

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

TAKING A LOOK BACK

# Making the grade



Photo by Mariangela Mazzei  
Elder D. Todd Christofferson addresses the audience during commencement on Thursday.

## Spiritual knowledge needed for life success

By ELIZABETH GOSNEY

In an attempt not to “oversedate” listeners, Elder D. Todd Christofferson livened his commencement address on Thursday afternoon with jokes, stories, quotes and poems, offering congratulations to the class of 2010 and counsel applicable to everyone.

Elder Christofferson, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve and a BYU graduate, began with an anecdote from the life of Hugh Nibley, the late BYU history, languages and religion professor. During a time of hardship while pursuing graduate studies at the University of California at Berkeley, Nibley questioned his faith and the gospel, especially doubting the concept of an afterlife. But during a “life-after-life” experience at the hospital while suffering appendicitis, Nibley reached an important realization.

“We’re just dabbling around, playing around, being tested for our moral qualities, and above all the two things that we can be good at: we can forgive and we can repent,” Nibley said, according to a Winter 2010 article by Boyd Jay Petersen in the BYU Religious Education Review.

Elder Christofferson’s point in telling Nibley’s story was to emphasize the importance of spiritual education above that of temporal education.

“There is no question that it is good to strive to fill our souls with light and truth, described in the scripture as intelligence,” said Elder Christofferson, who earned a bachelor’s degree at BYU in 1969 and a law degree at Duke University in 1972. However, “in this limited mortal experience, none of us will approach the intelligence or glory of God.”

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Photo by Mariangela Mazzei

BYU graduates prepare to enter the Marriott Center before commencement on Thursday.



Photo by Mariangela Mazzei

BYU graduates stream from the tunnel heading into the Marriott Center on Thursday for commencement.

## Graduates challenged to meet moral test

By MICHELLE M. BISSON

BYU graduates from 49 states and 68 countries celebrated with a nearly full Marriott Center crowd of family and friends on Thursday in a commencement ceremony presided over by Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve.

“Let your cap and gown point you to the infinitely greater robe and crown that await you in God’s celestial realm,” Elder Christofferson told graduates.

Elder Christofferson said BYU graduates should remain humble, meet the moral test of life by doing what the Lord commands, forgive

and repent and serve others.

The commencement ceremony recognized 1,679 graduates who completed their degrees in December 2009 and 4,495 who finished their degrees in April 2010. Among the degrees awarded were 5,278 bachelor’s degrees, 699 master’s degrees and 197 doctoral degrees.

Looking across a sea of navy blue graduation robes in the Marriott Center, BYU President Cecil O. Samuelson predicted that in the years ahead graduates would encounter surprises, unexpected opportunities and challenges. Within the plan of salvation, the Atonement of Jesus Christ allows individuals to “come unto God” if they do what is

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## New grads reflect on experiences at BYU

By COURTNEY HENDERSON  
and KOFI FRIAR

Nearly everything about last Thursday was picture perfect for BYU graduates and their families — and it was a good thing, too, because they took plenty of pictures.

Supporters of graduates stood camera-ready outside the Marriott Center as the academic procession came through the south tunnel and wended its way down to the playing floor prior to the 4 p.m. commencement ceremony. Some graduates sported their own

cameras and turned the tables by taking pictures of their family members taking pictures of graduates.

Fortunately the sun had come out by then and had chased away the morning clouds and rain. The weather and the occasion had graduates in a happy but reflective mood.


“There will be aspects I will miss,” said Kayla Mackelprang a business marketing graduate from Las Vegas. “It’s looking back on things you’ve accomplished but also looking to the future.”

The moment was priceless for Mackelprang’s

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Associated Press

U.S. Army Lt. David Cummings, of Raleigh, N.C., talks on the radio with soldiers from his platoon while patrolling areas off of Highway 1 on Monday in Afghanistan.

UN scales back in dangerous southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — The United Nations scaled back its operations in the troubled southern city of Kandahar on Monday, relocating several foreign employees to Kabul and telling more than 200 Afghan U.N. workers to stay home amid rising violence.

The announcement came hours after three bombings — one targeting a local police official — shook the city. The rash of attacks came ahead of a joint Afghan-NATO operation to try to wrest control of the area from Taliban militants. The strategy is to flood in troops, rout the militants and rush in new governance, development projects and security to win the loyalty of Kandahar’s half-million residents.

Dan McNorton, a U.N. spokesman in the capital of Kabul, insisted the world body was not pulling out of Kandahar and remained committed to continuing its aid and humanitarian work. He declined to say how many international U.N. employees were still working in Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban.

“Due to the current security situation in Kandahar, we have temporarily relocated several of our non-Afghan staff to Kabul,” McNorton said. “Our Afghan colleagues have been instructed to remain at home for the time being.”

“We will continue to monitor the security situation in Kandahar and hope to be able to get back to work as soon as possible,” he added.

Israel halts construction

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel’s prime minister has effectively frozen new Jewish construction in east Jerusalem, municipal officials said on Monday, reflecting the need to mend a serious rift with the U.S. and get Mideast peace talks back on track.

The move comes despite Benjamin Netanyahu’s repeated assertion he would never halt construction in east Jerusalem and risks angering hard-liners in his government. One lawmaker from Netanyahu’s Likud Party warned the governing coalition could collapse over the issue.

Still, the de facto freeze appeared to offer the promise of reviving peace efforts derailed after Israel announced plans for a major Jewish housing development during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden last month.



Associated Press

In this March 2010 photo, U.S. missionary Laura Silsby, 40, of Meridian, Idaho, is escorted by police officers upon her arrival to the courthouse in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Nigerian journalists killed

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Gunmen shot and killed a Nigerian journalist at his home the same day two others died while attempting to cover fighting between Christians and Muslims in the nation’s restive central highlands, authorities said on Monday.

The outbreak of violence highlights the daily dangers confronting local journalists in Africa’s most populous nation, a country where bribery and corruption prevails at all levels of government and some reporters temper their stories for fear of angering those in power.

In Lagos, police spokesman Frank Mba said gunmen on Saturday night raided the home of Edo Ugbagwu, a reporter who covered court cases for the daily newspaper The Nation. Mba said Ugbagwu’s younger brother witnessed the men begin an argument with Ugbagwu that led to the shooting of the 42-year-old journalist.

Haiti tosses charges

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A Haitian judge said Monday he has dismissed kidnapping and criminal association charges against 10 American missionaries detained for trying to take a busload of children out of the country after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil said Laura Silsby, the last of the 10 missionaries jailed in Haiti, still faced a lesser charge for allegedly organizing the effort to transport the 33 children to an orphanage they were setting up in the Dominican Republic.

Silsby faces up to three years in prison if convicted on the remaining charge, the “organization of irregular trips,” from a 1980 statute restricting travel out of Haiti signed by then-dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Silsby declined comment from her jail cell. Shiller Roi, a lawyer for Silsby, declined comment, saying he hadn’t yet received the judge’s written decision.



Associated Press

A firefighter runs as heavy smoke billows from a street market in Rio de Janeiro on Monday. According to local media, a street market near Rio de Janeiro’s train and bus central station caught fire on Monday afternoon, allegedly when a gas container exploded at a bakery. No injuries or deaths were reported.

Iran president calls UN veto power ‘satanic tool’

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Facing the threat of new U.N. sanctions, Iran president Mahmoud Ahmadinjad said Monday the veto power held by the U.S. and other permanent Security Council members is a “satanic tool.”

Washington and its allies have been pressing for a fourth round of U.N. penalties on Iran for its refusal to halt a key part of its nuclear program that could be used to make nuclear weapons. Iran says it only wants the technology for producing nuclear power.

In a revelation likely to add to their suspicions, however, a former foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, was quoted as telling a newspaper that Iran obtained its first centrifuge from Pakistan in 1986.

It was Iran’s first public confirmation of a clandestine transfer of nuclear technology specifically from Pakistan, which itself had already acknowledged the nuclear sales. Centrifuges, which purify uranium gas, are the central component of a process that can make fuel for power plants or — at higher levels of processing — weapons.

Iran’s nuclear work remained a secret until 2003, when the U.N.’s

nuclear monitoring agency began investigating the program. Its work and Iran’s assurances that it only has peaceful motives have failed to quell the international concern and suspicion.

The timing of the new revelation was unusual, as Iran is in the middle of a diplomatic sprint around the globe to try to persuade other U.N. Security Council members to oppose new sanctions.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said officials were meeting daily at the United Nations in an effort to push through a new package of penalties “as rapidly as possible.”

He said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had called several foreign officials over the weekend, including Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

“Iran needs to come forward and answer the questions the international community has about its nuclear program,” Crowley said.

Besides the U.S., the other permanent council members are Britain, France, Russia and China.

Russia and China, which both have important commercial links to Iran, have so far been reluctant to support new sanctions.

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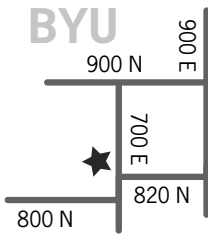
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VIEWPOINT

To those who are leaving us

Two of the questions most frequently asked of me as students come to the end of their time at BYU are: 1) “How do I get a job when I graduate?” and 2) “Professor Hughes, you’ve been out in the real world of journalism. Are we tough enough to make it out there, or have we been too cloistered by our religion? Are we too submissive?”

To question No. 1, I point out that the Communications Department at BYU has a very active internship program. BYU interns in journalism, advertising and public relations have made such a strong record with major employers in these categories that the companies involved may look fondly on qualified BYU graduates.

Prepare well. Be sure to have examples of your work to send, or to present in your interview. If you have a passion for the occupation you are pursuing, you will have produced some examples of your competence.

Don’t tell prospective employers that if they will only give you a job your experience will be enhanced. Most busy employers are pondering what you can do for them, rather than what they can do for you.

Don’t fake it. I once asked a job applicant how he thought the newspaper I was editing could be improved. He launched into an explanation of how the Sunday issue could be better. Trouble was, we didn’t publish a Sunday paper. The interview did not last long.

Get your foot in the door. Take whatever job is offered, however menial. In journalism, for example, make yourself known to department editors. Find out what you can freelance for them. Offer stories and projects you’ve originated on your own time. Talent always rises to the top.

Question No. 2 is more puzzling to me. You do not have to be an overbearing, elbow-wielding person to be successful in a non-LDS commercial atmosphere. You do have to use the skills you have learned, and demonstrate appropriate God-given qualities. In journalism, for instance, these might include persistence, determination, accuracy, perception, integrity, intuition, imagination, inspiration and

innovation. These are the same qualities that might be required in many other professions.

My profession of journalism is at times flawed by the failings of a few individuals who besmirch the reputations of many decent journalists. Years ago I served on the board that determined recipients of the Pulitzer Prizes in journalism. A moving story about a child drug dealer written by a Washington Post reporter was submitted. It was dramatic. It read persuasively. We awarded it a Pulitzer in the appropriate category. But later the reporter’s editors developed concerns about the story. The reporter could not find the alleged drug dealer or identify the scene where the dealing had allegedly taken place. Eventually she confessed that the entire story was made up. Honorably, the Post returned the prize.

In more recent times, a document falsely accusing a president of the United States of dodging military obligations virtually ended the career of CBS news anchor Dan Rather.

Totally manufactured interviews and stories published by an errant reporter in the New York Times caused the resignation of the editor and managing editor. Similar problems at USA Today caused the departure of its editor.

If journalism sometimes falls short, who better than graduates of this university, steeped in principle and ethics, to be watchdogs and practice higher standards and make journalism better?

The same ethical standards can be applied to many other professions.

Last year there was a national outpouring of grief and respect upon the death of a famous TV journalist, Tim Russert. Why was he so loved? Because he was a man of principle. He was sturdy and persistent, asking tough questions of his guests. But he was fair and not overbearing in his quest for truth. As one columnist wrote with perception: “He wore his values on his sleeve.”

Not a bad epitaph for all of us.

John Hughes is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has taught at BYU since 2007.

J SQUARED

Welcome to spring at Brigham Young University.

After weeks of incessant teasing from rays of sunshine, it now seems finally safe to pull out your sunglasses and flip-flops. (Keep your fingers crossed.) Winter semester finals are long gone and blocked from memory. You didn’t sell your soul to a summer sales program in San Diego or Orlando, and you’ve resisted the inclination toward a few months of free rent in your parents’ basement. Maybe you remained on campus to knock out a few more prerequisites for your major. Or maybe you are pursuing a relationship amid the scent of blossoms and the romantic spring air.

Whatever your situation, The Daily Universe and the Issues & Ideas page will be here for you this spring and summer.

My name is J.J. Despain, and I will be at the helm of the Issues & Ideas page for the next few months. I consider Oregon home and come from a family of seven children. After high school, I served an LDS church mission in Cordoba, Argentina. Two years later I married my wife Erin, and life has been happy and blissful ever since. This summer will be an exciting one for us, because we are counting down to the grand debut of our very first child. We just found out last week we are having a girl, and she should be coming around the time BYU’s main student body returns for fall classes.

I have already been a regular

contributor to this page by way of political cartoons. Now as the page editor, I can supplement those cartoons with words. Writing was always one of my favorite school subjects, and I look forward to expressing, sharing and improving through the course of this spring and summer.

The Issues & Ideas page is famous as a site of contention, triviality and sarcasm. And although examples of such are entertaining, I will also strive to truly serve the campus and fill a role as a marketplace of ideas. This newspaper aims to be part of the BYU community and its voice. I always do my best to see multiple sides of any issue and not cling to any view without balancing and considering other factors. We look for the merits of any argument, pro or con, red or blue. And unapologetically I will look at issues through a lens of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ.

And, if you want to read even more of what I have to say, I invite you to check out my personal blog at jtothe2ndpower.blogspot.com. I’m also testing out this Twitter phenomenon, and you’ll find me there as @joshjoed. There you can see more of my thoughts and ideas and give your responses.

Thanks for reading The Daily Universe, and I look forward to hearing from you.

J.J. Despain roots for the Red Sox and juggles flaming torches in his spare time.

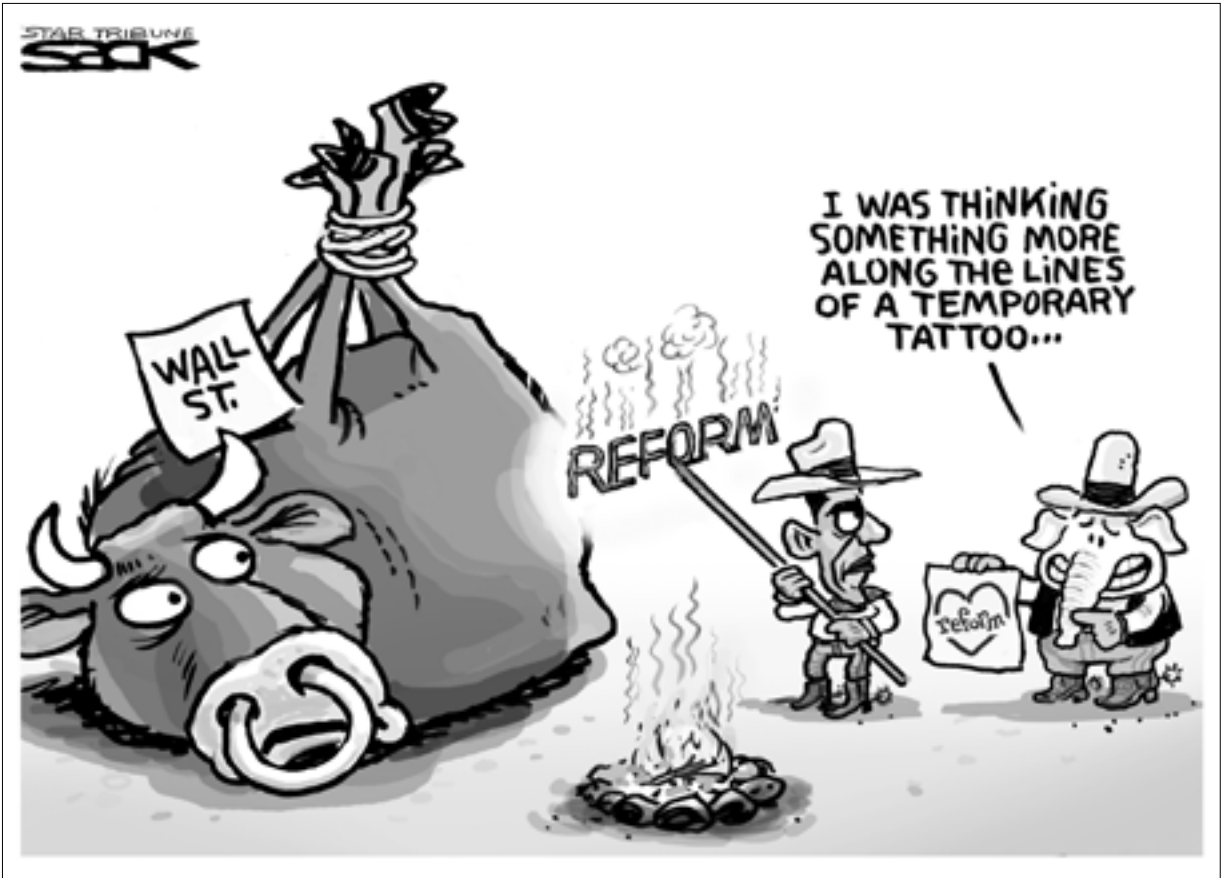


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[ Readers’ Forum ]

Tenure and apathy

I overheard two teachers discussing student ratings the other day and one teacher said to the other concerning student ratings, “I don’t care, I already have tenure.” So what? The students now don’t matter as much as they did five, 10, 15 years ago? I was shocked, yet I knew this mindset was very prevalent in many teachers on campus. They have the very same attitude mission presidents warn missionaries not to have: “I’m going home in a month, we don’t need to go knock doors.”

The reason I am so upset about this is because one of my teachers has tenure and his teaching style shows it. He doesn’t care to do anything outside of class to help students, his lectures are poor quality and going to class is not worth the students’ time. How can we get teachers to continually teach with the same zeal and quality as they did when they first started?

ROB LANEY  
Gilbert, Ariz.

More women in business

Why aren’t there more women in the BYU business program?

Across the country, the enrollment in most undergraduate business schools between men and women is about even, but only 21 percent of BYU’s business program is comprised of women.

Two major misperceptions seem to be the reason. Many LDS women do not think business is a useful major for them and/or believe the stereotype that all business graduates are workaholics who can’t balance family and work life.

People in any field can become consumed with work. That is not necessarily a function of the field they are in. In reality, working in the business field can provide quite a bit of freedom in regards to one’s schedule. Many projects are done on the computer, allowing one to work remotely.

A household is a business in its own right. A business degree will help prepare a woman to manage her home as well as help develop leadership and other important skills to run organizations at church, in the community and a

business if she so chooses.

Working part-time or being able to work from home are great options for those who are raising a family but need additional income. With a business minor, one can gain the skills needed to turn a great idea or a favorite hobby into a business.

KATHERINE ASHBY  
Farmington

Spring break is vital

Spring break is a vital alleviation from stress that should be given to Brigham Young University students. The rejuvenation that follows such a joyous break from studies is instrumental in physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

It is true that Brigham Young University ends the semester earlier than other schools, which may seem to justify its lack of spring break. However, our Wildcat friends from Weber State University also end the middle of April yet still have the luxury of a week-long spring break at the end of March. Cougars need play time just as Wildcats do.

Brigham Young University students do not waste their spring breaks with mindless partying and intoxication. Contrarily, this time could be spent with friends or families relaxing and regaining strength to finish the semester with energy and renewed focus.

This may seem like an insignificant problem Brigham Young University faces; however, a spring break would be a kind reward for months of hard work. And, the significance of this problem lies in the simplicity of its solution: a quick change of the academic calendar.

ALEX BERTHA  
Encinitas, Calif.

Open letter to Arizona

Dear Arizona,

It must be hard being the last state of the contiguous 48. So much pressure. Do you get tired of the hand-me-downs and the lessons learned by the older states? Does civil rights legislation not fit right? Would you like to try on something

else, something more fashionable and in? The civil war, the end of slavery and the massacre of Native Americans — these all occurred before you were born. Your decision to create a police state in response to immigration is great idea. It’s definitely overrated to learn from others’ mistakes.

I write you this letter, knowing that you don’t want to hear what I have to say. After all, you’re an Arizonan. It’s your state. You own the land and make the laws. For a while there, your economy was booming. Middle Americans went to work everyday in the freezing North, dreaming of a retirement home in Mesa, and they got it. Lots of good, honest folks moved in, started companies and took advantage of that founding ideal of America — opportunity.

There was only one problem. Other “people” moved in. They thought they deserved opportunity too. Hmph! They didn’t even speak English like your families with your Scandinavian and German last names did.

Sure, they work hard. But, like so many of you have said, they “stand around on corners” all the time. How un-American! After all their time in your homes, they should know that Americans loiter around television sets, not out in the open. Crowds outside are dangerous. They might laugh, dance or learn something.

In the end, it’s all for the best. All of your unemployed children with MBAs need jobs, and the sooner you kick out or harass away anyone with brown skin, the sooner your baby boy with so much potential, your pride and joy who sleeps, just for now, in your basement, will be able to buy his first pair of work gloves.

Horrifiedly yours,

DAVE FIFE  
Richmond, Va.

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TEST  
*Graduates given advice*

required, President Samuelson said. While recognizing the importance of what graduates learned during their time at BYU, President Samuelson said that even more important

might be “the skill and facility you have developed in learning how to learn.” Graduates will need this decision-making ability not only to make choices that are clearly between right and wrong but also to choose between “several attractive options” and, at other times, to make the right judgment “when none of your choices will appear to be optimal.” In doing so, graduates have the benefit of the gift of the

Holy Ghost, and they will be blessed as they faithfully live up to sacred covenants and obey God’s commandments, President Samuelson said. Representing the graduating class, Brian Timothy Wright of Portland, Ore., who graduated with University Honors in Russian as well as physiology and development biology, asked the graduates, “Is your sun setting or rising?” “The difference between the two is important, since one gives way to darkness while the other leads to more light,” Wright said. “While the sun may be setting on our time at

BYU, it is only beginning to rise on our eternal development.” Chris Feinauer, president of the BYU Alumni Association, offered his congratulations to graduates and extended to them lifelong membership in the alumni group. He invited BYU alumni to consider their CTR rings as a reminder to “choose to replenish.” “Our sponsoring organization, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has made a tremendous investment in you,” Feinauer said. “You are indeed fortunate, and we anticipate that as you prosper,

you will follow this vital tradition of giving back to your alma mater.” Feinauer said nourishing BYU through volunteer service or financial contributions would help replenish the university so that graduates’ children and grandchildren could enjoy its blessings. During the commencement, students Shea and Amy Owens were accompanied on the piano by Eric Callison as they sang “All Creatures of Our God and King.” Prayers were given by Elise May, BYUSA president, and Landon Hansen, BYUSA executive vice

president. Douglas E. Bush, professor of music, played processional and recessional music on the organ, and carillon bell preludes and postludes were played by associate music professor Don Cook and student Stephan D. Burton, respectively. The largest number of graduates — 1,185 — came from the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences. The average age of those receiving bachelor’s degrees was just under 25, while the oldest bachelor’s degree recipient was 67. *michelle\_bisson@byu.edu*

# Sparks II

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LEARNING  
*Central quest is to learn*

He continued by explaining how uncommonly knowledgeable and wise people are typically also the most humble, coming to the realization of how small their knowledge is compared to God’s. “Indeed, the greatest stumbling block to learning more may be the conviction that we already know nearly everything,” Elder Christofferson said. “We rightly rejoice in and express gratitude for all that God has revealed in rewarding both spiritual and scientific inquiry, but at the same time we must acknowledge how much more has not been revealed.” Last week’s commencement exercises marked a milestone



Photo by Mariangela Mazzei

Elder D. Todd Christofferson smiles while addressing the audience during commencement at the Marriott Center on Thursday.

central quest is to learn and to live the celestial law.” Elder Christofferson said the celestial law means, in part, learning to forgive and repent, as Nibley said. It also means to serve others, especially within families. For those not married or without their own children, this service can still be rendered to nieces, nephews and other children, he said. Elder Christofferson said all people, regardless of educational attainment, have equal opportunity to excel at the moral test of life. He then quoted C.S. Lewis, who wrote in his book, “The Weight of Glory”: “It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship. ... There are no ‘ordinary’ people.”

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mother also, as she reflected not only on her daughter’s time in college but on her own as well. “I got the ‘Mrs’ degree,” said Macklprang’s mother, Nanette Hilton. “Now I’m doing the bachelor of general studies 25 years later.” For some graduates receiving a second or even third degree, previous experience with commencement did not drive away the emotion associated with completing a long academic journey. “This is even more exciting,” said Kara Chandler, comparing the bestowal on Thursday of her master’s degree in brass performance to a bachelor’s degree received earlier. “This time I had a baby so it’s been harder to work on everything.” Rick Gabbitas was one of seven graduates to form the first-ever BYU class of graduating military chaplains. Along with his fellow students, he received a Master of Arts degree in religious education. “It’s historic,” Gabbitas said. “It’s cool.”



Photo by Mariangela Mazzei

BYU graduates get ready for commencement to start at the Marriott Center on Thursday.

**MORE WEDNESDAY**  
For coverage on convocation, see Wednesday’s edition of The Daily Universe.

While graduates and their families enjoyed the celebration of commencement by not only taking pictures but also ringing the Victory Bell outside the Marriott Center and attending a reception with President and Sister Samuelson, other students on campus looked forward to the day they could participate in a similar celebration.

“It’s sad and exciting at the same time,” said Kate Clark, a freshman from Orem. “I haven’t really minded (BYU offices) being closed. Today is a special day for all the graduates.” Kiren Dulai, a sophomore from Birmingham, England, agreed. “I am planning on walking in my graduation,” she said. “I feel like I have to [attend school] for four years, I should have the opportunity to walk across the stage.” *couhen@gmail.com*  
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# Without use of arms or legs, Ryan Griffin graduates from BYU

By LINDSEY SHUMWAY

Completing a degree at BYU can be an intense juggling act, but for Ryan L. Griffin, the challenge became even more difficult after he lost the use of his arms and legs.

"I have an awesome support system," Griffin said. "I couldn't do it without them."

Griffin, 28, graduated last week with a bachelor's degree in business management with an emphasis in marketing. He now begins a full-time job at Advanced RV doing Internet marketing. He learned to adjust to life as a quadriplegic during his time at BYU while filling a variety of assignments, exams, church callings, social activities and family responsibilities.

The day that changed Griffin's life began harmlessly. During a sophomore gym class at BYU-Idaho, Griffin was running sprints on the basketball court and careened into a wall.

"I was just running too fast; I just couldn't stop," Griffin said.

After a brief complete blackout, Griffin regained consciousness with the help of local emergency medical technicians. He has not moved his limbs since. Griffin broke his C1 and C2 vertebrae, the same vertebrae the late actor Christopher Reeve broke in a horse-riding accident.

Griffin was only out of school for about a year when he attempted to transfer to BYU. The Griffin family was devastated

when Ryan initially received a rejection letter.

"We got a call a few days later telling us to disregard the letter," said Terry Griffin, Ryan's mother. "We joke that Ryan had to break his neck to get into BYU."

Griffin took an average of three classes each semester and completed each of his assignments using voice recognition software called "Dragon NaturallySpeaking." He admits his mother had to help him complete his calculus assignments.

"I had to teach her a little," Griffin said, smiling.

Overcoming odds and aided by technology, Griffin can type papers, send e-mails and surf the Internet. He does need help taking notes in classes so he can concentrate on lectures.

Griffin physically attended each of his classes. He hired Kaitlyn Smith, a BYU from Beaverton, Ore., majoring in public health, to takes notes for him. Smith has been attending almost every class with him for the past four years.

"Taking notes for Ryan is the best job ever," Smith said. "He shows me and everyone that big, huge things can go wrong but you can still have a positive attitude."

Though aware of his condition, Griffin's professors expected the same performance from him as all their students.

"Ryan was just like any other student in my class, and he performed very well," said Eric D. DeRosia, assistant professor of marketing at BYU. "My class fo-

cuses on the real-life problems that companies have, and Ryan is great at applying business theory to come up with solutions to those problems. That's a surprisingly difficult thing to do, and Ryan is good at it."

In the commencement ceremony presided over by Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve last Thursday, Griffin received a bachelor's degree in business management. He graduated with a 3.3 GPA.

After his accident Griffin spent 18 weeks in a rehabilitation center in Englewood, Colo. He then spent an additional 12 weeks in a halo, a spinal stabilizing device.

"I could only move my eyes and my face," Griffin said. "Nurses taught me to be patient, not to freak out when something happens. So when something goes wrong [and] everyone else freaks out, I'm always the last one to freak out."

Nurses drew straws to determine who got to take care of Griffin each shift. Everyone wanted to be his nurse because of his positive attitude. Griffin smiled and looked forward to the future, which was rare in his unit of severely injured patients.

Griffin also has a healthy sense of humor. He teases his mom that she "must not have been paying attention in heaven when she got in line for this challenge."

"I don't know how people do things like this without the gospel," his mother said.

La Florence Jones, Terry Griffin's mother and Ryan's grandmother, said she shares her daughter's sentiment about the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Ryan's a remarkable individual," Jones said. "So are his parents. They have hope for the future and it's the gospel that makes it all doable."

Many people contributed to

Griffin's ability to attend BYU, from generous benefactors to Relief Society sisters.

"The Relief Society really stepped in," said Michelle Robbins, Ryan's sister. "I made one phone call and 18 women showed up."

Ryan attributes much of his success to friends, family, professors, students in his singles' ward and all the people who

provide his medical care. Griffin said taking care of him is a "round-the-clock business."

Griffin's positive attitude and determination have done more than earn him a college degree. When Ryan starts his new job this week, he plans to work four days from home and one day in the office each week. Griffin has a blog chronicling his journey: [ryangriffin.blogspot.com](http://ryangriffin.blogspot.com).



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After losing the use of his arms and legs, Ryan Griffin, right, pictured with his parents, graduated from BYU last week with a bachelor's degree in business management,

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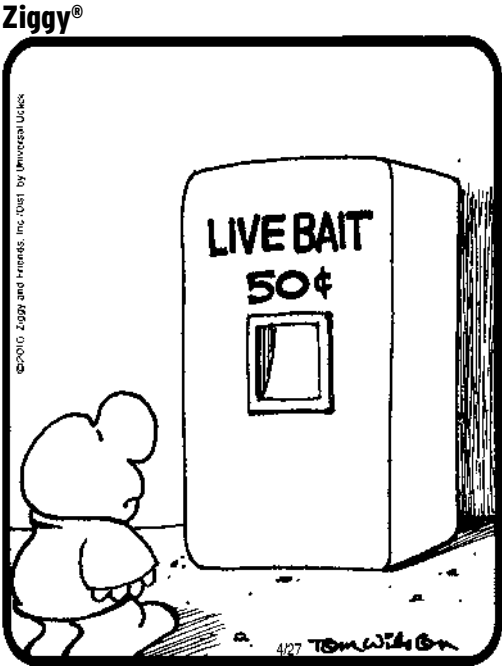
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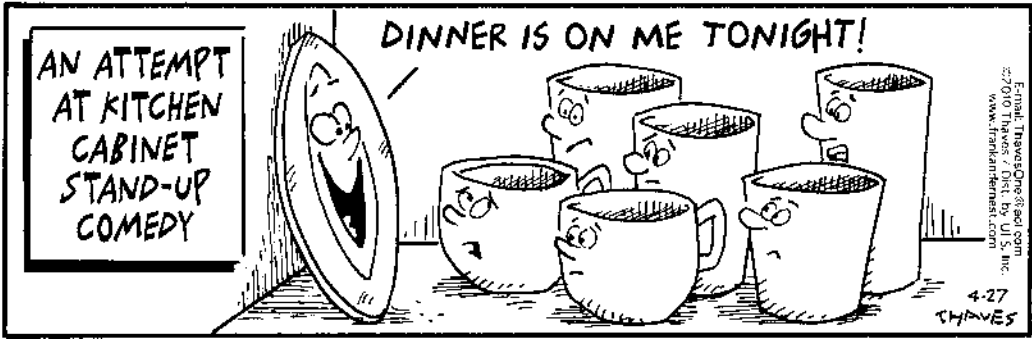
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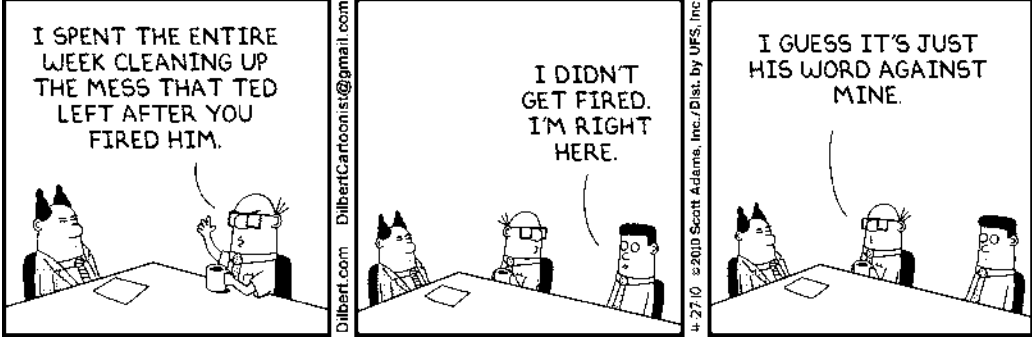
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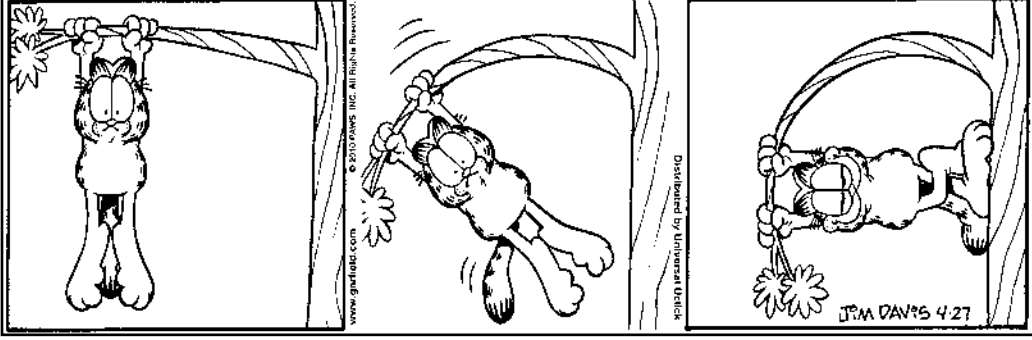
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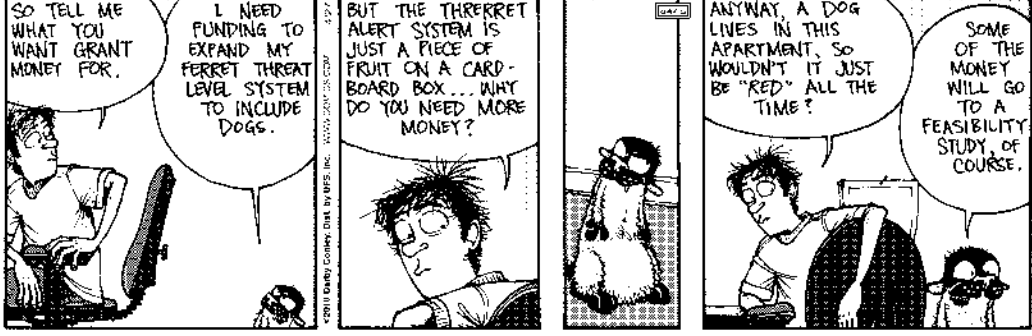
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# Cougar sports busy during break

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From volleyball to track, from signings to golf tournaments, it's been a busy two weeks on the Cougar sports front since Winter Semester classes ended.

So, to catch you up on what's been going on since you began finals and took a few days off between semesters, here are the highlights of the past two weeks:

### Men's volleyball

The No. 2 BYU spikers took care of business against UCLA on Saturday in the quarterfinals of the MPSF tournament, beating the Bruins 30-28, 30-26, 26-30, 30-26 in the Smith Field-house.

Cougar junior Kevin Sagers scorched UCLA with an impressive .682 hitting percentage, recording 17 kills and nine digs. Sophomore Robb Stowell led the way with 18 kills.

"It was a team effort for sure," BYU men's volleyball coach Shawn Patchell said in a news release. "We finally got some good angles on the ball and persevered."

Up next for BYU is a semifinal match against Cal-State Northridge, who split a two-match series with the Cougars two weeks ago. The semifinal match will be on Thursday at 6 p.m. MT at Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif.

### Men's golf

In its annual home tournament, the BYU men's golf team took second in the PING Cougar Classic this past weekend.

Colorado State won the team title, beating the Cougars by two strokes. Senior Robbie Fill-

more was the top BYU scorer, shooting a 7-under-par 209 to finish tied for fourth.

"It was a great day out here," BYU men's golf head coach Bruce Brockbank said in news release on Saturday. "We came within a couple strokes of winning the tournament, but Colorado State is a really good team. I'm very proud of our guys. We're looking forward to the Mountain West Conference Championships."

### Track and field

Like the men's golf team, the Cougar track and field squad stayed home this past week, participating in the Robison Invitational.

"We had a wonderful meet," BYU men's track and field coach Mark Robison said in a news release. "Things just moved along and the weather was phenomenal."

Several Cougars put up first-place finishes and season-best marks. One school record broken was by All-American Mindy McClurkin, as she broke her own record in the 200-meter with a time of 23.3 seconds, finishing first.

On the men's side, Leif Arhenius moved into first place in the MWC and 25th in the West rankings in the hammer throw with a toss of 59.8 meters.

### Football, basketball signings

A pair of junior college transfers signed with the BYU football and men's basketball teams on Friday.

Stephen Rogers, a 6-foot-8 forward from Mesa, Ariz., signed a national letter of intent and will join Dave Rose's men's basketball team next season. He will have three years of eligibility remaining after

playing last year at Mesa Community College.

"We're excited to have Stephen in our program," Rose said in a news release. "He had a great freshman season at Mesa Community College and brings a deal of versatility to our roster."

Rogers averaged 21.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.3 steals last year as Mesa went to the NJCAA Region 1 Championship.

JC cornerback DeQuan Everett, who played last year at Cerritos Junior College, signed a scholarship agreement and will join the football team this fall. The 6-2, 195-pound Everett recorded 18 tackles, four pass breakups, one interception and a fumble recovery last year.

### Men's Rugby

A 46-10 BYU men's rugby victory over Arizona moved the Cougars into the USA Rugby Collegiate Championships semifinals. BYU will play Army, who defeated Utah 31-24 to advance, on Friday in the semifinals at Stanford's Steuber Rugby Stadium in Palo Alto, Calif. The championship will be the following day.

In the win over the Wildcats, the Cougars scored eight tries, split equally among the team's forwards and backs. Giving up only a try in the 34th minute, the Cougars took a 24-7 lead into halftime. Four tries in the second half helped BYU shut the door on Arizona.

BYU advanced to play Arizona by beating Delaware 33-13.

### Men's tennis

In addition to beating rival Utah, the Cougar men's tennis team wrapped up the MWC title and an undefeated 6-0 con-

ference record by defeating its rival 6-1 on Saturday.

No. 33 BYU improved to 21-5 on the year and will play in the MWC Championships this week, from Wednesday through Saturday.

BYU took two of the three doubles matches to take the doubles point, then won five of the singles matches, including freshman Spencer Smith's 6-2, 6-3 victory over Utah's Timmy Allin at No. 5 singles.

### Baseball

The Cougar baseball won its series against rival Utah last week, winning two of three games. Alex Wolfe's walk-off, two-run home run in the series finale gave BYU a 6-4 victory on Saturday. Trailing 4-3 entering the ninth, catcher Bryce Ayoso hit a two-out RBI shot up the middle to tie the game, setting up Wolfe's heroics.

The day before, Utah used a seven-run fourth inning to beat the Cougars 11-2. In Thursday's series opener, Wolfe was the hero as well, hitting a two-out double in the eighth as BYU downed the Utes, 9-7.

The week before, the Cougars knocked off No. 20 Kansas State twice (15-9, 13-10) before losing three games to No. 10 TCU.

### Softball

One day after losing the first-place position in the MWC standings with a 9-4 loss to San Diego State, the Cougar softball team regained the top spot with a 4-0 victory over the Aztecs on Saturday.

Sophomore Delany Willard brought home all four runs for BYU (31-10, 6-2), as Willard hitting a three-run homer in the fourth inning and adding a RBI triple in the sixth.

# Fredette: 'Concrete guarantee' needed for him to enter draft

By BRANDON JUDD

Cougar fans can breathe a bit easier for now.

One day after declaring for the 2010 NBA Draft while not hiring an agent, junior guard Jimmer Fredette said it would take a "very solid, concrete guarantee" he would be picked in the first round for him to forgo his senior season at BYU and move on to an NBA career.

"It's more for going in for the experience and getting feedback on how to prepare myself to be a better basketball player for the upcoming year or for whenever it is I need to come out," Fredette told reporters recently at Legacy Hall.

Fredette said he's confident he will be able to line up some workouts with NBA personnel between Wednesday and May 8, the final day players who have declared for the draft but not hired an agent — like Fredette — can decide whether to pursue an NBA career or go back to college.

BYU men's basketball coach Dave Rose is playing a big part in helping Fredette with the process of lining up workouts, the player said.

"Coach does a lot of the contacting because obviously I don't know who I could contact and stuff like that,"



Jimmer Fredette

Fredette said. "I don't have their numbers or anything. But coach knows a lot of the people and is very well-connected, so he does a lot of that and he'll reference them to me to talk to them. We'll know more about it pretty soon here, though, because it's coming up pretty quickly."

This past season, Fredette was a key cog for the Cougars, who won a school-record 30 games, by averaging 22.1 points and 4.7 assists per game. In late December, he broke the school records for points and 3s in a game in the Cougars' 99-69 win at Arizona, with 49 points and nine 3s.

Fredette also tied BYU's program NCAA Tournament record with 37 points in the Cougars' 99-92 double-overtime win over Florida in the first round.

After dealing with a bout of mononucleosis and stomach illnesses in the latter part of the season, Fredette said he is back at full strength.

"I actually feel fine. I feel great right now," he said. "My weight's back up to normal. I've been working out a lot lately and I feel energized, I feel fine. My legs are back and I feel completely 100 percent right now, so that's a good thing."

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Puzzle 1: Easy

Puzzle 2: Moderate

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Puzzle 3: Hard Puzzle 3

### Solutions to Wednesday's Puzzles

## The New York Times Crossword

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### Across

- Vapors
- Trades
- Alternative to La Guardia or Newark, in brief
- Travis who sang "T-R-O-U-B-L-E"
- Picasso or Casals
- Peyton Manning's brother
- Try a North Atlantic fish for the first time?
- Jamaican term of address
- Afternoon hour
- Rhino relatives with long snouts
- "I'll alert ... Hobson, in "Arthur"
- French girlfriend
- Bind with a belt
- Ecco or Farberware?
- Notions, in Nantes
- Old photo color
- Part of F.B.I.
- Turning down
- Like a visit from Benedict XVI, e.g.
- Middle of the abdomen
- Registers for a meditation class?
- Big rig
- Its capital is Muscat
- Defendants enter them
- Hunk
- Airplane seating request
- Houston baseballer
- They're checked at checkpoints, briefly
- Store photographer?
- Code-breaking org.
- "Hill Street Blues" actress
- Veronica
- Augusta's home
- Fast sports cars
- Cornered

- when read in three parts, a hint to 17-, 31-, 47- and 63-Across

### Down

- Co. with a blooming business?
- Spoon-bending Geller
- 1960s sitcom with a talking palomino
- Engrave glass with acid
- Nor'easter, for one
- Big name in small swimwear
- Hell, to General Sherman
- "Dancing With the Stars" network
- Secret plan
- Scotch's partner
- Aunt known for her pancakes
- Old European gold coin
- Sex authority
- Alfred
- Prez's #2
- Melonlike tropical fruits
- Letters said with a shout
- Camouflage
- The "I" in 23-Down
- Got a perfect score on
- Where to find the diving board

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Kurt Krauss

- Unlock, in poetry
- Wisc. neighbor
- Ladies of Spain: Abbr.
- Storekeeper on "The Simpsons"
- Dweller above the Arctic Circle
- "Eureka!"
- Nautilus captain
- Insincerely eloquent
- I.M. snicker
- A.A.A. activity
- Surrounded by
- "The Wizard of Oz" setting
- Paltry
- Miss America accessory
- Leaf opening
- Workers' protection agcy.
- "Say again?"
- Lion's warning
- Govt. book balancer
- Podded plant
- British musician
- Brian
- Speedwagon

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BYU running back Harvey Unga voluntarily withdrew from BYU a little more than a week ago for violating the Honor Code.

# Unga withdraws from Y; return still debated

By BRANDON JUDD

It's been a little more than a week since BYU athletes Harvey Unga and Keilani Moeaki voluntarily withdrew from school for violating the Honor Code.

The decision of when or if Unga could return to the school remains up in the air. According to Cougar football coach Bronco Mendenhall, though, there is no question on whether his star running back wants to return to BYU.

"Harvey's first choice, and what he's fighting diligently for and trying to express to the administration at BYU, [is] that he wants to be back," Mendenhall said during a Mountain West Conference football

spring teleconference recently. "This goes back to the decision he made to not declare for the [NFL] draft early and to stay at BYU. He'll be the first in his family to graduate and receive a college degree.

"He's matured in so many areas over his time here at BYU and he loves our program and he wants to be here in the most desperate way. So that is his hope, that's his intent and that is what he'd like to do."

Unga, a Provo native and the school's leading rusher with 3,455 rushing yards in three seasons, would be a senior this year if he returns. It's also possible he could enter the NFL's supplemental draft in mid-July or transfer to another school to graduate, if he doesn't return to BYU. According to the Cougar coach, Unga is just three class-

es short of graduation.

"There's a lot of decisions and a lot of things for Harvey and his future. That is my first concern," Mendenhall said.

When any answers to these questions will come is uncertain.

"The process is still ongoing and I don't have really a time frame on when a decision will be reached and then how that will affect Harvey," the coach said. "If he's allowed to come back for the fall, obviously that would be something we'd love to have. If he's not allowed to come back for the fall, then he has a couple of options."

Mendenhall stood up for Unga's decision to voluntarily withdraw from school.

"I think it was just taking accountability for his actions," he said. "Harvey knows and embraces the standards here, wants the standards here and is in full support of the things the university asks."

If Unga doesn't return to the football team, it opens the door for younger players like Bryan Kariya and JJ Di Luigi, as well as freshman Josh Quezada, to take over the running back position. Kariya started the Oklahoma game last year when Unga was unavailable due to injury and helped the Cougars upset the then-No. 3 Sooners, 14-13. He finished the year with 199 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground while adding 186 receiving yards and two more scores.

Di Luigi rushed for the sec-

ond-most yards on the team in 2009, with 248 and three touchdowns. He also proved to be valuable in the passing game, with 270 receiving yards and four scores.

Quezada enrolled early at BYU this past semester to participate in spring drills. Throughout camp, Quezada earned praise from Mendenhall and, in the Cougars' final spring practice, he rushed for 34 yards and a touchdown on eight carries while adding 18 receiving yards during scrimmage time.

"We have depth and I think we have capable players, basically very similar players that we beat Oklahoma with this past year," Mendenhall said. "But again, when you lose Harvey, that changes your football team. And so, again, we're kind of holding on and waiting as well and then starting to project and prepare in a lot of different ways in case he's either with us or not with us."

Moeaki will also have some decisions ahead. In three seasons with the Cougar women's basketball team, she has started 67 of 91 games, averaging 4.4 points and 2.2 rebounds last year.

"Keilani has been a valuable contributor to our team the past three years," Cougar women's basketball coach Jeff Judkins said in a news release. "She has my support while she takes time to address some important personal matters."

# Dennis Pitta drafted by Baltimore Ravens

By BRANDON JUDD

Former BYU tight end Dennis Pitta knows where his new home will be, and there will be a familiar face there to welcome him.

Pitta was selected by the Baltimore Ravens in the fourth round of the 75th NFL Draft on Saturday, the seventh tight end picked in the draft. Pitta will be reunited with former Cougar quarterback John Beck, who played with Pitta on the 2004 BYU team.

Pitta, the 16th player taken in the fourth round, was the second tight end taken by the Ravens in the 2010 draft. In the third round on Friday, Baltimore selected former Oregon Duck Ed Dickson.

"It's going to be a great environment and a great organization I'm coming into," Pitta said in a conference call with Baltimore media, according to [baltimore Ravens.com](http://baltimore Ravens.com). "I couldn't have asked for a better situation."

Todd Heap is the current starter at tight end for the Ravens. Last year, Heap, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was third on the team with 53

catches for 593 yards and six touchdowns. The 10-year NFL veteran Heap is on the latter end of his career, though, as he was drafted by Baltimore in the first round in 2001.

Also on the Ravens' roster at tight end is second-year man Davin Drew, a practice squad player in 2009.

In his career at BYU, Pitta had 221 receptions — a school record — for 2,901 yards — an NCAA all-time mark among tight ends — and 21 touchdowns. In 2008, he finished with 83 catches for 1,083 receiving yards and six touchdowns, and last year he grabbed 62 passes for 829 yards and eight touchdowns. Pitta earned several All-America citations after last season, including being named to the Walter Camp Foundation first team.

A trio of other former BYU football players also signed free agent contracts with NFL teams on Saturday.

Quarterback Max Hall will stay in his home state, signing with the Arizona Cardinals, while fullback Manase Tonga inked a deal with the Oakland Raiders and tight end Andrew George signed with the Carolina Panthers.

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