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Posted by bennyhaha - 2008/02/04 07:53

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Posted by azcavalier - 2008/02/04 08:04

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You know, as I read this story, the thought that kept coming to me was, "We don't know all the facts." From what I read, Pres. Samuelson knows about it, obviously, and didn't do anything to stop it. WOuldn't you think that the University President, who DOES know all of the facts and has heard both sides, would correct it if it truly was an injustice? Just my \$.02.

And, for the record, if it really is as simple as the bishop didn't think he went to church enough and so pulled his ecclesiastical endoresement, and there is NOTHING else to the story, then I agree that it's wrong. I'm just not sure that's all there is to the story.

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/02/04 08:04

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE

Posted by RogDog118 - 2008/02/04 08:11

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Are you kidding? Tom Holmoe has no authority to do anything about this.

Also, given the fact that we are all relying on conjecture and an article written in the anti-LDS Salt Lake Tribune, I think we need to be careful about how reliable our information is. All I know is that it is a privilege to attend BYU. Students there receive great benefits in tuition and facilities and maybe we need to be held to a higher standard. I recognize that that needs to be balanced with mercy and helping people work through issues. But if an individual is not working through it or thinks that they are more important/bigger than the rules, how long should they continue to receive those benefits? It is hard to say in that situation that consequences don't apply. Given the fact that a stake president/board of trustees is involved... It is hard for me to believe that this is solely an attendance issue. Unfortunately, though, these are all statements of conjecture on my part. That is what it all comes down to... We just do not know what happened. That is why I am still trying to decide about this whole issue. It is also why I feel like we are not the people to do anything about it. We do not have the necessary information to properly act.

Ultimately, I think we are best served to let the process work itself out. I think there are systems in place that will allow the right outcome. We might not understand it, but I believe that, in the end, the right thing will happen.

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE

Posted by bennyhaha - 2008/02/04 08:32

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I find it hard to beleive that it was only an attendance issue as well. But all signs are pointing to that being the case. I also find it a privledge to be a BYU student, but when there are problems as big as fornication, pornography etc, and these students are helped through their problems. But we kick out the guy who doesnt go to church enough? And Tom Holmoe could make something happen with his clout.

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE

Posted by jbar1221 - 2008/02/04 08:39

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It is completely out of Tom Holmoe's hands there really is NOTHING he can do. As for the dismaissal being right or wrong, at this point no one has enough details to know. Jumping to the conclusion that the Bishop is wrong and calling a Stake President an idiot seems harsh and undeserving. If you have some insight no one else does please share it other wise I think your assumptions are misguided and ridiculous.

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE

Posted by craigscarson - 2008/02/04 09:15

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM

Posted by mraven - 2008/02/04 09:17

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Posted by domanater - 2008/02/04 09:26

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Brilliant, some of those might even work

Oh, and shame on you for poking fun at such a serious topic :P

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## Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM

Posted by lovelldog - 2008/02/04 09:29

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Completely agree.

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/04 09:56

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RogDog118 wrote:

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Wishful thinking. The writer clearly had no bone to pick (as he explains in his blog).

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by RogDog118 - 2008/02/04 10:53

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Posted by B-Rex - 2008/02/04 11:37

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The real scandal is the Kearl is a Democrat! How could he be fair!::laugh:

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by bengel - 2008/02/04 12:29

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We have to do something? Here are some suggestions.

1. Stop jumping to conclusions. It's not a sport, though some posters appear to have trained long and hard.
  2. Stop making judgments in matters that are none of our business.
  3. Stop assuming that because we have an interest in BYU and its athletic programs, anything that happens is our business, and that we have a right to second guess anything we think might impair our vicarious participation.
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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE**

Posted by WinnemuccaCougar - 2008/02/04 12:29

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Before you all start calling for job loses or worse people being dismissed from callings, remember there are some things about this story none of us know. The bit of info I find interesting is that some quorum of the twelve member agreed with the young man leaving BYU. For some that might not be enough but for me it is. Plus that alone tells me that something else is going on and we don't know what it is. Now we are asking Holme to go against the advice of an apostle.

Another thing you need to remeber is that this story came out in the S.L. Trib. and during LOI week with very vague details. We all know that this paper is Love U of U hate BYU and Love Libral / Democrat hate Conservative / Republican. Do you really think that the story is vague by accident, or that it came out this week? Come on!

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLMOE**

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/02/04 12:59

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Those were some good points Winnemucca.

I have faith that if there had truly been an injustice, an apostle would have corrected said injustice because he is a special witness for a just God. JMHO

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2008/02/04 14:52

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You need to remember that sometimes they don't disclose all the facts to save the kid from embarrassment. Perhaps not attending church is the reason they tell the public so the kid doesn't look bad, and BYU does. Do you know what else he did? Don't know. Don't need to know. BYU is pretty merciful if you make some mistakes, but only the serious ones get you kicked out. Even Manase Tonga went to jail and wasn't kicked out. So, hopefully that helps everyone. GO Cougars!

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by x\_rugger - 2008/02/04 14:54

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the tribune is not owned by the church, but the d-news is. if you don't think that is a factor, you would be wrong. i also think it says something that the athletic department is supporting the kid, and not the admin on this one.

i don't know what happened. still, when i read the article, first i cringed, then i was thankful that i didn't have that bishop when i was there.

i played on the rugby team from 87-91. most of our games were on saturdays, so sunday was a difficult day from a pain management perspective. a good day ment only stiffness due to lactic acid build up, and a few bruises. a bad day could mean muscle spasms or worse. sitting for one hour, let alone three, was not going to happen on a bad day. add to that that fact that many times i chose to attend a different ward due the pursuit of attractive companionship, and i missed alot of sundays in my assigned ward.

fortunetly i had bishops, who understood, encouraged, and supported me in my time there.

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by bennyhaha - 2008/02/04 22:47

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/02/04 23:02

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/02/04 23:12

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Good News, I fear this is far from over on different fronts...

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/04 23:15

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Great news if the report is true. It has gotta be hard for BYU to go up against a bishop's decision. If they do, it is pretty obvious to see that the only reason for his endorsement to not be renewed would be mediocre attendance in his home ward.

The reason this has been made into a big deal is because it got out in the public. If it would have all been handled behind closed doors, it would have probably been appealed in private and the whole situation could have been avoided. I think it is pretty safe to say that the kid is going to be looking for a new apartment (and ward) in the near future.

p.s. I wonder what the meeting was like in his ward this last week.

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by cougarfurr - 2008/02/04 23:28

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I'm not saying the bishop was wrong, or he was a loser, or making any other assumption.....

However, I can honestly say that I never had a BYU Bishop that I liked. I don't think its just me because I've loved every bishop in every other ward I've ever been in including my family ward here in Provo. But for some reason it has always seemed to me that BYU bishops like to make up their own stupid standards and act like they are your parents. I had one of the famous Ludlow dudes for a bishop once and I couldn't stand the guy.

That being said, I still went to church (-: But, some of these BYU bishops have their own crazy ideas about worthiness and would even try to get you kicked out of byu for something as stupid as french kissing. Anyway, had to just get that off my chest!

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**Re:WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!! EMAIL TOM HOLM**

Posted by bennyhaha - 2008/02/05 07:14

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How long was it after the whole Kessman thing take for the real story to leak out. Thanks PK for vindicating my being upset.

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Posted by x\_rugger - 2008/02/05 13:59

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the nac handles printing, delivery and billing, but does not own either. the trib ownership has been in litigation for years,

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so i am not clear who owns it at present, but the d-news is church owned, like ksl. that being said, it is a for-profit entity, just like the downtown mall project is.

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