
What are you guys/gals?

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/06 21:38

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by bengel - 2008/04/06 22:15

My connection to BYU sports is I was on the wrestling team, back in the day BYU had one. The funniest thing about that was the day I was on my way to practice and struck up a conversation with a coed. When I told her I was on the wrestling team, she told me I couldn't do that. I asked why not. She said, "I've seen it on TV. Those big guys would kill you!"

I'm an attorney in private practice after many years working in State government. I teach Tae Kwon Do two or three evenings a week.

I usually log on for updates on football. I don't post much. I have no insider information, unless you want to go back to the early 70's

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I'm a CPA working in public accounting; been doing if for about 8 years.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by scott715 - 2008/04/06 22:37

Alum teaching Accounting at a Community College.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/06 22:51

Software contractor currently working as lead software engineer on a Boeing 737-800 flight simulator project in Mountain View, CA. Actually live south of Phoenix, AZ.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/06 22:58

I am a semiretired teacher. I sub in #93 and Sho Ban. Ammoncougar, some time we are going to run into each other.

Bengel, who are some of the wrestlers in your time? Do you know Bob Christiansen or any of the Hansens from Teton valley?

The girl didn't know too much. I'd take a collegiate wrestler over a phony show boy most any time. They are showing up well in UFC in fact I heard the guy that followed Davis made \$50,000 and BYU told him not to do it again.

I would think your wrestling would be about as good as Tae Kwon Do. I used to do Parker's Kenpo but now do some Tai Chi.

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Posted by mjo - 2008/04/06 23:41

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by bengel - 2008/04/07 00:11

Nuk13, I knew Mark Hansen (heart rate at rest of 34) Mike Hansen, David Hansen. It seems like there was one other. I also knew Rhondo, Reid, and Paul Fehlberg.

Bob Christiansen doesn't ring a bell, but I didn't know everyone on the team. I wrestled 126. Paul was in my weight class one year. I worked out with Rhondo the summer he tried out for the Olympic team.

It's also my understanding that BYU didn't care much for Coach Davis' successor making money beating the snot out of other people. That was after my time.

I doubt Coach Mendenhall wants Wagner involved in cage fighting, though it seems safer than spring ball.

The Tae Kwon Do has been good exercise, and it's been great to do with my son. I wish I could interest my daughter, but it looks like I will need to purchase to large Rottweilers instead.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by runbyu1 - 2008/04/07 01:02

I'm a former BYU athlete and Orem High Alumn. Went to school with a lot of guys on the football teams recently: Johnny Harline (His sister and my sis were very good friends), Jason Kukahiko (was in my ward), Chad Barney, Spencer White, Chris Hale, Adam Nelson, Rod Wilkerson, etc. I've been out here in Laie, Hawaii for the last couple of years livin' it up and having a great time. I'm an outdoorsman and a singer-songwriter and interestingly enough I was a Junior Black Belt and Adult Brown Belt in Kenpo. I love all cougar sports, but football is my favorite to watch and follow.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/07 06:05

Bengal, of course ALL the Hansens were brothers. They came from a dairy farm out of Tetonia Idaho. Their dad may still run it. Aren't the Fehlbergs from Wyoming? I think I knew Rhondo.

Bob came out of Missoula Montana. Ricks recruited him and he won the national Jr. college heavyweight championship his freshman year and got 3rd his soph. BYU then recruited him and he put 2 years in for them. He converted to the church somewhere between Ricks and BYU. Now that I think of it, it would have been in the late 60s, hence you wouldn't know him. He ended up coaching at Ricks where he had some very good wrestlers. He may have coached Rulon Gardner. He did coach my student, James Huml who won 2 natl jc heavy wt championships.

Runbyu1, you know Ed Parker of Parker's Kenpo fame was from Hawaii. He is credited with having the first karate studio in the mainland and is still spoken of in the publications. He was LDS and a BYU alum. He'd have made a heqq of a linebacker. He'd have destroyed anyone in a cage and probably have been able to rip the cage out. He was in some movies and associated with Elvis P.

I don't know about the rest of you, but this is a fun thread for me. Thanks Ammoncougar.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/07 06:39

I like the addition many of you have added with your "conection to BYU" so I'll add mine. It is virtually nil...directly. Back in the late 80's, early 90's BYU offered a one-year renewable full tution & books scholarship to any High School Student Body President or Seminary President. Well the latter fell upon me and so I thought I was set. They gave us a Jr. day of sorts (except I was the only president type, the rest were brainiacs) I got to watch a BYU CSU game in which Detmer and Co. destroyed them like 53-7 or something and I was hooked. I had followed them up to that point because I lived in Bountiful area but when I saw them live I was 'smitten'. Oh, and the rest of the story is that because I had a full sememester between graduation and my mission I had to use the schollie or lose it. I didn't have the housing funds at the time and just wanted to get out and serve so I tell people that BYU wouldn't hold my scholarship while I served my mission. (which is mostly true ;-)

Go Cougs!!!

Thanks for playing on the thread. It's fun in the downtime!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by McGregor - 2008/04/07 06:51

I'm an attorney in Cleveland, Ohio.

I got to know the remainder of the Parker family in California. The Parker house is decked out with Elvis gear that he gave them. (Ed Parker trained Elvis). Great family.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by PP3 - 2008/04/07 06:53

Graduated from BYU in 2007, working as an Auditor for Ernst and Young. BYU fan from way back, black sheep of my family as most of them attended USU, though they still cheer for BYU, especially when USU gives them nothing to cheer for.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by cougs_dawgs - 2008/04/07 06:55

Never went to BYU but my mother and oldest brother went. Ever since I can remember we always cheered for BYU.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by cszjr - 2008/04/07 07:06

I'm an attorney in a small-town practice.

When I went to BYU I got to see McMahon, Young, Bosco and Detmer play. It was a great time to be at the Y.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by wannaberoaster - 2008/04/07 07:08

Graduated from the Y in 2003. Loved my time there and am currently back in Pennsylvania at Drexel (Hahnemann) Univ for PA school. Lifelong fan of the Y and still follow it as much as possible. Didn't play sports beyond intramurals at BYU but did play in a band called Deadlocked. We were two time BYU battle of the bands winners, rocked out one of the volleyball games and even played for a pep-rally in the crowton era and had the awesome memory of having the cougarettes dancing to our music in front of us. ;)

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by KYCoug - 2008/04/07 07:20

I think this is great! Nice to see there is a good mix of young and old Cougs! I graduated in 1989 by the skin of my teeth. I tell people if I had to stay one more ski season I never would have made it. I guess I was easily distracted. I did however graduate, sent my BYU sweetheart on a mission and married her when she got home only to have her leave me with 6 kids after 22 years of marriage. So not all BYU marriages work out. I am a big BYU fan, especially football. I work from my home office for McKesson Inc. supporting Hospital software systems across the eastern US. I love my kids, love the Church and love BYU!

Go Cougs!
L Hatton
Louisville KY

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by B-Rex - 2008/04/07 07:32

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If you don't mind...what retail chain. I've spent the vast majority of my life in Pa and I'm just curious

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/04/07 07:35

The only direct connection that I have to BYU is a great-uncle that taught at the school. I have always cheered for BYU. Ty Detmer won the Heisman on my 12th birthday in 1990. I had the chance to attend BYU after my mission, but stayed closer to home because of my girlfriend/future wife (now ex-wife). Maybe I should have made a different choice.

Anyway, I now live near Dayton, Ohio, work as a Director of Finance at a government funded votech school, and spend as much time following BYU as I can.

J. Johnson

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by bostoncoug - 2008/04/07 07:43

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by craigscarson - 2008/04/07 08:02

Lavell Edwards is my great uncle, was born in AF hospital (next room over from Gifford Nielsons kid) been to nearly every bowl game since 1990 (Memphis is a craphole)
BYU/Utah years = 1992-1996 (post Detmer years) Missouri medical school 96-2001 (Army reservist in between as Russian/Bulgarian linguist then switched to take a commision as 1st Lt. to pay for med school)
Mission = Bulgaria
Profession = medicine (psychiatry)
married in 2000 to KC Chiefs cheerleader, divorced 2 years later (if it looks to good to be true.....we had nothing in common, except we both thought she was attractive...no kids thank goodness)
remarried to my best friend, Melanie, in '05 have a 1 yr old daughter named Sofia (after capital of Bulgaria) called Kansas City home since '88

I fell in love with BYU sports in the 80s (basically when I was old enough to care) , I have a fondness for the 86-89 BYU hoops squads and loved the Mike Smith, Jeff Chatman, Marty Haws, Jim Usevitch, Andy Toolson, Brian Taylor teams

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/04/07 08:21

I graduated from the Y in 2006 in Mech Engineering (I know, from my handle you'd have probably thought Business... lemme tell ya, if I was man enough to get a handicap, it'd start with a 3, and that certainly wouldn't be the only digit. I guess I just enjoy cussing at myself on walks in lovely meadows... I'm much better at the "Dive" part of the name. Scuba is MUCH easier:laugh:), and I'm an Engineer in the semiconductor industry (read "microchips" for all you non-geeks out there). I live in Virginia, with my wife and our 10-month old son.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by treck - 2008/04/07 08:38

Commercial Real Estate - SLC, Utah. Grew up in Provo and a life long Cougar fan. Attended BYU football, basketball, and tennis camps. Was a ballboy for BYU basketball back in the hay days and was nearly spit on by one of the guards playing for the USSR when they came. That was scary for a 12 year old. Still have a blue/white basketball from Frank Arnold BBall camp signed by the team...Ainge, Trumbo, Kite, Roberts, Runia, Craig, etc.

Have always loved football and my family had season tickets and attended most Holiday Bowl games. I remember playing on the hill where the North stands currently stand during half time of games back in the late 70s early 80s. They used to bring in temp bleachers in the endzones...it is a different stadium experience now! I have seen many great football games but The National Championship and the win against Miami at home are the two favorites. Looking for some more good ones this year.

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by MountainMD - 2008/04/07 08:45

Small town doctor in Colorado (had to move into the MWC footprint from the Texas Hill Country 2 years ago when BYU went off of ESPN gameplan and the Mtn was started - suckers:angry:). BYU connection started in the Virgil Carter days where my father spent a little time as a Cougar offensive lineman. LaVell really might remember all of his players as legend has it. 40 years after my father played, his brother caught up with missionary Lavell who apparently was able to describe the Dallas recruit who had come to Provo well before LaVell was made HC. My BYU time caught glimpses of the Covey/ Detmer/ Tom Young (gotta include bowl game stars and physics lab partners even though starting time was limited)/ Walsh/ Shad Hansen eras(see T. Young comment - Shad was MLB rather than a QB, but was a first aid class partner - there wasn't any way I was getting my arms all the way around him for the Heimlich - and it appeared to be all solid as a rock). Now married with 4 die hard Cougar fans for another generation. Married a Texas girl who never found her way to the Y, but on my way to converting her - she's severely outnumbered now since all the kids have seen the light! - she finally agreed to go to the Women's football clinic this year - anybody know planned dates or schedules?

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by McGregor - 2008/04/07 08:47

Where in the Texas Hill Country?

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/07 08:56

As for BYU connection, it runs deep in the family. Dad and brother played for the Y, Grandpa was going to coach, but decided to become an NFL scout instead. Two brothers wrestled for the Y and became cheerleaders after the team was cut. I had an injury cut my career short, otherwise I would have added my name to the list.

Personally, I am a BYU grad in Sociology and Business Management and I currently work as Exploration Project Manager for a small Utah-based oil and gas company. However we are moving the end of the month to Waco, Texas so I can attend Baylor Law School. Was going to attend BYU Law School, but BYU dropped their oil and gas offerings, and Baylor offered full-ride + living stipend, and where they are on the quarter system I can attend year-round and take the bar in July '09 as opposed to July '10 at BYU (not that you care, but I feel the need to justify attending anything but BYU)

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/04/07 09:03

I am a development manager and programmer for a library/technology company in Provo. I also attend BYU, in my free-time outside of work. I actually work at the same company Aaron King used to work out (before we cleaned house ;))

As to my connection to BYU my great-great Uncle was the first president of BYU, I grew up watching and attending BYU football games, I remember meeting Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Ty Detmer, and so on throughout the years.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Sammich - 2008/04/07 09:07

I'm a BYU Animation graduate, working as a concept artist for Disney Interactive.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by lovelldog - 2008/04/07 09:23

I work in Commercial Real Estate in Southern California doing Acquisitions/Dispositions and Asset Management.

I graduated from BYU in 2002 and have always been a huge fan.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by gordito - 2008/04/07 09:24

I'm a doctoral candidate in the clinical psych program at Auburn University. Originally from Northern California, BYU was the only school I applied to. Graduated in 2005. I spend too much time following BYU sports and definitely do my part keeping other BYU grads in the area informed. I've enjoyed this thread. Keep it up.

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Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/07 09:30

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Was that the demo where Gil Hibben came out for a hair grab? Gil wore a hair piece and just left it in the guys hand. Gil was/is a knife maker and has become quite famous in that circle. He was deceived (along with 2 other Kenpo men) by a guy that thought he should be prophet after President McKay. Gil recovered but moved out of the area. I saw Parker in that time and he said something like, "It's a good thing I'm a Christian or that guy would be in for it". Ed is the only one I met but I understand his son is now active in Kenpo.

By the way, I used to hold the ball when Dennis Petera practiced. He kicked for BYU in the Hudspeth era. He was Ken P's brother one of the best shot putters in BYU's history. I also roomed with Dave Hindley an All American distance runner and one of the best guys to room with ever. Yup, I'm one of the old ones. I got to see Virgil Carter who is belongs in the list of great qb's.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/07 09:40

I have loved BYU my entire life. My dad got season tickets when I was 6 years old and we would make the drive down from Wyoming every Saturday to watch Detmer and co. I did a couple of years at Ricks in between serving a mission in France. Then transferred to BYU and graduated in '02. I recently graduated from law school (JD, Wyo. '07) and am working as a state prosecutor in Wyoming. Please spare me the lame Wyoming jokes, I get enough crap from the Wyoming fans. I still bleed blue and have a BYU clock and banner hanging in my office.

Sadly enough I did not get married while attending BYU and met my wife at the institute in Laramie. She, sniffle, is a Wyoming fan. We have some of our biggest arguments over the BYU v. Wyoming games. I couldn't even get her to sit by me when BYU would come to Laramie to play (mainly because i was totally decked out in BYU attire). We don't have any kids, but we argue as to where their loyalties will lie. I am banking on BYU.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/07 09:50

I'm currently a graduate student at the Y in counseling psychology. I got my BS there in psychology in 2006 (minor in coms). I also worked as a probation officer for a while before starting grad school (i hope to graduate around 2012, which means I have lots of seasons of student tickets coming my way :-).

I'm a 3rd generation cougar fan. I watched steve young with my dad in cougar stadium as an infant. I don't think I had any choice in the matter of becoming a BYU fan :-).

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Posted by dlcoug - 2008/04/07 09:56

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I grew up in that ward and am currently living there again!

I'm an Orem native (same ward as Mel Olson; he still lives in the same place BTW). Grew up a huge BYU fan as my Dad worked there in the Continuing Education Department. I would attend games growing up with Chad (Mel Olson's son) and went to football camp with him as well. I graduated in 2007 and now work here in Utah County assisting families to make and reach financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for retirement, and saving monthly expenses on their insurances.

My wife grew up in an even bigger BYU fan home than I did and her dad and brother will probably die from a heart attack during a BYU football game. She is the one that makes the Spring Game and attending open practices a priority (even getting off work to attend a practice last year during the spring).

Also, I served in Japan as well. Boku mo genki desu :)

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by bengel - 2008/04/07 09:57

Nuk13,

Funny you should mention the hair thing. When I was a prosecutor, I had a DUI case where the officers attempted a hair pull take down. The suspect wore a hair piece. When the officer testified that the technique did not work because of the hair piece, the jury was suppressing laughter and looking at the defendant, with his hair piece firmly in place and wishing for a place to hide.

While in high school I attended a fireside featuring Virgil Carter. I later roomed with two former football players from the Hudspeth era. I always wanted to play football, but a neck injury sustained before my sophomore year kept me out of high school sports, with the exception of a brief exposure to wrestling.

After returning from the Marines, I went out for the team. I was grateful to be included.

I've enjoyed this thread. I feel like I know some of you better now.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by walkair05 - 2008/04/07 10:10

Born and raised in Orem both parents graduated from BYU. My grandfather taught religion at BYU for many years. My wife was going there when we met and I was at UVSC. I applied to BYU for my Masters in Public Administration and was rejected. I applied and easily was accepted here at ASU. I love living in Arizona. Got my Criminal Justice degree in Pennsylvania. I saw a lot of you spent time there. I am sorry but I am glad to be out. Been a fan of BYU sports all my life.

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Hey GolfDiveNCougs are you in the Richmond area?

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by 1967cougar - 2008/04/07 10:24

Great thread. It's nice to know stuff about my 2nd family.

My BYU connection started in the pre-earth life where I was humbly annointed and foreordained to attend the Y. My DNA strand was consequently engineered in such a manner that there was never any other thought in my mind other than attending BYU. I attended from 1967-1976 and graduated in 1976 with a teaching degree in Spanish. That was nine lovely years in paradise interrupted only by a two year mission and three year Navy stint. When people say you can't support a family teaching, they are generally correct. I left teaching after four years and have spent the balance of my life bouncing around from career to career.

I represent those few who have personally experienced the pre-Lavell years. Those were years when I would sit through rain and snow storms while we would get clobbered by the likes of CSU 59-3. Tommy Hudspeth was coach. I can't believe he became a Pro coach. The Detroit Lions have never recovered! Basketball was king back then. The Smith Fieldhouse would rock! After the Friday night game we would leave the stands, go straight into the West Annex, and spend the night waiting to get tickets for Saturday's game.

My thanks to all of you great posters who make my daily life a notch better.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by McGregor - 2008/04/07 10:25

snoscythe wrote:

However we are moving the end of the month to Waco, Texas so I can attend Baylor Law School. Was going to attend BYU Law School, but BYU dropped their oil and gas offerings, and Baylor offered full-ride + living stipend, and where they are on the quarter system I can attend year-round and take the bar in July '09 as opposed to July '10 at BYU (not that you care, but I feel the need to justify attending anything but BYU)

Waco is part of my home stake.

Sucks for you. (Actually, if you have any questions about how horrible the area is, please feel free to BM me.)

BYU Law isn't all it's cracked up to be.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/04/07 10:26

Will throw in my 2 cents too. This has been fun. I am a proj. mgr. in construction. My wife and I both graduated from BYU in mid-70's. 5 kids and 2 have graduated from BYU and our last is there now. Played VB at BYU for 2 years (when if you could walk and chew gum you were on the team). Carl McGowan's first year as coach was my last year. Graduated in Bus Mgt/Accounting. Worked for Arthur Young (acctg) until I went into construction. We are all from SoCal and learned to read on LA Dodger articles. Had Dodger tickets for 20 yrs. There is still nothing that beats a GRILLED Dodger dog. Was there when Kirk Gibson hit his walk-off HR in World Series. Moved here in late 90's. Used to sleep outside for tickets in the card stunt section (way back when) as well as in the West Annex of the fieldhouse for BB tickets. Served mission in Ecuador early 70's. Thanx for the background on all. Amazing..the diversity in background with the common thread that BYU rocks!!!

Go Cougars!!!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by 1967cougar - 2008/04/07 10:30

I just read my post. I feel as stupid at a Ute grad. I didn't answer the topic of the post - not that anyone really cares.

I'm a general manager in a small A/V company located in Southwest Utah.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by SactoCoug - 2008/04/07 10:37

SactoCoug wrote:

ammoncougar1 wrote:

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Without disclosing more information than you want/can what are you occupations? I peruse a couple other boards and many of them sound like college students with drinking problems (no they are not just Ute boards). I'm just curious about the type of people with whom I spend probably too much virtual reality time.

As for me, I am a seminary teacher. I have been for almost 11 years not counting student teaching. I also do carpentry on the side, mainly framing and finishing.

Go Cougs!!!

I'm a CPA working in public accounting; been doing it for about 8 years.

Okay - I'm going to expound for fear of living up to the stereotypical boring CPA.

I live and work in Roseville CA, just northeast of Sacramento. Beautiful place and a great place to raise a family. Ironically, I never attended BYU but have always been a big BYU football fan. Each year, me and about 20 other family and friends pick one BYU road game to attend. It is always a blast and we definatley "represent". Last year we went to UCLA and this year will be going to the Washington game and we anticipate a road trip to the BYU BCS game this year. Was born and raised in the Mormon colonies in Mexico. Met my wife while attending UVSC in 1996.

Go Cougs!

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by rackem - 2008/04/07 10:43

I am a wholesale jewelry manufacturer and a diamond grader. I have a sister who went to BYU back in the late 70's early 80's and from that time forward I have been a fan. My wife went to the Y also.

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by LegendsNeverDie - 2008/04/07 10:56

I attended BYU from 1997-2000 after a mission in South Africa. I was on a baseball scholarship and played 2 of those 3 years along with one year before my mission at CEU. My brothers and I have been BYU fans our whole life probably because our DAD was a huge fan. My brother frequents this site often as GMONEY don't know about the name. I recieved my degree in ENGLISH and I have a master's in Secondary Education, but have worked for the past 6 years as the Recreation Coordinator for Kaysville City, Utah.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by TwiceCoug - 2008/04/07 11:26

ammoncougar1 wrote:

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Go Cougs!!!

I am the college student who has a drinking problem.....but if seminary teachers would get the hell off of cougarblue.com and do their job, maybe I would have been saved.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by shakeNbake - 2008/04/07 11:47

I am just about to turn 30. I have a wife and two little girls and live in Saratoga Springs, UT.

I work in printing as an estimator and quality director. I Served a mission in the Australia Brisbane Mission from 1998-2000.

BYU football is pretty much my only hobby/pastime aside from work and hanging out with the fam.

Hardcore Cougar fan since day one pretty much - I lived in Idaho until I was about 15 and we would turn on the TV for the game and turn the sound down so we could turn Paul James up. Have season tickets and always will as long as I'm in Utah and able to get there. Oh, and I haven't worn red clothing for almost 3 years.

CN Baker

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by DoubleVision - 2008/04/07 11:48

I graduated with a Chemical Engineering Degree 17 years ago. Tried living a couple of different places. Ended up in rural Kentucky. Have lived here for 11 years. There aren't a whole lot of cougar fans out this way. One of the guys I work with is a big time Alabama fan - we talk football frequently.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Slugger - 2008/04/07 11:53

I grew up in a small town in south-central Utah, served in the Puerto Rico-San Jan mission from 1992-1994, came home and reluctantly decided to start school at Snow College (turned out to be a great decision). Met my future wife there, that lasted ten years and we divorced January of this year (her family were all Ute fans). She still believes BYU fans are the minority :huh: . Ironic thing is she was the "smart" one in the marriage :laugh: . Anyway, currently living in Orem, work for a cardiology clinic in Salt Lake City handling collection of insurance claims. Work with all women, which is why I frequent this board so much during the day (both an estrogen escape and way to talk about one of the things I love...not shoes or weight loss plans). No connection to BYU, though I've ran into many BYU greats over the years. I was at an impressionable age when BYU was in their "glory" and it hit me like a mack truck. They were exciting and I was immediately addicted. I graduated from Utah State in 2005, after a long hiatus. I have a BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Minored in Sociology. At 35 I still try to stay in reasonable shape and participate as often as I can in b-ball and football. Did not play in high school (the politics was too much). Made Snow football team as safety/WR but scholarships were already committed and had no way to support myself so I had to drop it to continue my job which paid for school. Interests outside of BYU football...music, sports cars and road racing, outdoors stuff like camping, hiking and general recreating.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by fansince5 - 2008/04/07 11:54

I am a car salesman at Brent Brown Toyota.

I would go to BYU but I dont want to shave the goat. I have not missed a game (including bowl games), excluding my mission years, since I was 5. Thus the name.

Currently going to UVSC, someday I hope to have an LCSW or MSW.

Go COUGS!!!

I dont post much anymore but I have been on this site for a while and check it everyday.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/04/07 11:55

wannaberockstar wrote:

Graduated from the Y in 2003. Loved my time there and am currently back in Pennsylvania at Drexel (Hahnemann) Univ for PA school.

Why didn't you just go to med school;)

Actually, I'm starting PA school in June down in Arizona. Right now I'm a Psych major at BYU-I, but only for three more days, which reminds me, I have a final in 38 min. so I'll have to make this quick so I can do some last second cramming.

I have no direct connection to BYU. My dad grew up a big utah fan, went there for school, and was disgusted by it because his professors used any chance they could to attack the church. Ever since then he has been a die hard cougar fan and raised me accordingly:)

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Sage - 2008/04/07 12:26

I'm an instructional designer and media producer, specifically video. I also am a professional carpenter and builder. I recently finished a job as a stage manager for a Video Production company, combining the two or three skills into a fun job.

I love BYU football!!! !!! !!!!!

I graduated from the Y back in the McMahan years. I was able to be on the sidelines as a tv production assistant for several seasons, and was occasionally amazed at MaMahon's uncanny ability to avoid the rush and get out of trouble. Being on the sideline where I was able to follow the action by being on the line of scrimmage almost every play was awesome. To this day I am still amazed at the incredible abuse those guys bodies take. Running full tilt at each other and then when about 5 yards apart diving dead into someone else who is running and diving straight at you was always amazing to me. Especially when they would meet helmet to helmet...then pop up and run back to the huddle to go at it again.

I have been an official for football for over 20 years. I have been able ref the BYU scrimmages and the UoU on occasion. (Everyone needs to experience opposition in order to grow. Weakness comes from a lack of opposing force) It is fun attending the games with other officials that I work with to be able to have someone who sees the game with more understanding eyes than most. Being an official I have probably officiated over 3000 games over my career. I still have a passion for it and spend far too much time on this board.

My little claims to fame are that my Dad was the first wrestling coach of Ricks and I won the BYU intramural checkers championship back in the day. So I even got one of those highly coveted t-shirts.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by StatCougar - 2008/04/07 12:40

Currently a Statistics Major at BYU, and I am hoping to have some info to post here on a study I'm working on regarding BYU and the polls. I come from BYU stock, both parents are grads, as are several uncles, aunts, cousins and brothers. Currently working on make a full convert to BYU football of my young sister (she really enjoyed the CSU she attended last year.) Served in California, Roseville mission 2003-2005.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by akcougar - 2008/04/07 12:47

I'm the director of operations for a construction company in Juneau, Alaska. I grew up in Provo, but moved when I was 12. My dad was a masonry contractor, and in the late 80's it was bad in Utah, but booming in Alaska. I grew up with seasons tickets to football and basketball. My dad was and still is one of those who came/comes home hoarse from each game. He trained me well, as I'm sometimes classified as obsessive. Like that could really be possible, honestly!

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GO COUGS!!!!!!!!!!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by SFCougar - 2008/04/07 12:53

I graduated from BYU in 2003, and I have no real connection to any BYU sports program. I am a CPA in the San Francisco Bay Area. My love for BYU sports started at an early age, but was cemented during the 2001 football season. While I do not post much, I am an avid Cougarblue reader and check the site daily for updates about my beloved Cougs. I attend as many sporting events as possible and have made it to the last two bowl games. My children can sing the entire fight song by the time they are 18 months (it is a requirement I have for them before they can attend nursery).

I make sure to say something about BYU sports in every church talk, lesson and sometimes prayer that I give.

I am making the switch to Directv if Dish Network does not conform to my many requests to add the Mtn.

I believe in Bronco and I am almost in agreement with my High-Councilman that they should just call him (Bronco) to be a mission president and make playing football at BYU a mission call.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/07 13:15

akcougar wrote:

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by akcougar - 2008/04/07 13:24

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Being 10 at the time, and then moving when I was 12, I don't know too much about his rep. But if it was bad, which it sounds like it was at times, they do say that even the sun shines on a dogs backside everyonce in a while! Maybe it was really sunny in Provo that day?!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/04/07 13:36

I don't work. I live in my parents basement and spend my time scowering the internet for Cougar news. My bed and computer desk can be found squeezed between my parents food storage and Christmas decorations. I rarely leave the confines of the basement. I can't remember the last time I was out in the sun it's been so long and when I do decide to venture outside it is only under a heavy masking of sun screen with a SPF rating of 45 or higher and even then for no more then an hour at a time.

Any extra time I might have after searching the internet for Cougar news, I spend watching past games of Cougar sports. I currently own every game BYU played in football since 1980, every basketball game since 1982, I have 233 men's volleyball games on tape, 156 womens gymnastic events, 112 womens soccer, 56 mens soccer, and 5 tennis matches. Oh and I have almost everyone of them memorized by heart.

And my favorite color is of course blue, followed closely by hunter green.

Go Cougs!

P.S. Please don't take me seriously. :laugh:

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/04/07 13:47

CougarPokes wrote:

I have loved BYU my entire life. My dad got season tickets when I was 6 years old and we would make the drive down from Wyoming every Saturday to watch Detmer and co. I did a couple of years at Ricks in between serving a mission in France. Then transferred to BYU and graduated in '02. I recently graduated from law school (JD, Wyo. '07) and am working as a state prosecutor in Wyoming. Please spare me the lame Wyoming jokes, I get enough crap from the Wyoming fans. I still bleed blue and have a BYU clock and banner hanging in my office.

Sadly enough I did not get married while attending BYU and met my wife at the institute in Laramie. She, sniffle, is a Wyoming fan. We have some of our biggest arguments over the BYU v. Wyoming games. I couldn't even get her to sit by me when BYU would come to Laramie to play (mainly because I was totally decked out in BYU attire). We don't have any kids, but we argue as to where their loyalties will lie. I am banking on BYU.

Try not to focus on your differences...focus on the fact that you both, and this includes future kids also, can hate the Utes together. :laugh: Therefore, it's no longer about you loving the Y and she loving the Pokes but that you both hate the Utes! :laugh:

Go Cougs!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by vancouvercougar - 2008/04/07 13:53

I attended the NCAA wrestling finals in the early 80's with my high school team. BYU placed 4th that year, and one of Rhondo Felberg's brothers wrestled in the finals.

I attended BYU from 1975 to 1980 with two years off for a mission. When I returned from my mission, my roommates and I watch Marc Wilson take three cougars to an undefeated regular season. I was hooked on cougar sports immediately. I loved watching Danny Ainge, Greg Kite, & Fred Roberts in the Marriott Center.

Most of my children are BYU fans. Two are indifferent to BYU sports (even Lehi had a couple of kids that struggled). At least none of my family are U**T* fans.

I left BYU and became a respiratory therapist. I work alternate weekends, so it is hard keeping up with some cougar games on Saturdays. I usually find an open computer to log onto cougarblue to see what is happening. DVR helps too.

I am now working on a BYU degree through home study. I will graduate after 35 years. My daughter will graduate this April.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/07 14:09

Some of these posts are starting to sound like a dating service! :lol:

I am a homeless man. I sleep on a warm heating grate during the winter and on a park bench during the summer. I go to the public library in the morning and sit at one of the computers and browse the internet until noon. I then go out in front of Starbucks and beg for change.

Okay just kidding...

I am a military brat, but my dad retired to HI so I grew up a hapahaole. We were not Mormon, living in Hauula, and the missionaries came knocking. Most of us (mom and 4 kids) got bapped on my 11th b-day (my oldest bro one month later

and my dad 2 yrs later-so 7 total.) Before the missionaries, one of the first things I ever heard of the "Mormons" was the WofW. I said to my friend who told me no tobacco, no drinking, no fooling around..what else is there in life! (at age 10 no less!:blink:)

I am a byuh grad. BusMgmt/ISCS minors in Spanish and Economics with emphasis in Accounting. I went to BYUH then Ricks where I met my wife then BYUH. We have four really cute, destructive, moody, rambunctious, kids. I played sports in HS and College. Served in the Guatemala City Mission, I mean the Guatemala City South, er Guatemala City South-Nicaragua, Guatemala City South Mission (it split into the North, Central, South missions a couple of months after I left). It split so many times I think we had more missions than some countries had stakes!

I work for the largest retail Jewelry Chain in the world - nope not Zales, Sterling Jewelers in Akron Ohio. I was in charge of the End User support team and handled special projects but we have grown so much I shed the headache part and now handle special projects like software rollouts, new technology testing, critical user updates (and by critical I mean executive and high profile groups or individuals), and so on. Unfortunatley I am still the highest level support tech/resource (which I think is bogus- I have enough to do and don't need to hold tech's hands). Don't really care much for the Ohio weather, I am a big Indian's fan though. At least when it snows in Utah you can go skiing. We have a ski resort here, with the longest run being at best a 20 sec ride top to bottom- no kidding!) I learned to ski in Cal on a wrestling trip to CA and then went everytime I visited friends in Utah. I even like it more than surfing! I own a set of slightly used skiis but don't have a surf board anymore. I am also an avid diver. I've done over 250 dives, the deepest was to 120 feet.

Alas, I am now in Ohio afraid to swim in any body of water for fear of it catching fire, kidding they cleaned up the cuyahoga years ago (:unsure:), but the water holes just don't seam too inviting. I hope to some day obtain some gainful employment out west (hopefully Utah-call me crazy but it is a beautiful state with great people -the right environment).

I am 100% BYU. I remember going to several games at Aloha stadium. I was at the game the year Kyle Morell timed his leap on the goal line stand (1984). I don't think anyone in the stadium could believe what they saw. I went home and taped the news so I could watch it again! In HS, I was on the JV in 10th grade but got to practice in the spring with the Var with Lakei Heimuli, he was from my ward, and we played v-ball on the ward team, we were on the same community rugby team, and Hema became like a little brother to me. So when Lakei went to BYU that cemented it for me. But now it is the Standard that BYU is, that I am most attracted to. And with Bronco, you know I am loving it!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by connecticutcougar - 2008/04/07 14:33

I like this thread so I thought I would add my two bits. I am an accounting student at BYU-Idaho but am currently in Connecticut doing an internship. I graduate from BYU-Idaho in July and then will attend grad school to obtain my Macc.

As for BYU, my dad went to school there and now teaches at BYU-Idaho. So I grew up going to Ricks College football and basketball games and hence also was a huge BYU fan. I have only been to a couple BYU football games though - one of which was the season opening win against Arizona this past year. But I am thinking of attending grad school at one of the Utah schools and if I do, I will hopefully be getting season tickets. I can't wait!!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/07 14:46

McGregor wrote:
Where in the Texas Hill Country?

In Texas!

I did serve my mission back in 1972-74 with one of the Hansen brothers - Laron.

Have some family relations to BYU sports, mainly track & field. Also, my dad's cousin is married to retired BYU sports broadcaster Jay Monsen.

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by mjo - 2008/04/07 15:11

SactoCoug wrote:

mjo wrote:

I'm an Information Systems student at BYU. I'm originally from Mexico, so if any of you is planning a vacation down there sometime soon, I have some pretty valuable advice - free of charge.

I'm originally from Mexico too. What part of Mexico?

A bunch of places, actually. Dad is a mining engineer, so we moved often as he progressed in his career. 12 different cities in the 18 years I lived with my parents. Currently they reside in Queretaro.

I grew up watching the other type of football (which I still love, so plz no soccer bashing) but also saw an NFL game every now and then. I tried out for my HS football team (yep, we do have football teams in Mexico, but it's not common at all) and played cornerback for a couple of months. After getting repeatedly de-cleated by receivers, the coach thought I should do something more productive with my time. I agreed. Then, after watching the AZ and BC games on 2006 I became addicted to BYU football, and I've been to every home game ever since.

I enjoy playing any kind of sports, scuba diving, and traveling around the world. I used to be a Spanish teacher at the MTC but now I work at BYU, in the IT Engineering department.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/04/07 16:44

I thought I would bring up a few more interesting tid-bits.

It was because of my great-great* uncle that BYU adopted the colors of Blue and White as the official school colors. They are also the colors of our family crest.

BYU, then BYA (Brigham Young Academy), was not officially a part of the church until my uncle convinced the church to publicly sponsor the school, otherwise it very likely would have had to close down as it was bankrupt.

He also instituted the first sports program at BYU.

In my own lifetime, my mother was friends with the wife of a DB (who had throat cancer) and I was able to get inside the locker-room with him after games, where I got autographs from Ty Detmer, LaVell and others. I also have Earl Kauffman's jersey, given to me by him, hanging in my office.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by runbyu1 - 2008/04/07 16:58

nuk13 wrote:

Runbyu1, you know Ed Parker of Parker's Kenpo fame was from Hawaii. He is credited with having the first karate studio in the mainland and is still spoken of in the publications. He was LDS and a BYU alum. He'd have made a heck of a linebacker. He'd have destroyed anyone in a cage and probably have been able to rip the cage out. He was in some movies and associated with Elvis P.

I don't know about the rest of you, but this is a fun thread for me. Thanks Ammoncoughar.

nuk, Thanks for the info, I actually didn't know any of that surprisingly enough.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by OLB - 2008/04/07 17:58

Well, this will probably give me away, especially to my friends that frequent this board. Attend Rick's College 1998-1999. Served mission in Rio de Janeiro Brazil from 1999-2001. Attended Y from 2001 to 2004 and got a B.A. in History and Broadcast Journalism. Stuck around and got MPA (2004-06). Work as Performance/IT auditor for Colorado's Office of the State Auditor. I have been with OSA since May 2006.

Married for about 5 years, two boys with another baby on the way.

Originally from Denver metro area. Returned after mission and schooling.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/07 18:13

runbyu1 wrote:

I'm a former BYU athlete and Orem High Alumn. Went to school with a lot of guys on the football teams recently: Johnny Harline (His sister and my sis were very good friends), Jason Kukahiko (was in my ward), Chad Barney, Spencer White, Chris Hale, Adam Nelson, Rod Wilkerson, etc. I've been out here in Laie, Hawaii for the last couple of years livin' it up and having a great time. I'm an outdoorsman and a singer-songwriter and interestingly enough I was a Junior Black Belt and Adult Brown Belt in Kenpo. I love all cougar sports, but football is my favorite to watch and follow.

I am a singer/guitar player. I bought a Gibson Hummingbird when I was at Byu and student teaching in SLC and hardly had a dime. It was sort of a miracle. What do you play and what is the nature of your songs? I'm also an outdoors man, I crosscountry ski and hike.

Who is/was your instructor? Does he trace back to Parker?

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/07 19:14

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by CrimsonCoug - 2008/04/07 20:08

Fun thread, ammoncougar. karma~

My cougar breeding goes way back; my paternal great-great grandfather was a student and teacher at BYA (and succeeded Karl Maser as head of the Church Education Dpt). My mom's brothers all taught/teach at BYU and my dad's brothers all wish they played for BYU. It was from them that I got the cougar football bug. My parents met at BYU as did my wife and I. Applied only to the Y out of high school in 94, served in Spain, and graduated in 2001 in econ and international development (double major). Did my Masters at Harvard--hence my handle--then worked in DC for a bit at the World Bank. Currently a PhD candidate and researcher at RAND.

My wife's family is even more fanatical than mine about BYU football. They've all been giving me a rough time because I'll be teaching at UCLA this Fall. (It'd be fun to invite all my students up to my mom's place in Provo to watch their Bruins get crushed.B))

We have two boys well on their way to being raised in cougar truth and right. And last night as my wife and I were playing a board game where I was winning I caught myself humming the tune 'rise and shout the cougars are out...'

And my youngest sister says she dated Harvey Unga in Jr. High.:blink:

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Posted by niqmadu - 2008/04/07 21:57

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Posted by MountainMD - 2008/04/07 23:00

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Posted by McGregor - 2008/04/08 06:54

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Kerrville is BEAUTIFUL! I love that town and the surrounding area.

I am from Salado, which is actually halfway in between Waco and Austin, perhaps a little closer to Austin.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/08 07:51

This was the story I was originally going to go with instead of the hobo story but I forgot :ohmy: !

"I used to work as a test pilot for the military. That was until I test flew a new super secret helicopter that could do amazing things. The problem was that the government was going to use it for police and military reasons that I didn't agree with so I stole it and now hide it in a cave, using it only to fight against government tyranny and oppression or to fight crime. I can't tell you where I live because I don't want the government to find me since they are unable to discern the location of my secret hidden batcave hanger, I mean wolfcave hanger.

It is great to see that the posters on this board are pretty well educated and/or experienced. I also like the idea of BYU-blue school teachers. We need more educators in the mainstream that don't buy into to mainstream. And although we don't have the numbers of other boards I think we make up for it with the quality of posts and the feeling of a small community instead of just a big forum where you get alot of fly by night posters on here writing off the wall or basically "idiotic" comments. So kudos to all.

ps still waiting for cruiser's bio :lol: Just kidding cruiser. If you are in a spot that will put you at risk of anything negative I wholly agree with the anonimity you need. But don't stop posting. Just give less info. You can still post your opinion or your feelings about the team.

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I think so. My brother in law is a prof at UW so I have spoken to him about tickets. The only problem with that is I would end up right among the UW fans when I would rather be among the Cougar fans.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by PP3 - 2008/04/08 08:24

I just wanted to add my first memory of BYU football. I went to my uncle's house to watch the BYU Miami game. I was too young to realize the full significance of the game, I just remember that my dad really wanted BYU to win, but didn't think it was very likely. I went outside to play with my cousins, but dad called us in when it started to look like BYU would win. He didn't think we should miss that. I don't remember much of what happened during the game, only my dad and my uncle's excited yelling.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Ygridiron4ever - 2008/04/08 08:42

Fell in love with BYU football on cool fall mornings in the 70's raking leaves with my dad and listening to Paul James on KSL. Grew up in Ogden and enjoyed Weber State Basketball.

Attended Graduate school at the Y in '92, got a Master's in 95 and Ph.D. in 2000. I work for the Department of Homeland Security where I head up all critical incident response to traumatic events for US Customs and Border Protection. Live in SoCal but travel all over all of the time.

The only time my kids don't know how to act around me is when BYU is playing football. They don't see me so "out of control" any other time. But I assure them I'm ok and they are safe - even if I scream at the TV.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/08 09:05

I think we should change the title of this post to "The Mormon Connection!" I have really enjoyed getting familiar with the backgrounds of those who are on this board. Oh, and my wife and I do have one thing that we both enjoy...watching the pukes lose.

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by salvgringo - 2008/04/08 09:38

I'm an English teacher in Utah.

I never went to BYU; I was an in-the-closet BYU fan at Utah State. (You wouldn't believe how many of those there are.) I just barely was accepted to graduate school at BYU. I'm really excited because I never had the grades and thought that I would never get to go to BYU.

My connection with BYU is that I had a handicapped friend in elementary school that loved BYU. He always invited me over to watch old games. He got me hooked to BYU football and basketball then and today, we both have season tickets to the games. I love Bronco. Go Cougars

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Yndian - 2008/04/08 11:20

I'm a soon-to-be-graduate of BYU, majoring in Communications (Broadcast Journalism emphasis). I'm looking for a job as a radio news producer, so I'm not sure where we'll end up after graduation.

My BYU connection is pretty strong. My great-uncle was persuaded by missionaries on the Hopi reservation (in Arizona) to go to BYU in the early 50's. My mom graduated from BYU and my dad went, but never finished. Eight out of the ten kids in my family went/are going to BYU (one went to BYU-I and one is still in high school), so we've all been fans since the womb (and as you can see from my avatar, I've started my daughter young!). We grew up listening to Paul James on the radio and catching the occasional Blue & White Sports Network and later, ESPN+ games on TV (my parents have never had cable). I still listen to Greg Wrubell every game, whether I'm there or watching on TV. I feel naked if I'm at a game without my radio.

Since we lived in Arizona, the only two BYU football games I had ever been to before coming to school here were at ASU (I distinctly remember the '97 game when we beat Jake Plummer), but now I go to all the home games in football and basketball.

No direct athletic connection, but it helps that my four older brothers all went into athletic training, so they all worked with the sports teams and us younger kids got to meet players when we'd come up in the summers for basketball camp.

Wow. That wound up being a lot longer than I intended.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/08 11:31

McGregor wrote:

snoscythe wrote:

However we are moving the end of the month to Waco, Texas so I can attend Baylor Law School. Was going to attend BYU Law School, but BYU dropped their oil and gas offerings, and Baylor offered full-ride + living stipend, and where they are on the quarter system I can attend year-round and take the bar in July '09 as opposed to July '10 at BYU (not that you care, but I feel the need to justify attending anything but BYU)

Waco is part of my home stake.

Sucks for you. (Actually, if you have any questions about how horrible the area is, please feel free to BM me.)

BYU Law isn't all it's cracked up to be.

I'm actually pretty familiar with the area. I lived 9 years in DFW, and in high school my buddies and I would frequent Cameron Park for mountain biking and canoe the Brazos. I hear you about Waco, however....we have opted to buy a house with acreage in Robinson to avoid Waco itself to the maximum extent.

As far as BYU Law, the more I looked into Baylor, the more I realized BYU Law was not at all what I needed. I already have a job lined up when I pass the bar, so when I took placement rates out of the US News rankings, BYU dropped out of the top 75, and Baylor climbed to the top 20. Working for an oil and gas company, I need oil and gas coursework and a decent emphasis on litigation, neither of which are offered by BYU Law. For someone looking for a broad study of the law, I think BYU Law fits the bill, but if you want to focus your studies, it isn't a great fit.

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Posted by niqmadu - 2008/04/08 11:47

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True. I found that the office gets to me--I need outdoor time--and hobbies don't always make good professions. I grew up in cattle on a horse in the Cascades in Washington St.

I was also single for many years and was able to study and travel. Been all over the middle east wishing I had someone to share it with--now I four little ones to share it with and I can't wait to take them around.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by 98BYUAlum - 2008/04/08 11:56

I'm a prosecuting attorney living and working in Boise, Idaho. I graduated from BYU law school in 2001 and have been up here dealing with difficult Boise State fans ever since.

My family is a true BYU family. Both of my parents and my wife's parents graduated from BYU. All but one of my siblings attended BYU (my brother chose to go to the University of Utah) and most of my siblings' husbands/wives went there as well. My kids regularly wear BYU shirts and can often be found chanting BYU BYU BYU. (One semi-related story. I wear a lot of BYU shirts around the house and out doing yard work. During the middle of last summer our neighbor asked my wife if I only have one shirt because all she had seen was BYU shirts.)

I grew up in Utah and my dad always had season tickets to football games and I don't think I missed a single football game as a student, either in undergraduate work or in law school.

I look forward to the day my kids go to BYU.

One question. I get the impression that a lot of people on this board live in the Boise area. Anyone else in addition to me live around here?

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/08 12:00

I am an insurance agent in Southern Utah and picked the insurance company I represent for the BLUE and WHITE colors. Last year I added 500 square feet to my house dedicated to BYU sports and enjoy having large groups come over to watch the games. I think that stems from my memories of watching games in cultural hall when my dad was a bishop. I always make the trip to any game we play in Vegas and a few trips a year to Provo.

I did not attend BYU and therefore never hold anything against players that decide to go elsewhere. I graduated from SUU with an accounting degree and still help my wife run a small accounting business.

I still have an autograph from my favorite player of all time Luke Staley. I got the autograph in the Cancun airport right after he had surgery concluding his junior year.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/08 12:06

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Posted by HoosierCougar - 2008/04/08 12:29

My grandma was the first female "Yell Leader" at BYU. Her parents ran the drama/theater department and have a theater named for them in the HFAC (Pardoe Drama Theater). My parents met at BYU and in my youth told me stories about watching Virgil Carter, Kressimir Kocic, etc. I was hooked way early.

Growing up in Indiana, we watched the football and basketball games on the satellite at our ward building all the time. We'd invite friends over and make food. It was a big party. When I was a Sophomore in HS, I was on the JV Hoops team. My LDS friend (also on the team) and I got flattop haircuts like Mike Smith and Andy Toolson. Our teammates gave us a bit of grief for it, but it was worth it.

My first live game was Detmer leading us to a win over Miami in 1990.

My wife and I graduated in 1996 (she's a distant cousin of LaVell), then I took her and 2 sons back in 2002 for an MBA. Every wife's and kid's dream of how to spend 2 years!

I am a market manager for Union Pacific Railroad and we live in Omaha, NE. We live on--I kid you not--"Y Street". When I was on campus last week, I got a new flag with the throwback Y logo to put in front of my house on game day. Our section of Y Street will be annexed by CougarTown Saturdays this fall. I have to do something to combat all the Husker drones. I was disheartened when my youngest told me his favorite color was red! Until he told me that his other favorite color is "Blue, like Cougar Blue; 'cause Cougars rule and Utes drool!" He's a smart kid.

Thanks to all for sharing.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by NorthernCougar - 2008/04/08 12:41

I grew up in western Washington and lived in Washougal for a year when I was younger, in the early 70's. Spent most of my life in Centralia, WA until I went on my mission to San Jose, CA. I grew up a huge UW fan and still follow them, though a very distant 2nd to BYU now.

I had no idea what I was going to do with myself after my mission and since most of my mission companions/friends were going to the Y, I decided to follow my friends there. There were three players from the late 80's, early 90's that were in my mission. Mike Empey, OL, Mike Hall, LB that transferred from Tulane, and a polynesian OL (I can't remember his name). Being a huge football fan, I bought season tickets the first year I was in school (1989) and as luck would have it my future wife and I got our tickets together. I quickly found out how much she loved BYU football. Her father played in the early 50's and her family is as blue as they come.

My first season was the year that we beat Utah at home 70-31 (still my all time favorite BYU/Utah game) and I was totally hooked on BYU football from the first game. Alan Boardman (Punter from the 90's) and I had a Calculus class together and became good friends. My children are all huge BYU fans and my 11 year old son is a total fanatic. He wears a BYU shirt everyday and his favorite is the 17-10 shirt that says, "Enter to learn, Go fourth and eighteen..." on the back.

I work as a software developer for an oil an gas company in North Salt Lake, and hope the Utes lose every game, in every sport, for the rest of my natural life. :woohoo:

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/04/08 13:06

I've kinda been inactive on this board for a while, but i still love it. I am 24 and grew up in American Fork Utah ans spent a short amount of time in Vancouver, Wa. I am a production manager at a insulation company in Lindon, Ut and i am going to BYU part time and will be Graduating next April in American Studies and i will begin law school the fall after that.

My first BYU game was in the mid 80s against Arizona St. Then i moved to washington and made it back for the Miami game with my dad when i was just a small fry. I really fell in love with BYU in 1996 when i was 13 and i haven't missed a game ever since except for my mission to Sao Paulo Brasil.

I am engaged to an awesome girl from tri-cities washington and we will be getting married June 20th.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this thread.

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Two raging bulls and two meek little lambs:)

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by ABYUFAN - 2008/04/08 14:16

Attorney in Merced, CA

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/08 14:40

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Isola - 2008/04/08 14:55

My parents met at BYU and I grew up with my mom singing the BYU fight song. 6 of the 7 kids in my family went to BYU and the last couldn't make it into college.

My first game was my freshman year in 1999. I happened to be at BYU for what I think were the worst five years in the last forty. Still I graduated in 2006 with an absolute love for BYU. I live in the Tri-Cities Washington and work as a civil engineer. The last two games I watched in person were the overtime losses to TCU and Utah in 2005. Not good notes to end with. I am hoping to make it to the Washington game this year.

My wife is becoming more and more of a fan. We met at BYU, and actually worked at the games for a year. The next year we planned to attend a game together (money was tight) but then she was put on bed rest with our son. Last year she wanted to buy him (now two years old) a Utah red sweat shirt. Obviously this was hard to swallow, but the sweat shirt said "junior varsity" which describes the Utes pretty well. Still he was strictly prohibited from wearing red on any game day, and the entire week of the Utah game.

I have a daughter who turns one next month and, as the picture shows, we are raising her right.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/04/08 15:20

runbyu1 wrote:

I'm a former BYU athlete and Orem High Alumn. Went to school with a lot of guys on the football teams recently: Johnny Harline (His sister and my sis were very good friends), Jason Kukahiko (was in my ward), Chad Barney, Spencer White, Chris Hale, Adam Nelson, Rod Wilkerson, etc. I've been out here in Laie, Hawaii for the last couple of years livin' it up and having a great time. I'm an outdoorsman and a singer-songwriter and interestingly enough I was a Junior Black Belt and Adult Brown Belt in Kenpo. I love all cougar sports, but football is my favorite to watch and follow.

We may know each other. I played ball with all of those guys. Graduated from OHS in '98.

Job: survey technician

School: UVSC (pre-engineering will be a civil engineer)

BYU: Been going since the late 80s. Remember concussion Covey? I loved that guy.

Mission: South Korea Seoul West Mission

Personal: Just joined the Army reserves and ship to boot and a.i.t. after this semester is over. I've been married for 10 months and we're expecting our first this September.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/04/08 15:49

Wow, I don't usually check out the "other" section, but it looks like I've been missing out. It's taken me a couple days to get through all of this (despite my major free time).

I'm 18, graduated last year from Orem High (looks like there's a couple of other tigers on here). I didn't think I was going to graduate, but I did. I worked my butt off for the last semester after a counselor gave me TERRIBLE advice. I now work at a probation office in Provo. (I get to drive by LES EVERY DAY.... TWICE! and I always look as long as I can) Hengst, you also worked in probation? It's a great job. The people I deal with (mostly Utes... seriously) make me realize why I want to live the way I do.

I'm currently going to UVSC/UVU, it's ok. I work full time, then going to school, I have to take night classes which sucks because all the girls are married! side note, Shake, I had an English class with your cousin. Anyways, I haven't decided on a major, and I'm sick of people asking me what I'm going to major in. I just tell them Law because that's what I do with work. I don't know what I want to major in, and I'm not even going to think about it until after I get off my mission.

I can start my papers for my mission in just about a month. My birthday is August 22nd, so the earliest I can leave is August 27th, which is a mere 3 days before the first game. So, I will be missing, what could be the best two years in BYU history! So I don't want to hear about you guys missing 2001 anymore!!! lol. I've made my parents promise me on several different occasions, that they will record EVERY game for me. I figured it out once, let me do the math again real quick. Thats 26 games at four hours a peice 104 hours Which is a total of 4.3 days. I will have to sleep and eat though. So when I get back from my mission, I will lock myself in my room (enjoy some time by my self for a change) and watch BYU football for 8 days straight!

I come from a long line of students of BYU. Both my parents, and all of my grandparents went to BYU. I'm not going to BYU becuase 1. I'm not ready to get married yet. and 2. I honestly don't care about grades that much. My mom and dad used to go to BYU football games every week. For as long as I can remember, my family had season tickets, and having 2 older sisters, I always got to go. I didn't really know what was going on at all. I remember loving Steve Sar... you know. I'm not even going to attempt to spell it. Then I don't know what happened for a couple of years. Then in 2000, I became a die hard fan. It was like a switch just turned on. I have on tape, every single game from 2002 on. I still watch some of the older ones. During the summer, I watch all the games from the year before just to get a fix. I don't really have an inside connection with BYU.

In High school, I used to write sports for the newspaper, and would write BYU football articles. In high school, I was known by those who didn't know me, as the BYU kid, or the kid with the BYU hat. EVERY DAY, I went to high school, I would wear a BYU hat, I had a different one for each year of my high school career. In my sophmore and junior yearbook photos, my hair is matted down where my hat was. Still worth it. I've been on ABC 4s sports trivia thing with a friend, and lost. They totally cheated me! I was also on TV during the BYU Tulsa game where it rained, the camera zoomed in on me wearing my John Beck Jersey and yelling number on. (thankfully I was recording that game!)

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/08 15:57

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The procrastinators won't show up until a few days prior to The deadline. I love billing double for rushed returns.

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Yndian - 2008/04/08 17:18

harlinestillopen wrote:

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I had the opposite "problem." I was a freshman in 2002, which was bad enough, but I missed two of the worst seasons in BYU history while serving in Paraguay. I came back in 2005, just in time for the the beginning of the soon-to-legendary Bronco Era.

Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/04/09 06:55

It's been interesting reading everyone's responses, but since I posted, I've noticed that a sizeable portion of the commentary has developed to be a recitation of cougar pedigree and upbringing, so I thought I'd share that also.

My mom and dad both grew up in big BYU families, they started dating at the Y, and were married during the dawning of the LaVell era. The stars aligned to make me a ravenous cougar fan beginning from day one. On the very day I was born, BYU clobbered the Utes 27 - 0, the Y's first and only shutout of the U, that game being their 10th win that year, and the first double-digit-win season in BYU history. Talk about a sign, right?!! My folks tell me my mom yelled at the doctor multiple times between contractions not to turn the game down.:laugh: Gotta love her!

My folks moved our little family up to Alaska in '83, and my first memories of BYU sport were going down to the Air Force base and watching Cougar Football and Basketball in the Barracks with the 2 or 3 LDS Servicemen in our branch (you see, it helps that the military can get their hands on basically any TV feed they want anywhere, and back then, rules were a little more lax on what it was used for:cheer: Useful, that.) Not long afterward, our family got a satellite dish of our own, which in '85 meant a TEN-FOOT dish that actually swung 90 degrees to line up with actual satellite paths. Funny, with that old technology, we could get EVERY SINGLE game (with the help of a semi-legal descrambler :evil:), whereas last year here in Virginia we managed just over half. GRRR!!! My two most triumphant childhood memories were at age 10 watching Ty Detmer's Miami win, and then at age 12 watching Kevin Nixon's half-court buzzer-beater to win the WAC Championship game. The living room was PANDELIRIUM, I tell you!

Well, me and my two brothers have graduated from the Y (our sister, the "black sheep," is currently enjoying the sandy beaches at BYUH), and my 10-month old son went to his first ever BYU Basketball game in January at Wake Forest (tough way to start, I grant you, oh well, it'll only get better!) And as you can see, he's already fully invested!
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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by bengel - 2008/04/09 08:20

Following GolfDiveNCougs lead, here's a bit of my pedigree.

We moved to Provo the summer before I started 5th grade. I remember attending BYU games as part of the knot-hole gang. The stadium, if you could call it that, was were the Richards PE Building now stands. Boy, have we come a long way!

We left Provo the summer after my junior year, moving to Renton, Washington. I remained a Cougar fan. The UW Huskies never caught on with me.

I returned to Provo the following year as a freshman. I roomed with two former players who told me stories about the team and Coach Hudspeth.

I returned to the Seattle area, worked for a year, and joined the Marines. After my enlistment was up, I returned to BYU and went out for the wrestling team. I was lucky enough, without any high school experience to make the team, though most of the time the guy who started in my weight class turned me every way but loose. I did that for three years.

I didn't have any form of financial aid except for the GI Bill. It took me a little longer to graduate because I had to make money for school.

I worked on Jimmy Osmond's movie, The Adventures of the Great Brain, as a set decorator. I never saw the movie. Other members of the crew who had suggested I not see it.

After the shoot was done, I went to work as a scenic carpenter at Osmond Studios in Orem. I also worked as finish carpenter building chapels in Southern California.

I began law school at BYU in the fall of '79. I worked two years for the professor who taught all the criminal law courses. That expertise led to my first job in the DA's Office in Las Vegas.

I left BYU with two degrees and no wife. We both graduated in '82 from BYU, but I didn't meet her until three years later in a singles ward in Salt Lake. She's Dutch (hey A_King, hoe gaat het?), has her M.Ed, and is also a licensed massage therapist.

We have three children, two boys and a girl. It's a family pattern. It was the same in her mother's family, her father's family, and one brother's family, though he has four children. The fourth started the two boys and a girl cycle again.

Our oldest is returning from his mission in August. He's in Suriname, West Indies Mission. It's one of the few places in the world he could have gone where Dutch is the official language. He was fluent before he left. His call was English speaking, but his Mission President changed it.

Our second son graduates from Jordan High this spring. He will test for his third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do in June. He wants to go to BYU, and has been accepted for fall. He hasn't decided whether to go or to work until he leaves on his mission in December or January.

Our daughter will be in ninth grade this fall. She hasn't discovered boys yet. I'm in no hurry.

That's probably more than was necessary, but it was fun to write. I've really enjoyed this thread.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by PP3 - 2008/04/09 08:57

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Can't speak for the other accountants, but I am an auditor, I audit public companies' financial statements. Our busy season ended March 15th, I just passed my CPA, and am unassigned. Not much for me to do at work.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by ltpwfcdm - 2008/04/09 19:36

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/09 20:25

AFCOUG83 wrote:

I've kinda been inactive on this board for a while, but i still love it. I am 24 and grew up in American Fork Utah ans spent a short amount of time in Vancouver, Wa. I am a production manager at a insulation company in Lindon, Ut and i am going to BYU part time and will be Graduating next April in American Studies and i will begin law school the fall after that.

My first BYU game was in the mid 80s against Arizona St. Then i moved to washington and made it back for the Miami game with my dad when i was just a small fry. I really fell in love with BYU in 1996 when i was 13 and i haven't missed a game ever since except for my mission to Sao Paulo Brasil.

I am engaged to an awesome girl from tri-cities washington and we will be getting married June 20th.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this thread.

What part of the Tri-cities? I have a daughter that lives in Richland.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/04/10 15:27

It is actually eltopia but nobody knows where that is so i say tri-cities

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/04/17 07:20

I guess I'll chime in too.

2003 BA International Studies at BYU in Provo. Spain Madrid mission from 1998-2000. Air Force ROTC. I'm a US Air Force KC-135 pilot currently living in England. I had season tickets by virtue of being in the Cougar Marching Band in 1997 (south endzone) and 2000-2003 (the band moved at some point during my mission to the north endzone). I was a 3-year member of the trumpet section and a 1-year drum major, so that's why you see me coming to the defense of the band in the "Bash the Band" threads. My earliest memories are of attending the yearly BYU football game with my dad and brothers (buying scalped tickets, never at the ticket booth - my dad always thought it would be cheaper) in the mid-1980s (I guess we couldn't afford season tickets) and watching Shawn Knight play in 1986 (most likely). I'm not sure why that memory sticks in my head - he was on the cover of a game program one year.

I traveled with the band to Arizona State (1997), Utah (2000, where I watched Doman score the game winner for Lavell from 20 yards away) UNLV (2001), Memphis for the Whatever Bowl (2001, the coldest I have ever been, to include Air Force Land Survival School in the Washington mountains near Spokane during February), and Utah State (Yipee, 2002. Great second half though). My game memories include marching down University, playing at the cougar for mostly uninterested fans, pregame, and standing on the grass at halftime. Wonderful playing (and marching) surface, by the way.

When I left Provo after graduation I began to realize how much I took BYU football for granted. In Mississippi and Oklahoma we didn't have cable or internet, so I had my mom put her phone next to the radio and I listed to Greg Wrubell on my cell phone. In 2006, here in England, I began listening to the podcasts which was nice for the late kickoffs when I couldn't keep my eyes open (thanks KSL for the podcasts!) and last year I figured out that if my parents pointed their webcam at their tv playing the Mtn I could watch the game using Skype. I'm hoping that with a satellite deal in place the Mtn can now devote some time to producing a live pay-per-view feed of the games online. One can only hope.

Last year I started collecting memorabilia on eBay, and I ended up with a signed Steve Young jersey, a signed photo of Lavell and Jim McMahon, a helmet signed by the 2007 team, and I reclaimed my Ty Detmer memorabilia from my parents (signed football cards mailed to him while he was in Green Bay with the Packers - I was probably 12 years old). I'm hoping to get a signed football from the 2008 team, so if anyone goes to fall camp or some media day and wants to gather sigs for me, PM and we'll negotiate terms!

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/17 10:44

ltpwfdcm wrote:

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When I was in the Northern States Mission there was an Elder Herget. I believe his first name was Delton. I always wondered if Todd was related. If you know please let me know.

Yindian, I had a friend write a book about the Hopi and their prophecies. Although I didn't read it from what I understand they have a lot of similarities to the LDS prophecies. I would sure like to meet you and your people.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/04/18 16:33

I've been "out of the loop" for most of the past month, so I haven't had a chance to add my comments on this interesting post.

My BYU "pedigree" started when my Mom attended in the late '40s. (I was going to say she went to the Academy, but I clarified that - she's not THAT old... :laugh:) She even attended a semester at the UofU prior to that, but transferred to BYU after a bad experience.

The reason I mention her, is because she instilled in us kids the BYU tradition. My Dad, being a convert to the church, didn't go there, but was a big college sports fan. Between the 2 of them, we were Cougar fans - my mom often singing the fight song to get us out of bed, "...Rise and shout, the Cougars are out..." when we were little.

During my youth, I remember distinctly going to another member's house to watch the BYU 1980 Holiday bowl on TV. Because we lived back east, it was quite late at night, when our host figured the game was out of reach, being down by 21(?) with about 2 1/2 minutes to go. He figured it was over and time to go to bed - and we had to leave.... Needless to say, that was a big mistake. It wasn't until years later that I got to see the ending of the game on Cougar Classic Sports...

At some point or other, all of my siblings attended BYU, including my brother-in-law. He and I attended Army ROTC together in '83-'84. We did the Color Guard duties for the Campus flag (at the Admin building), and a few basketball games. Since I was in the Marching band at this time (I join CAFB in defending the band, as well), I remember attending the home games, as well as going to the Rose Bowl, when Steve Young and Company beat UCLA. Being in the band, we also had the opportunity to attend the 1983 Holiday Bowl. Steve Young's reception/run into the corner of the endzone was right in front of where we sat. Awesome!

After my mission to Central America (Panama & Costa Rica), I transferred up to USU (for a variety of reasons - so don't stone me...), but I was still a BYU fan. I cheered for the "offenses" when BYU traveled up to Logan in that thriller game 10 years later when USU won 58-56... (Crazy game).

As some of you have surmised by my postings, I am currently in AZ on Active Duty. I've been in the military for over 20 years, and have done a year deployment in Iraq. I am married to my wife, who coincidentally had been here with her family when I was down here for schooling 19 years ago. We have 6 kids.

As some of you also know, I'm an avid BYU football fan. I watch them on TV as much as possible - Dish better get their act together, or I'm switching. I've listened to them on the radio and on the Internet. I even listened to them over the Internet around 3am, in the heart-breaking loss to USC in 2003, while I was in Iraq. I yell at the TV, especially when we play Utah. (In fact, 2 years ago, while visiting my parents for Thanksgiving, I got chewed out for how I was responding to how the game was going - I was somewhat loud...)

I'm tickled for the progression of BYU in the last 2-3 years under the direction of Bronco and his staff. We couldn't ask for a better situation. I'm proud the Cougars are getting back in the national spotlight, even though, under the CURRENT BC\$ system, they will never get a chance to play for the National Championship game. I do look forward to them playing AND winning a BCS bowl game this year AND next. If it's in Tempe, I'm there. :)

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/04/29 14:43

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/29 15:35

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LOL!!! Good thing you cheered for the "offenses" since the "defenses" took the day off.

I am married to my wife.

Me too! :S Are we related? :dry:

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/29 19:32

MajorCougar wrote:

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/29 19:36

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/04/29 19:42

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That would be MUCH easier than trying to reference back to this page.

"Now was so-and-so on page 13 or 14? Oh crap it was 9?"

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by buzzard - 2008/04/29 23:16

akcougar wrote:

Hengst wrote:

akcougar wrote:

I'm the director of operations for a construction company in Juneau, Alaska. I grew up in Provo, but moved when I was 12. My dad was a masonry contractor, and in the late 80's it was bad in Utah, but booming in Alaska. I grew up with seasons tickets to football and basketball. My dad was and still is one of those who came/comes home hoarse from each game. He trained me well, as I'm sometimes classified as obsessive. Like that could really be possible, honestly!

I grew up a regular post game run to the locker room and get autographs kid. I still have programs from the day with tons of autographs. My favorite experience was trying to get into the locker room the year after Jim McMahon graduated, and not getting any where close to getting in. I was really bummed, and was about to leave when I felt a hand on my shoulder, and heard someone ask "What's wrong buddy?". I turned to stare into Jim McMahon's face, and told him I couldn't get into the locker room to get autographs. He smiled, then personally took me into the locker room, and to all the best players and asked them if they would sign a program for his "little buddy".

I was on cloud 9 when I returned to my dad and told him what had happened. BYU football is definately in my blood. I have had to learn, at the express direction of my patient wife, to controll my post game emotions when the cougs loose. I used to get really bummed, and was accused of being "grouchy". So I now take it in stride!

I love everything about BYU football, and am so excited at the changes Bronco and his staff have made in the program. The future is truely bright!

GO COUGS!!!!!!!!!!

Sounds like ol Jim was a much better person than his reputation gives him credit for. Great story!

Being 10 at the time, and then moving when I was 12, I don't know too much about his rep. But if it was bad, which it sounds like it was at times, they do say that even the sun shines on a dogs backside everyonce in a while! Maybe it was really sunny in Provo that day?!

Jimbo was/is a great guy, he just liked to have a good time and enjoyed a beer on a regular basis. On the one hand, he is not LDS, on the other hand, he spent most of his time at the Y on the Honor Code office radar. Lavell made a lot of personal phones call on his behalf just to keep him enrolled. That's why Lavell has stated he never wanted another Jim McMahon in Provo. He spent a lot of time and political capital on just one guy.

Oh, and as for me? I'm a self employed Insurance Agent in northern Utah county.

Send me a boardmail if you want a quote... B)

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by Florwood - 2008/04/30 04:37

I'm 57 and feeling it--had to flip through the pages just to make sure I didn't already give you my background when this started a few weeks ago. I have a BA in English and MA in Linguistics from BYU (75/76), started loving BYU football with Gary Scheide, really got excited when the company I was working for in Saudi Arabia in 1984 would post top 25 scores they got from telex...

Now I'm married with five kids, youngest is 17, live in American Fork and work in marketing for Novell. I love CougarBlue both for the info and passion.

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/30 06:00

I wonder how many more of us are on here because of Lavell Edwards?

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Re:What are you guys/gals?

Posted by PO_POcoug - 2008/04/30 19:17

Police Officer.

Current assignment- Detective in the Special Victims Unit (Child abuse and child sex offenses) also currently assigned as a sniper on the department SWAT Team

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