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Posted by cruiser - 2008/01/21 23:07

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Crap! I was feeling pretty confident about this whole thing. Now I am not at all.

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## Re:Kaveinga "uncommitted"

Posted by Uncle Iron - 2008/01/22 00:20

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We need Pete to call him and tell him we'll turn him into a linebacker. ;)

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**Re:Kaveinga "uncommitted"**

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/01/22 08:51

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**Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"**

Posted by Slugger - 2008/01/22 09:29

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No question any kid would be excited and honored to be recruited by, and play for USC. But there the competition is so great that in order to a) be a starter and b) be a legend, the odds are pretty low. Sure, you can play in a BCS game but even at USC that is no guarantee. Whereas, at BYU the chances of starting are higher, and if you do start and have a great career, you become a LEGEND. The kind of athlete fans and enthusiasts talk about for DECADES. You'll find your name in books and on plaques in the Legends Hall. You'll be replayed over and over and over again on KBYU and BYU-TV. Playing in a BCS game, and possibly Nat'l Champ game are great, but I would rather pursue being a legend and a household name for decades, rather than a proud contributor for one day or one season. The choice is yours Kaveinga....

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**Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"**

Posted by niqmadu - 2008/01/22 09:37

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True, I hate to see him go, but what a great statement it is about our program when we compete with USC for top recruits.

This is one of those indicators of the direction and state of BYU Football that few day-trading BCS loving Football Preaching inbreeds at popular websites and broadcasting outlets will notice.

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Posted by vancouvercougar - 2008/01/22 09:50

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I am not sure an 18 year old kid from high school would be thinking "take on the man and show it up"

Never-the-less I would love to see what he could do for the cougars.

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**Re:Kaveinga**

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/01/22 10:00

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I would love to see a future inside LB core of Kaveinga and Te'o! Talk about instant fear. But whatever they choose they

are still great young men and good luck guys! (Choose BYU! :lol: )

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**Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"**

Posted by AF\_Puma - 2008/01/22 10:52

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According to those I've spoken to that have gone out on USC chat sites, most of the USC faithful are already penciling him in at USC.

What surprises me the most, as I've read accounts of what happened from various sources, is that an individual who took this long to commit, after decommitting from UCLA (and when a coaching staff turns over, without a doubt a young man is allowed to decommit as a new staff is an entire new ball game) that he would allow himself to be "caught up" with the other two that had committed that weekend seeing that there was Stevens that didn't commit. Especially if he then went to Bronco's office and called the other schools to let them know. That story in itself didn't sound consistent with Coach Mendenhall. I'm not saying it didn't happen that way, but I'm professionally skeptical to say the least.

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**Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"**

Posted by AF\_Puma - 2008/01/22 10:53

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I'm wondering too if he went alone on this trip or if his father was there. I hate to see any young man, regardless if his father is going to push him in one direction or another, to go into a room with someone like PC and expect that they will be able to filter out all the BS that normal college coaches lay on these young men. Almost to a "T", everyone who has come away from a meeting with Bronco Mendenhall has stated that the one thing they really admired about him was that he's a straight shooter and doesn't promise the moon. Kaveinga said that after his visit. Then how do you take someone like PC and listen to what he says and not question it? If he is promised more than what he could do at BYU, then I'd have to say that a BCS coach is gilding the lily as they say.

I know he is now away from USC and left to add the pros and cons without someone standing there with expectations (except for the visits scheduled by BYU and USC coaches over the next two weeks), but I'd have to say that someone who commits to BYU and then the very next weekend, after waiting this long to commit, says they are "uncommitted" to any program is someone I would not count on. Hopefully there is some influence out there that I don't see that will weigh in and help him make the right decision.

The talk too is that Cameron, the ex-BYU BB player who fled BYU for USC to now play FB was on this trip too and he commented in a Scout article based from USC that he spent a lot of time with Kaveinga talking about his commitment. That couldn't have been anything productive.

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Posted by AF\_Puma - 2008/01/22 11:06

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Thanks. This is very frustrating to type something up and then it doesn't post and I have to type it all up again. I like to use spell check and the old CougarBlue had it and I don't see it here and that's why I cut and paste from Word.

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/01/22 11:30

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Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/01/22 11:42

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Brandon Gurney was in TBS chat and said that he had attempted several times to call Kaveinga Sunday after he returned home, but no one ever answered the phone or returned his messages that he left. He was able to finally contact his father, who was at choir practice, and G-man asked him if he could call him back later and his father said he could. Upon speaking with him later, his father, who is the ward bishop and whom we've been told is supportive of his son going to BYU, said that currently his son is "undecided".

One thought that was brought up about those who commit at USC at this late stage, based on similar events in the past, is that USC often asks later verbals to not come out and say that they verbally committed to help USC with someone else they might be trying to recruit at the end and who might be scared off if another high profile player verbals ahead of them. It's like asking them to be a team player even before they technically sign.

So is that the case? Only Kaveinga and possibly his family know for sure. We do stand in the running for his services, but I think you can take his verbal of the week before off the boards or at least make it a soft verbal.

Call me boring, but I don't particularly like this cloak and dagger side of recruiting.

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Posted by McGregor - 2008/01/22 12:45

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Agreed. Having never been highly recruited to play college football myself, I know that is tough to believe, I could see how this would be a major life decision. Especially for a young man of that age. Also, considering the fact that he may want to serve a mission. I think all those things would be difficult to figure out. I wish him the best and really hope he picks BYU. But if he doesn't, then I am sure he will be able to influence people in SoCal and be a positive role model. That being said...Please choose BYU!!!!

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Posted by HuskerFan2 - 2008/01/22 13:21

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My worry is if he goes to USC his mission dreams wont be respected. I am unbiased being unactive and a non missionary. I feel though if i young man wants to go and has dreams of going it should be respected. I think if Kaveinga goes to USC, Carroll will talk him out of going after promising him it would be ok if he goes. They are very impressionable at this age and probably believe the coaches. If Kaveinga is a starter next year at USC and wants to go on his mission after his freshman year, i think Carroll will use some sort of threat like losing his starting position etc. to keep him from going. I just hope he realizes how much more we want him here than USC does. It would be a hard choice though and i hope he makes the right one and that he and his dreams be respected.

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Posted by lawman - 2008/01/22 13:37

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Posted by draider - 2008/01/22 13:52

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by huskercougar - 2008/01/22 14:16

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Posted by Ygridiron4ever - 2008/01/22 14:19

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by Knucklehead - 2008/01/22 16:39

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Best of luck to this kid whatever he chooses. I would love to see him choose BYU over Southern Cal because I believe BYU is a great place to grow in other aspects of your life in addition to football.

There is a positive net effect to having all or almost all of your professors in every discipline be people who have strong religious beliefs.

The professors I had at BYU were some of the most educated men I have ever come across in my life. Right or wrong, their academic accomplishments caused me to have a healthy respect for them.

Teen-age boys are impressionable. It isn't a question of whether or not they will be influenced by others, it is only a question of what will be the caliber of the people who will influence them.

If I had a son who was recruited by someone with the character of Bronco Mendenhall, I would be excited. I would want my son to have the chance to be influenced by someone of his caliber. I would want my son to go to a university that stressed religious commitment, academic excellence, and achievement on the football field. BYU is unique in that respect, not even Southern Cal can provide that.

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/01/22 17:50

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If he goes to USC and then actually goes on a mission, when he returns, he will be buried on the depth chart and it will take a lot to ever get back to the top. I don't know that the coaching staff will "be on his side" through that process. At the Y, he'll still have to work to get back but he wouldn't be the first to do it, he'd have the support of the staff in making sure he stays healthy getting back, as much as possible, and I think he will ultimately have more success getting back.

I will respect the choice he makes but surely hopes he chooses the Y. I think ultimately his decision will be on just how much he is set on going on a mission.

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by Mars - 2008/01/22 19:44

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/01/22 20:53

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The RM will have more maturity, to be sure, but thats about it.

And lets just say that the RM is able to come back in shape and be on par physically with the freshman, you think that at USC the guy who has been starting for the last two years while the Mormon boy was away is going to move over out of respect for the sacrifices he made?

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## Re:Kaveinga "uncommitted"

Posted by Short\_Changed - 2008/01/23 10:21

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Austin Collie is one. ;) (that started as a freshman at a powerhouse program, went on a mission and started as a RM sophomore)

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by SanDCoug - 2008/01/23 12:37

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To add a little fuel to the fire, it looks like Chow might be getting in on the action:

"Well, one guy who might be giving UCLA a chance in the short term and jump back on the blue and gold bandwagon is none other than Uona Kavienga, the blue chip LB from Leuzinger who had committed to UCLA, and then pulled out from his commitment to go with BYU (citing his Mormon faith). Well according to Dohn Chow may talk to Kavienga and get him back to being a Bruin. We will see."

<http://www.bruinsnation.com/story/2008/1/23/74531/9880>

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Posted by draider - 2008/01/24 08:43

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I dont think Benji had ever given a commitment to the Utes i think it was reported but none of the sites ever showed him as a commit for them. That will suck for their class though if all those guys go elsewhere. Then they wouldnt be able to use any of those extra scholarships on walker cuz he is already committed. Good for us and bad for them.

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by BlueForLife - 2008/01/24 09:42

I want this kid just as bad as the next guy. I have read many posts the last couple days hoping to hear some new info of him dropping USC out of the question and reaffirming his commitment to BYU

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We could use a LB of his caliber. But if we do not get him, we still have some talented guys that will step in and do what they are asked.

In the end, he is going to do what he feels is best for him and his future.

This is one signature I am sure the coaches would love to see come Feb 6th.

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Posted by Mars - 2008/01/24 14:25

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Posted by raidingtombs - 2008/01/24 16:57

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Wasn't a scholly freed up by the decommitting of Magna Mauga?

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/01/24 20:56

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Supposedly, yes, if the scholarships are open, Kedron Paul will get one. Also, Andrew Rich is probably first in line to get one of the freed up scholies should they become available.

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And another example...

"USC's week started off right when they picked up a commitment from Malik Jackson of Van Nuys (Calif.) Birmingham. The three-star defensive end had been committed to Fresno State since the middle of the fall, but after an outstanding senior season opened more eyes, the Trojans got involved. Jackson took an official visit to USC this past weekend and when it was over, switched his commitment to the Trojans." <http://msn.foxsports.com/cfb/story/7721460/West-recruiting-notebook?CMP=OTC-K9B140813162&ATT=24>

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by Hipsdamann - 2008/01/28 19:42

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Posted by B-Rex - 2008/01/28 19:54

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## Kaveinga still a BYU Guy

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/28 23:09

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## Re:Kaveinga still a BYU Guy

Posted by lawman - 2008/01/29 00:42

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Good news!!!

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by AF\_Puma - 2008/01/29 05:56

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This comment:

"All I know, really, is that he said he had some doubts and so he went on a trip to SC," Tolliver said. "The only thing I tell him is, 'Do what is best for you and your family.'"

Doubts? Whether he wants to not be on ESPN much? Whether he wants to be the star defensive player? Whether he can live the Honor Code? Whether he wants to play farther from home? I wonder what his doubts are?

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/01/29 08:18

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I'll take this news for what it's worth and that is at least he is still talking about BYU. Not that he is guaranteed to come here but it's better news than we have had in the last week or so. Although I am selfish and want him to come here, it really would be hard to say no to a chance to play for a national championship.

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## Re:Kaveinga still a BYU Guy

Posted by Hengst - 2008/01/29 08:56

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the good news is that in a couple weeks this will all be finalized, and there will be no more speculation.

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/01/29 09:38

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I think when people say the "best two years" they are saying the best and not the most fun in their lives. My family joined the church when I was 11 and did not have the background or history that multi LDS generation families have. I did not seriously consider a mission because it was not something we grew up looking towards. But eventually I felt the promptings and I went. It was the hardest two years and the best two years of my life. It was the best two years because that is where I learned what really matters in life. That is where my testimony was put through a refiner's fire, and that is where I had those experiences that have cemented my feet in Gospel soil. It was the most profitable two years of my life thus the best two years.

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by etyotx - 2008/01/29 09:45

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/01/29 10:07

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/01/29 10:20

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Posted by blue42 - 2008/01/29 11:21

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No need to access it at least during football season because you will be one of those assigned to be the "Divine" help for Collie and all the other Cougars!:woohoo: (I knew it came from somewhere)

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by bennyhaha - 2008/01/29 11:44

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Well said sno, (though I gave the karma to etyotx).

Before I left the field my mission president told me that if your mission is the best two years of your life, then you missed the whole point.

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## About the next two years comment

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/01/29 12:00

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And well . . . we all know what happens when you assume . . . !

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## Re>About the next two years comment

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/01/29 12:14

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It depends, is it based on wife years or dog years?!!! ;)

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## Re:Kaveinga \"uncommitted\"

Posted by cougfan1 - 2008/01/29 15:31

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So...is this thread getting locked anytime soon.

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## Re:Kaveinga "uncommitted"

Posted by Hipsdamann - 2008/01/29 15:46

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by hamrdown - 2008/01/30 11:17

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My mission was incredible. But like you said, the children top that.

As far as doing it again, I can't wait until the kids are gone so my wife and I can go serve (hopefully many missions). I only have 15 years until the youngest will be out of the house! YAHOO!!!!:laugh:

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by lawman - 2008/01/30 15:47

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/01/30 16:02

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Posted by hamrdown - 2008/01/30 16:31

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However, my oldest is processing his paperwork for his mission. He will be leaving around September. I just can't believe that I am old enough to have a son going on a mission. Oh well, I will probably say that with all 5 of my boys and maybe my only girl:)

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by Raul - 2008/01/30 16:37

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I only have..... let's see, my oldest is eighteen months and I don't think I have a youngest yet, so I still have a ways to go.

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by hamrdown - 2008/01/30 16:40

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Well don't blink because the time flies. It seems like yesterday that I was serving and now I am sending one out. WOW!!!!

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by Raul - 2008/01/30 16:44

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This whole topic of "best two years" is an interesting one. I agree with your thought about loving the mission, but loving life now even more, but how much of that life that we now love has been directly influenced, and is in part, due to the act that you served a mission. I know my life is better now because of those two years.

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My favorite though, is when you go to a church function where refreshments are served and you get the "nourish and strengthen phrase." It always makes me feel better about those cookies and brownies. :unsure:

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/01/30 17:25

Sometimes i ask that the food be blessed to be extra delicious, and people always laugh, but it is a legitimate petition. I have faith that the Lord can help make a pizza or something good, and i know that he isn't gonna make it nourish and strengthen my body if there is grease dripping off of it, otherwise i'd be ripped

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Posted by etyotx - 2008/01/30 18:12

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Posted by Detmer Forever - 2008/01/30 19:48

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Strange looks for THAT, man those BYU fans ARE uptight!

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by NotSackless - 2008/01/31 00:02

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I remember going to a basket ball game in the early 70's where they asked a soon to retire professor to say the prayer at the start of the game. It was quite funny when he prayed that our guys would win.

Personally I prefer that they pray for the refs 'cause the MWC refs usually need all the help they can get. I fact a couple of times praying that the refs sight would be restored would not have been inaccurate.

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by Mars - 2008/01/31 01:15

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No... Nooo, don't try that.

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## Re:Kaveinga

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/01/31 04:59

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CougarPeasant wrote:

sjcougfan wrote:

UliUli79 wrote:

Conosticator wrote:

If it helps i also don't like the phrase "nourish and strengthen our bodies and do us the good that we need"

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When I was first out the district supervisors came. When we put the meal on the table Elder Jensen asked where the deacon was. I asked him what deacon was. He said peanut butter. When I asked him why he called it that he said, "it's been blessed so many times".

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