WCC tournament updates.

Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo



Reliving BYU basketball's biggest win of the decade

By SYDNEY FLEMING

BYU did the unthinkable on Feb. 22 by defeating No. 2 Gonzaga 91-78 in the Marriott Center on Senior Night in the first-ever ranked matchup between the two teams in series history.

The game was a night to remember. The Marriott Center was packed to the max — 18,987 attendees to be exact. BYU was ranked for the first time in nine seasons, falling at No. 23 in that week's AP Poll. Gonzaga was No. 2 in the nation and held a 19-game win streak going into the match. Going on a seven-game conference win-streak and claiming its first ranking in years, BYU had real hope marching into the anticipated Gonzaga matchup.

Men's Basketball Media Relations Director Kyle Chilton has been working with the team since 2008. Out of all the seasons and matchups versus the Zags, he described why this game was particularly special.

"The Gonzaga atmosphere was unique in that there was a sense of hope and excitement the program hadn't felt in a while," Chilton said. "BYU was ranked for the first time since 2011, and there was a chance to prove we deserved that ranking. I think there was also a sense that this team, after everything it had been through during the season, could prove how good it was."

The Cougars had only beat Gonzaga five times since 2011, while the Zags had won 17 matchups. ESPN's matchup predictor only gave BYU a 38% chance to win entering the game leaving only a sliver of hope that the newly-ranked Cougars and its senior leadership would give the program another historic win.

The Cougars were led by their star-senior Yoeli Childs, who scored 28 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. He was closely followed by senior Jake Toolson, who claimed 17 points, going 5 for 9 from three; and senior TJ Haws, who scored 16 points. No one on BYU's roster had beaten Gonzaga in the Marriott Center before that night, with the last program win versus Gonzaga at home being in 2015.

Director of Broadcast Media and Voice of the Cougars Greg Wrubell reminisced on making the final call while fans began storming the court.

"As the fans came on the floor, and began to envelop our broadcast area, I'm still on the air and fans are high-fiving and trying to hug and I'm seeing



The BYU basketball team lines up during the national anthem in the Feb. 22 game against Gonzaga. The then number 23 Cougars defeated then number 2 Zags 91-78.

Hannah Miner

cellphones in my face as we're still doing our thing," Wrubell said. "You're trying to stay professional and still do your job, but you're certainly enjoying the moment with the fans. It was more of a party atmosphere."

While reveling in all of the glory and hype around BYU basketball's successful season, many have posed the question of which home game was bigger for the program: the win over Gonzaga on Feb. 22 or the 2011 win over No. 4 San Diego State.

Before the 2011 win BYU basketball was at its best since the early 90's, and San Diego State was one of two undefeated teams left in the nation with a 20-0 record. BYU only had one loss, boasting a 19-1 record. San Diego State was No. 4 in the AP Poll, with now NBA All-Star Kawhi Leonard leading the way. BYU was No. 9 in the nation, with the national spotlight on future National Player of the Year Jimmer Fredette.

Chilton said while both games were exciting, San Diego State had a different feel.

"The San Diego State game had more of a buzz because the eyes of the college basketball world were focused on Provo," Chilton said. "Jimmer Fredette was the favorite for national player of the year and BYU and San Diego State were both top-10 teams."

Jimmer dropped 43 points that game, shooting 14 for 24 from the field and 5 for 8 from behind the arc, proving why he was the national player of the year. Jimmer won the Naismith Award, along with the John Wooden Award, AP National Player of the Year and others in that season. He also averaged 28.9 points, 4.3 assists and 3.4 rebounds per game in the 2010-11 season. The basketball world belonged to Jimmer, and the fans were reveling in it.

San Diego State's Leonard tried to carry the Aztecs to a victory over the Cougars with 22 points and 15 rebounds, but his efforts weren't enough to beat hot-handed BYU. The Aztecs fell to BYU 71-58 in the last minutes of the game. Despite the loss, Leonard has since moved on and is currently one of the best-known stars in the NBA, aiding the Toronto Raptors to a win in the 2019 NBA Finals.

The matchup versus San Diego State continues to be one of the most celebrated wins in BYU basketball program history, with the 2010-11 team continuing on to accomplish what no other BYU team had done before. The Cougars went on to finish its season in the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA tournament with a heartbreaking 83-74 overtime loss to Florida.

It's hard to compare the two games because they're so different. It's easier

to see what the 2011 game meant to the program overall after nine years. Chilton said that despite the incredible performance by the Cougars against Gonzaga, the highest-ranked team BYU has defeated at home, he still needs to see what happens over the next month to truly decide what the game means for this team and its season.

Yet Wrubell, in his 24th year as the Voice of the Cougars, sees a distinct difference in what the two games mean for the program.

"In 2011, the game was in late January," Wrubell said. "It didn't really finalize anything as much as it reaffirmed that BYU is a really high-quality team. This win against Gonzaga was needed to put a stamp on BYU as an NCAA tournament team. We think they're good, we got them in the bracket, but if we beat Gonzaga, we'll know that they're legit. Then they did that."

Wrubell added that the win over Gonzaga proves that BYU belongs in the NCAA tournament. He was also happy to see that the competition was back, and that BYU proved Gonzaga wasn't necessarily running away from BYU in the rivalry.

While 2011's San Diego State win was monumental for BYU's basketball program, the Gonzaga game is still in recent memory. Fans will never forget

Jimmermania, but the Gonzaga win was a team effort, with three different players scoring in double-digits.

College basketball analyst and statistician Ken Pomeroy added his two cents on BYU's teamwork and success after the Gonzaga win.

"I think it's almost better that you don't have a Jimmer and you're still successful," Pomeroy said. "You have multiple guys that can score, you don't necessarily have one guy that's going to go off for forty and becomes the focus on the game plan."

Head coach Mark Pope found it hard to move past the game. He even went home and re-watched the game from 1:30-3:30 a.m. the same night that BYU played. Pope learned the team still has a lot of work to do from rewatching the game.

"I watched the game that night and was like, 'We were amazing! We beat the greatest team in the world,'" Pope said. "And then, I watched the game again Sunday night and all I could think is how we are not even close to where we need to be. We've gotta grow. We've gotta get better."

BYU is currently a No. 6 seed looking to face an opponent from one of the First Four games in St. Louis. From there, BYU will attempt to make a deep-run in the tourney, as many call the Cougars a Final Four dark horse candidate.

Kate Cusik Truman and Polina Malykh work towards new goal this season

By EMILY STRONG

From entering their freshman season together to coaching changes and playing as doubles partners, seniors Polina Malykh and Kate Cusick Truman have new plans for their final season together.

BYU won its first home match of the 2020 season against Weber State University on Jan. 18, and the match marked the beginning of the final season for the two BYU players. Cusick Truman and Malykh have both been playing for BYU since the 2016 season and have made contributions to the program during their tenure here. The pair are the only two seniors on the roster.

"It's crazy to think that it's just us two because there were more of us when we started together, but it's great to have a person who knows the experience the same," Malykh said. "Kate and I grew up together and it's a privilege to stand by her."

Cusick Truman is originally from Provo, and is currently playing No. 1 singles while also being a part of No. 1 doubles pair with Leah Heimuli. During her freshman season Cusick Truman played No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles the majority of the year and continued in those positions throughout her sophomore and junior seasons. The 2020 season marks her first year playing in the No. 1 spot in both singles and doubles, and she has started the season in a big way. In her first match of the season, Cusick Truman and Heimuli won their match 6-4. During her season opener at No. 1 singles, Truman won her match up 6-4, 6-2, earning wins in her first games as both a No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles player for BYU.

"I've been reflecting a lot on the last four years and I've realized more this year that it's not about wins and losses," Cusick



Preston Crawley

Kate Cusick Truman practices drills.

Truman said. "This year has taught me that (winning) is not what I'll remember, I'll take away the feelings that I felt."

Malykh is originally from Moscow, Russia, and is currently playing No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles paired with Emilee Astle. Malykh has played in a variety of singles spots and has played at No. 2 doubles before. Malykh is recovering from a knee injury in October, one that was originally sustained during her freshman season, and was cleared ten days before the team's opening match.

"The process of coming back from that was hard and rehab was terrible, but knowing there were so many more things I wanted to do and so much more I could give to the team helped me," Malykh said. "It was motivation knowing it wasn't over yet for me."

During the Weber State match, Malykh and Astle won 7-5, and in singles play Malykh lost a three set match, winning the first set 6-2, losing the second 7-5 and falling in the final set 1-0.

Cusick Truman and Malykh have also been doubles partners



Preston Crawley

Polina Malykh practices her forehand.

during their four-year tenure. During their sophomore season, they played No. 2 doubles together and had great success. Truman and Malykh had a 6-3 record in league matches, leading BYU in conference wins during the 2018 season.

"Playing together brought us so much closer because we were on the same page and we fought our hearts out together. And it makes it so much more special now that we are the only two seniors," Cusick Truman said.

Both of the players talked about the bond that they have formed over the past four years and the fact that they are the only two players that are still on the team from their freshman class. In their final season as Cougars both Truman and Malykh have a new perspective for this season.

"Polina and I have actually talked about how we want this season to go and we both feel the same way that we just want to enjoy this season," Cusick Truman said. "We both have personal and team goals, but at the end of the day, that's not what matters. I just want to enjoy my last season."



Jeni Romney

From left, Baylor, Tate and Gunner Romney. The three brothers will play on the BYU football team together next year. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.



Brothers make BYU football a family affair

By EMILY STRONG

High school senior and linebacker Tate Romney's recruitment to BYU football will put him on the roster alongside his brothers Baylor and Gunner, making BYU football a family affair.

Tate has shown his prowess on defense with a career total of 272 tackles, whereas Gunner plays as wide receiver gaining 377 yards in the 2019 season and being part of the first ever brother-to-brother touchdown pass in BYU history. Baylor plays quarterback and threw the historic pass to Gunner in Logan. Baylor, coming off of a red shirt year in 2018, started at the position four times in the 2019 season, leading the Cougars to three victories, one of those against rival Utah State.

"It is definitely a dream come true to play at this level with someone that you have been doing it with your whole life," Baylor said. "It's cool to have that bond and have someone to put in the extra work with."

Although all their roads led to BYU, the Romney brothers all took different paths to get to LaVell Edwards Stadium. Baylor was originally recruited out of his El Paso, Texas, high school to Nevada University.

After signing with them, Baylor went on his mission to Carlsbad, California.

Upon returning home, younger brother Gunner was in the heat of the recruiting process which made Baylor think Nevada may not be the place for him. Baylor accompanied Gunner while he visited schools. With several Pac-12 and other conference offers, Gunner decided to accept BYU.

"I had a lot of options to play at a lot of different schools and I was visiting a lot of different programs," Gunner said. "When Baylor got home, we knew we wanted to play together and ultimately we decided the BYU was the best place for us."

Gunner played with their younger brother Tate for one year in high school, something Gunner said made it clear Tate would be a big-time player and a big-time recruit.

This brotherly intuition proved correct. Tate's offers started pouring in by his junior year of high school, just as they had for his brothers. The older Romney boys admitted that although they wanted to play with Tate, they wanted him to make the decision for himself.

Tate finished his recruiting process in February, signing with BYU and joining his two older brothers.

"We have been saying for a

long time that Tate was coming to BYU. He was just such a BYU kid," Gunner said. "But when he finally made that decision and wrapped his mind around it was pretty cool to know he is going to be up here and to know he's going to get to do what we're doing."

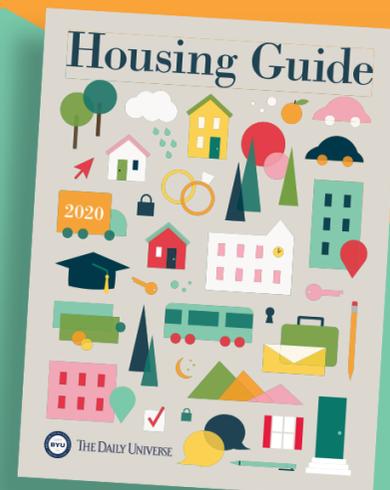
Although this is the first time BYU football has had three brothers together, it is not the first time that family members have played on the BYU football team at the same time. The Kaufusi family is long-standing in their tradition with BYU football.

The Kaufusis are well-known, with Corbin and Bronson Kaufusi now playing in the NFL. Their brother Devin, and cousins, Jackson and Isaiah are still on the BYU roster.

Brothers Austin and Dylan Collie were one of many brother pairs who have shared the field. The team has seen not just brothers but also many cousins like Aleva Hifo and Sione Takitaki as well as Beau and Tristen Hoge.

"It has been an individual dream of ours to play Division I football, and so getting to play together is such a cool experience," Gunner said. "There's always that brotherly competitiveness that you have, and it really drives both of us to be better."

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BYUSA election results in all-female presidency

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

Spring Buford and Emilee McFadden won the election to be BYUSA's next president and executive vice president. Buford won the presidential election by three votes, making her the first female STEM major to be president. She is the fifth STEM student in BYUSA presidential history. McFadden received more votes than any other candidate. The pair will be the fourth all-female presidency.

Buford recognized the close margin she won by. "A margin of three means that every minute that people helped campaign mattered," she said. She expressed particularly thanks for her husband. "I relied on my husband for support."

Buford wants to put her platform to work right away. "I'm really excited just to start, hit the ground running with lobby hours, going out doing weekly excursions on campus," she said. "I'm really excited to serve as president. I'm excited to engage campus and just meet as many students as I can and show them some love."

McFadden admitted she felt like an underdog in the beginning of her campaign. Out of all the candidates, she had the least amount of experience within BYUSA. She said her friends outside of BYUSA helped her clinch as many votes as she did. "I had friends from all different groups I've been a part of see me and tell me that they were voting because I had made a connection one to three years ago, some even five years ago. I had a lot of help." She said her friends have expressed interest in getting more involved in BYUSA since the election



Angela Blomquist

Spring Buford, right, poses with Emilee McFadden after being announced as president and executive vice president, respectively.

ended.

She also appreciated the work of the BYUSA elections committee. "I thought that Vanessa (Loveless), Anthony (Bates) and Angela (Blomquist) worked to make it a safe and fair process," she said.

As executive vice president, McFadden is confident she will work well with Buford.

"I love Spring," she said. "I'm so excited to serve with her. I think that she and I complement each other really well."

Altogether, this year's election had a little over 5,000 students participate, according to Executive Vice President Mimi Ross. The year Ross campaigned, there were over 6,000 students who voted.

School bus to house black history museum for Utah

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SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah State Railroad Museum in Ogden has a permanent display about black railroad workers who ended up settling in the area. The new Black Cultural Center at the University of Utah created campus exhibits about influential African Americans last month — but its focus is providing resources and support.

Other temporary installations crop up elsewhere, such as the BYU Museum of Art, especially during February. But that's about all there is if you want to go somewhere in Utah to learn about black history.

And that's where this gutted school bus comes in. Lex Scott, the leader of Utah's Black Lives Matter, is standing inside it, her head just inches from the roof.

"The goal is brick and mortar," she said, but with the bus, "we want to give people a taste of black history."

It's carpeted on the inside, save for a walkway down the middle, and all but four seats, a pair at the front and back, are gone. Posters of portraits are adhered to the wall. Still to come: a TV to hang in the back and display cases for the artifacts Scott has collected at the organization's headquarters.

A decorative wrap is planned for the exterior. Then voila: It will be a Black History Museum on wheels, bringing the stories of black Utahns and Americans to schools, events, businesses and churches.

Robert Burch, president of Utah's Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, said his group and others have been trying to buy a building for a museum dedicated to black history for years. When Scott first pitched the bus idea in 2018, he said, it was the first



Associated Press

Lex Scott, leader of the Black Lives Matter movement in Utah, plans to renovate an old school bus into a mobile black history museum.

renewed effort in about 15 years.

He said it would mean a lot to the black community in Utah, and reflecting the state's diversity could make it more welcoming.

"With no permanent place affixed in a city or online that black folk can go to and say, 'Oh look, you can go to Utah. There's plenty of black people in Utah,'" he said, "without that, we can't get people to feel that (and move here)."

The U.S. Census estimated that in 2019, only 1.4% of the more than 3 million people living in Utah were black. Burch said it can sometimes feel like there aren't any black people here — and that they weren't ever here.

The lack of a museum dedicated to black history implicitly affirms that. But there's plenty of black history in Utah, he said.

For starters, black people were in Utah before the first pioneers with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints arrived, mostly collecting furs in the early 1800s. One of the most notable of those trappers was James P. Beckwourth, who spent several years in Cache Valley. He's

featured in the bus.

"It'd make a difference for the local community, not just the black community, to recognize that black folks were here before even the Mormons were here," Burch said.

Fort Douglas, perched high on the U's campus, hosted an entire regiment of black soldiers beginning October 1896. Their service brought about 600 African Americans, including women and children, to Salt Lake City. As historian Jeffrey D. Nichols wrote, the arrival was an "important change in the racial makeup of (Salt Lake City's) population."

As part of celebrating suffrage anniversaries in Utah this year, the nonprofit Better Days 2020 has highlighted several African American women — including early newspaperwoman Elizabeth Taylor and Mignon Barker Richmond, the first African American woman to graduate from a college in Utah, in 1921.

Burch said that efforts to create a museum typically fall short because of funding issues. He said he's looked at property in downtown Salt Lake City that costs millions, and he and his group don't have that kind of money.

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