Researchers turn science fiction into reality

Think Iron Man. That’s what BYU researchers were thinking when they conceived a new class of mechanical devices called "workable mechanisms." These mechanisms are similar, in some regards, to those used in Iron Man’s suit.

"They have a lot of thing in science fiction all the time, but sometimes those ideas have not been possible. This gives us the ability to do complex things and make it very compact," said engineer professor and researcher Larry Howell.

While the researchers find the idea of science fiction becoming a reality fascinating, their goal is to benefit the world by implementing these discoveries into real-life surgical tools, rovers, airplanes, drones and vehicles.

According to Howell, the team is working to make these mechanisms easier to use in commercial products.

"Imagine a surgical tool that can go through a very small incision in the body, but that has multiple functions," Howell said. "Imagine a surgical tool that’s like a Swiss Army Knife. It has everything integrated into one, but is as small as possible."

Professor and researcher Spencer Magleby said the new technology allows the team to build complex mechanisms into an interior without taking up any valuable real estate inside the structure itself.

"The new technology allows us to fit a high volume of things into one piece of equipment and not have to break it up into pieces," said Howell. "The ability to reduce the volume of something that can do complex things is a big deal."

The team discovered curve folding and making these discoveries.

Magleby said spaces become very valuable with the real estate itself because it can’t be sticking out or inside the body. "It’s a very tight box, and that forces you into new designs."

With such a small mechanism, evaluated period and from questionnaire answers compiled by lawyers, media professionals and citizens.

Newsroom.

According to BYU News, Howell and Magleby worked in collaboration with original actor Robert Lang. Their work has generated national and international coverage from media around the world.

"We began to discover that we can put some of our origami principles into real-world applications," said Howell.

The index is a score assigned to countries from red (bad) and black (very bad) meaning "an extremely poor press freedom climate."

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Major faces charge related to wife’s disappearance

An Air Force base bought a shotgun, an ax, and a “burn-out” day after the husband was seen waiting by the front door, according to the receipt, except for investigations. A man who lives near the property, according to law enforcement, is charged with attempting to dispose of his wife, Andrew McDonald, who is believed to be in his cabin. The 37-year-old woman is believed to have been killed, and the items belonged to her man, the person who disposed of the wife’s body.

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Tornadoes kill 23 in Alabama

Rescue crews searched for victims March 4 in homes destroyed by their foundations, ships and trucks and their families, as the death toll ran past 23 people in the southern United States.

Red Wings great Ted Lindsay dies at 93

Ted Lindsay, the Hall of Famer who provided muscle and mayhem on the Detroit Red Wings’ most successful era, died on March 1 at the age of 93.

Lindsay died at his home in Michigan, said his lawyer, Fred Kallin, who was named the executive director of the NHLPA in 2013.

The Detroiter, who played for the Red Wings from 1950 to 1966, was named in June 2013 by the NHL as a special assistant to the league commissioner.

Pakistani cricket team to visit cricket in the United States

The Pakistani cricket team is visiting the United States this week, according to an official.

The team is expected to play a two-match series in the United States, according to the source.
Government, businesses push for more accessible parental leave

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California, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island currently offer paid family and medical leave programs, in addition to a new federal paid family and medical leave program that the state of California has authorized. In the Utah Legislature, Rep. Erin Proctor, R-Salt Lake City, introduced the Family Leave Assistance Bill (SB 21), which would grant six weeks of paid parental leave to employees. She proposed a similar bill in the 2017 session, but it was not brought to committee.

The bill is limited as it would only apply to state employees, however, Proctor said it would start the process for a summertimeor late-fall state-wide parental leave.

According to Utah’s Department of Workforce Services, the program would be funded like Utah’s unemployment insurance program, which is jointly financed by employers and employees. The state pays more than 80% of the cost with more than 50 employees and 50% for employers with smaller companies.

Leave is only awarded in the works for paid family leave at the federal level.

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Gaylord said FMLA has two main problems: “It is not nothing that the Family Medical Leave Act, a law passed in 1993, offers to workers,” Gaylord said. “It would provide everyone with access to paid leave to care for a new child or family member, or just their own health concerns that require some time away from work.”

According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, the FMLA Act would provide eligible workers with a portion of their wages for up to 12 weeks a year for specified family and medical reasons. The bill would create a family and medical leave insurance fund paid for by employers and employees, who would contribute a small amount of each paycheck into the fund. It would also create an Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave at the Department of Labor.

Gaylord said he’s optimistic about the bill’s progress, even though it’s been a Democrat-backed legislation. “There is growing interest in both sides of the aisle in recognizing that this is a problem for American families. But there seems to be some kind of resistance.” Gaylord said. “The differences so far are exactly what that solution would be.”

According to Gaylord, Democratic solutions center around a payroll tax paid by employers and employees. Republican solutions rely on tapping into Social Security funds to pay for the leave.

“Companies that are magnets for attracting and retaining talent try to be there to help their employees,” Gaylord said.

Additionally, a Pew Research Center poll found 82 percent of Americans say new parents should receive paid leave following birth or adoption and 80 percent say fathers should receive the same. Gaylord said the high public support for paid family leave will likely force federal lawmakers to propose changes.

Gaylord emphasized paid family leave can be a win-win situation for both employers and employees.

“Any kind of investment in the workplace is one of the best returns you can have,” Gaylord said. “And people want[ed].And we are going to help make the case, and a lot of companies are doing that for companies in not los- ing such a lucrative and important revenue.” Gaylord said.

Gaylord said it’s not just a shortage in the talent pool, the companies, which may explain why more com- panies are willing to offer in-house paid family leave. He said big companies like Facebook and Google, which offer paid parental leave, are up to 70 weeks of paid parental leave for their employees.

Utah-based Demo’s website does the company offers new parents 10 weeks paid maternity leave and two weeks paid paternity leave. Weave, a tech startup in the valley, announced in sum- mer it would begin to offer 12 weeks of paid parental leave and six weeks paid paternity leave. Cozy, a tech startup in the valley, which offers paid parental leave for its employees, also recently announced it would begin offering six weeks of paid parental leave in 2017.

“With paid parental leave programs moving beyond Utah’s high tech industries, it’s going to be, I think, a very big opportunity,” Gaylord said.

“The University of Utah began its Family Leave Program, which includes paternity leave starting Jan. 1.”

Overlooked

Gaylord said she’s grateful for the paid parental leave business from her twin’s birth. However, she added she would like to see paid paternity leave more widely available, citing the difficulty many same-sex couples face.

“It’s not just emotionally important, it’s just economically important,” she said. “It’s just a difficult process all around.”

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“Hold On!”

Loeb resident Pauliin Hanland was seven months pregnant when she found out the small company she worked for wasn’t required to pro vide FMLA. Her boss told her she had 12 weeks off to work her childbirth, Hanland was forced to continue working. “It was going to make it difficult to give them the time off when I was pregnant or just that my work would suffer,” Hanland said.

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BYU officials say they support open records bill despite police decertification

BYU attorney and BYU Police Chief told legislators they support a bill that would require private university police departments to comply with the state’s open records laws.

The statements supporting the proposed legislation came days after news broke that the state is planning to decertify the BYU Police Department.

The state action comes partly because officials say the department has not complied with past demands for police records that municipal policing agencies must make public available.

Sen. Kurt Bramble, R-Provo, introduced legislation that would subject private university police departments, including BYU, to open records requests.

A senate committee heard discussion on the bill Feb. 28 and passed it unanimously. No one at the hearing spoke in opposition to the bill.

Salt Lake Tribune attorney Michael O’Brien and Editor-in-Chief Jennifer Nipper Pierce both attended the hearing and supported the bill.

O’Brien is a media lawyer who represents the Utah Media Coalition, a nonprofit group organizing for the Tribune in a lawsuit, currently before the Utah Supreme Court, concerning BYU’s records request denied from the Tribune in 2018. BYU attorney Heather Gunnarson and Police Chief Chris Randolph later testified on the bill and expressed support for the changes it would make.

“We agree that university police should be subject to the same level of transparency and accountability as any other law enforcement office within the state,” Gunnarson said.

The statement seems to clash with the tone of a formal statement issued by BYU Feb. 28, stating the university’s intention to appeal the decertification decision made by the Utah Department of Public Safety, calling the decision “unfair.”

Bramble’s proposed legislation follows the Utah Department of Public Safety’s decision to decertify the BYU Police Department by September 2019.

According to a letter dated Feb. 20 to BYU President Kevin J. Worthen from Public Safety Commissioner Jess L. Anderson, the university police was to be decertified after failing to conduct an internal investigation between April 2016 and April 2018 regarding specific allegations of misconduct against a BYU police officer, believed to be former Lt. Aaron Rhoades.

According to court documents, the Tribune’s lawsuit was first filed July 12, 2016, after BYU police refused to release internal documents the Tribune requested. The lawsuit followed allegations from the Tribune that Rhoades accessed a police computer during a Peace Officer Standards and Training investigation into his conduct, Rhode’s reevaluation of a student who was the victim of sexual assault.

According to the Tribune, Rhoades began accessing BYU and Orem police records for the Honor Code Office in August 2018 and stopped in June 2019 after the state announced its investigation into the BYU police department.

A March 7, 2018, letter from the Utah Attorney General’s office redefines these agencies as “government entities in such situations,” according to Bramble.

He said the BYU Police Department is not subject to the state open records laws because it was established as a private university, not a governmental organization.

In a Feb. 28 letter to Bramble’s proposed legislation, BYU Police Chief that the BYU police department is subject to open records laws.

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BYU was later required by the Utah State Records Committee to release a BYU police code with former Missionary Training Center President Joseph Bishop, who was accused of raping a sister missionary in 1984, to KSL. The university appealed the ruling after it had released partial documentation regarding the interview.

In October 2018, Bramble announced his intention to sponsor SB197, which would clarify the laws applying to private institutions with police departments.

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O’Brien also said BYU is required to comply with the state’s open records laws.

“According to O’Brien, Third District Judge Laura Scott ruled in favor of the Tribune on July 11, 2018, after the newspaper appealed the Utah State Records Committee’s decision that BYU’s police department was not required to follow open records laws.

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Hockey falls to USU in regional finals

Freshman qualifies for 2020 Olympic trials

Emma Wiles
BYU Men’s CHI Ultimate team is one of the top ultimate teams in the country, having hosted the No. 2 seed Carleton College in the Florida Warm Up tournament recently. Men’s CHI Ultimate is the club team for BYU’s men’s ultimate, a sport previously known as Ultimate Frisbee. CHI stands for “competition, harmony, and integrity.”

As a club team, CHI Ultimate is not funded by BYU and has to cover its own costs. The team does not have access to cameras, graticules, fields, or trainers. The program hosts a number of clinics, leagues and high school camps each year that helps money. Team alumni and fans also participate in an annual fundraising drive. Through these efforts the team raises about $20,000 yearly. The players pay the fee through team dues each season.

“We pay for our plane tickets, but we are usually able to coordinate with some of the best squads in the country,” Merrill said.

USA Ultimate, the governing body of ultimate teams across the nation, hosts a three-round postseason each April and May where twenty teams compete in the national championships. With a current No. 3 ranking, CHI would be expected to qualify for this year’s event and advance as far as the semifinals or finals. Unfortunately, many of whom placed ultimate competitively in high school. This CHI team brings both the chance to compete against some of the best squads in the country and the two qualifying tournaments leading up to it require five tournaments across the country every year.

Joseph Merrill plays for a flying disc while being defended. Merrill said the CHI Ultimate team has taught him he can do “incredible things.”

“We help in all components of NCAA rules including but not limited to academics, financial aid, extra benefits, playing, and practice seasons (and) amateurism,” Gwilliam said.

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