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New Prophet, new First Presidency



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From left: President Dallin H. Oaks, first counselor in the First Presidency; President Russell M. Nelson and President Henry B. Eyring, second counselor in the First Presidency, address the press Tuesday, Jan. 16.

By MCKENNA PARK & KAITLYN BANCROFT

President Russell M. Nelson, 93, was named the 17th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during a church broadcast this morning from the annex of the Salt Lake Temple.

He named President Dallin H. Oaks, 85, as his first counselor and President Henry B. Eyring, 84, as his second counselor.

President Nelson was sustained and set apart in the Salt Lake Temple on Jan. 14, 2018. He has served under the

last five church presidents and was president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles from July 15, 2015, until his call as president of the church. President M. Russell Ballard, 89, now becomes the acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Elder D. Todd Christofferson made the announcement, which marks the first time in 32 years that a counselor in the First Presidency — Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf — has returned to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

It's also the first time in almost 67 years that a previous first counselor has been sustained as a second counselor in the First Presidency. The last time was on April 9, 1951, when President J.

Reuben Clark was sustained as second counselor to President David O. McKay after serving as first counselor to President George Albert Smith.

President Oaks is also the first former BYU president to serve as a member of the First Presidency.

Elder Christofferson described the process of setting apart the new First Presidency as “a sweet, sacred experience.” The announcement was followed by remarks from each member of the new First Presidency.

“How could I choose only two out of 12 apostles, each of whom I love so dearly?” President Nelson said of choosing his counselors.

President Nelson said “words are

inadequate” to describe being set apart as president of the church. He also said the last First Presidency was totally capable and inspired, and each apostle is now willing to serve where he has been called.

President Nelson expressed gratitude to church members and spoke of the “majestic manner” in which the Lord governs his church.

“There is no electioneering, no campaigning, only the quiet working of the divine plan of succession, put in place by the Lord himself,” he said. “Each day of an apostle's service is a day of learning.”

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Technology changing Cougars fan experience

By CALEB TURNER

In-stadium Wi-Fi and live streaming are giving Cougar fans a chance to interact and contribute to games in ways they couldn't in the past.

Horizon Communications beta tested a new Wi-Fi network in LaVell Edwards Stadium during the Nov. 18 game against UMass.

BYU Associate Athletic Director Duff Tittle announced the beta test on Nov. 15, 2018.

“It's finally here Cougar Nation,” Tittle said of the long-awaited network he called a “state-of-the-art system.”

Despite rumors and years of fan complaints, this was the first announcement of Wi-Fi coverage for any BYU athletic venue.

In today's online world, most people expect to be able to connect to the internet everywhere they are, and especially at sports venues, where they share photos and game updates.

In 2014, 32 college football stadiums and 20 NFL stadiums already had Wi-Fi systems, according to Bloomberg and Social Sign In, with the leagues and conferences encouraging the other teams to follow suit.

“Lack of internet is one of many reasons why people don't attend (football games),” said Zachary Lowder, who worked in the department that maintains the University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium, in a 2015 Daily Universe article.

BYU is four years late in joining the Wi-Fi party — a wait that was more than long enough for fans, whose reactions



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BYU fans watch the Cougars face off against Portland State at LaVell Edwards Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017. A new Wi-Fi network for the stadium was tested on Nov. 18, 2017.

after the announcement and implementation were nothing but positive.

“We were in one of the test sections last game and it was a strong signal the whole game,” said Reed Beatse on Twitter.

Paul Stokes, another Twitter user, said the Wi-Fi also worked great for him.

“Well done Cougs!” Stokes tweeted.

It appears that the beta test was only available in certain areas of the stadium, and it is unclear what the plans for the network are going forward.

Neither BYU Athletics nor Horizon responded to inquiries into future plans.

Wi-Fi implementation in LaVell Edwards Stadium is just the latest in a series of technological advances and growth for BYU Athletics.

For several years now, BYU games have been streamed live over the internet, and the number of streamed events is steadily growing.

The most recent high-profile recent stream was the men's basketball game between BYU and No. 25 ranked

Alabama on Nov. 24 in Brooklyn, New York. Stadium Sports hosted the stream through a Facebook live event.

Fans encountered technical difficulties early on: the stream did not connect for the entire first half.

“Is this a joke? All I have seen in the 5 minutes I've been here is a message saying ‘Something went wrong. Sorry, we're having trouble playing the video,’” said Facebook viewer Ben Burton.

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Events in the life of President Russell M. Nelson

Sept. 9, 1924
Born to Marion C. and Edna Anderson Nelson in Salt Lake City.

1945
Received his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah.

Aug. 31, 1945
Married Dantzel White. They had 10 children.

1947
Received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Utah.

1951-53
Called into military service in the Korean War. Visited every M.A.S.H. unit in Korea and field hospitals as a representative of the Army.

1954
Received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota, where he served his residency in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

1955
Returned to the University of Utah as an assistant professor of surgery and the director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency Program. Helped perform the first open-heart surgery in Utah in 1955.

1964-71
Served as stake president of the Bonneville Stake.

June 1971
Called as general president of the Sunday School.

1972
Performed heart surgery on President Spencer W. Kimball.

1979
Called as a regional church representative.

April 7, 1984
Sustained to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

April 12, 1984
Ordained an apostle.

1985-1990
He and Elder Oaks helped establish the church in every country in Eastern Europe.

2003
The book “Russell M. Nelson, Father, Surgeon, Apostle” released.

Feb. 12, 2005
Wife, Dantzel White Nelson, died.

April 6, 2006
Married Wendy Watson.

Oct. 21-30, 2011
Dedicated the nation of Malawi and taught priesthood leadership in Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

May 20, 2012
Dedicated the Philippines Missionary Training Center.

June 27, 2012
Honored with the Bronze Minuteman Award, granted to military members and civilians for their service to the state and to their communities.

Sept. 7-17, 2012
Created second stake in St. Petersburg, Russia.

July 15, 2015
Set apart as president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles by President Thomas S. Monson.

Dec. 4, 2017
Along with President Henry B. Eyring, met with U.S. President Donald J. Trump and U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch at Welfare Square.

Jan. 14, 2018
Set apart as 17th President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

UNIVERSE news briefs

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Twin bombings in Baghdad kill 38

Twin suicide bombings rocked Baghdad on Monday, killing 38 people in the deadliest attack since Iraq declared victory over the Islamic State group last month, and raising fears ahead of national elections planned for May.

The bombers targeted the bustling Tayran Square during the morning rush hour. More than 100 people were wounded, according to police and hospital officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.



Future floods in mind as California town rebuilds

After power and drinking water return, and cleanup crews haul away the last of the boulders and muck that splintered homes like a battering ram, the wealthy seaside hideaway of Montecito, California, will start rebuilding with the possibility of another catastrophic flood in mind.

Though parts of the town of about 9,000 were spared, the debris flows leveled entire blocks as they killed at least 20 people last week. Sewer lines were ruptured, fire hydrants sheared off, power lines downed.



UK Royal Air Force intercepts Russian jets

Britain's Royal Air Force scrambled two fighter jets to intercept Russian bombers near U.K. airspace on Monday, in another illustration of ongoing tensions. The RAF confirmed a "quick reaction alert," deploying Typhoon aircraft from the Lossiemouth base in Scotland as two Tupolev TU-160 Blackjack bombers approached Britain.

"The Russian aircraft were initially monitored by a variety of friendly nation fighters and subsequently intercepted by the RAF in the North Sea," the air force said.



Dollar's fall weighs on global stocks

Global stocks mostly fell on Monday as the dollar weakened across the board, pinching the outlook for export-driven regions like Europe. The U.S. market remained closed for a holiday.

Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.1 percent to 7,768.12 while Germany's DAX dropped 0.3 percent to 13,209.37 and France's CAC 40 ended the day roughly unchanged at 5,519.41. U.S. markets remained closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The dollar fell in value against most currencies, extending its losses so far this year.



MLK III calls out Trump on alleged comments

Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest son is calling out President Donald Trump following accusations the president used a vulgarity to describe African countries and expressed a preference for immigrants from countries like Norway.

Martin Luther King III spoke in Washington on Monday, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. King says: "When a president insists that our nation needs more citizens from white states like Norway, I don't even think we need to spend any time even talking about what it says and what it is."

PRESIDENT THOMAS S. MONSON 1927 - 2018



Dani Jardine

The casket of President Thomas S. Monson was positioned in front of the podium at the Conference Center as family members take their seats at his funeral on Friday, Jan. 12. Speakers were Ann M. Dibb, President Monson's daughter, followed by President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, President Henry B. Eyring and President Russell M. Nelson. After the hour-long service, President Monson was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

PROPHET Oaks, Eyring named as counselors

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He added they were speaking from the temple in order to "begin with the end in mind," as temple covenants and ordinances are key to being strengthened and resisting temptation. He also said God wants each of us to return home.

"If you have stepped off the path, may I invite you, with all the hope in my heart, to please come back," he said. "Whatever your concerns, whatever your challenges, there is a place for you in this, the Lord's church. You and generations yet unborn will be blessed by your actions now."

He ended by bearing witness that the apostle's mission is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ, and pledging to love and serve the church "with every remaining breath of (his) life."

President Oaks spoke next of serving beside President Nelson for the last 35 years; he also said he feels privileged to be called to the First Presidency and to work beside President Eyring in declaring the truths of the restored gospel.

President Eyring spoke of this being a great time in the church's history. Though Joseph Smith could speak to all church members at one time and in one place, he said President Nelson now addresses members across the world, and this growth is a "visible miracle." He said the bigger miracle, however, is the growth

of faith in Jesus Christ.

"The Lord has prepared and chosen President Nelson to lead in that growth," President Oaks said. "He knows and loves the Lord. The growth will come as we each pray, work and live to have the Holy Ghost as our companion in our lives."

He added that each association with the First Presidency has increased his ability to remember the Savior, that priesthood keys have been passed to them through a line of true prophets and the apostles are becoming more as one through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"This is a great time in the history of the church, and yes, the best is still to come," President Eyring said.

Following the announcement, each member of the new First Presidency spoke at a press conference, in which President Nelson again encouraged members to focus on and keep their temple covenants.

Topics addressed at the press conference included LGBTQ issues, diversity in church leadership and retaining church membership among the upcoming generation.

In response to a question about how the church will approach LGBTQ issues, President Nelson emphasized that God loves all his children and wants them to have joy.

"We know that there are challenges the commandments of God," he said. "Challenges to be worthy to enter his holy presence when we're through with this mortal experience, and we're trying to help people find happiness and joy in this life. ... God loves his children and we love them, and there's a place for everyone," in the church.

Addressing those who have left the church, President Nelson said "every member needs to know the difference between what's doctrine and what's human," and President Oaks encouraged people to not divide themselves through ethnic or other cultural labels. He added that it brings him comfort to know that church members don't believe their leaders are infallible.

"What we believe in is the organization the church has with multiple prophets, seers and revelators," he said.

President Nelson, who has nine daughters of his own, said women are vital to the church.

"We need their voices, we need their input and we love their participating with us," President Nelson said.

He also discussed diversity in church leadership.

"We are white, and we are American," President Nelson said. "But look at Quorums of the Seventy, and look at our local leaders. Wherever we go, leaders come from the community."

President Eyring expressed his confidence that President Nelson's optimism, as well as his confidence in millennials' faith, will make him a relatable leader to the youth of the church.

"I'm seeing some 18-year-olds and 20-year-olds ... that have a rock-solid faith, a love of the Lord and (are) willing to do everything they can to serve him and each other," he said.

President Nelson emphasized that keeping the commandments isn't restricting, but rather brings joy.

"All of the commandments are to liberate you from the bondage of sin and error," he said. "So the way to joy is to keep the commandments."

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New Cougar Wi-Fi network

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The hosts created a second link for the second half that worked much better, amassing over 118,000 views.

Stadium even gave the fans a chance to choose who they wanted to hear from in the post-game interview by commenting and using the hashtag #BAMAvsBYU.

Though the comments were somewhat critical during the early technical difficulties, several fans expressed their satisfaction with the ease and convenience of viewing over an internet stream.

"Go Cougars, watching live from Bluffdale, Utah," viewer Brandon Branch said in the Facebook comments. "I don't understand the criticism of watching the game in this format. I'm chromecasting in HD to my big screen and following comments on my phone. No commercials and free, can't beat that."

The game against UMass the following day at the Barclays

Center in Brooklyn was also streamed on Facebook with Stadium, this time going off without a hitch.

Cougar fans would usually have no way to view away games that are not broadcast nationally, but thanks to Facebook and other streaming mediums, they are becoming more accessible.

In January 2018 alone, according to the Cougar Athletic calendar, at least 21 BYU athletic events will be streamed live over the internet, with varying degrees of accessibility based on cable plans and regions.

BYUtv programming is streamed live on its website, meaning every sporting event broadcast on its TV channel will also be available anywhere in the world that has internet.

In the Facebook streams, fans can respond to the hosts and commentators as well as each other, sharing predictions and insight with each play.

And stadium Wi-Fi allows fans to share content from their game experiences, such as photos and videos, as well as stay up-to-date on game stats and injuries.

Though it has taken BYU a few years to catch up to the rest of the sports world in technology, expect things to keep growing and developing as the fans and sponsors realize its positive impact.



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BYU researchers found 90 percent of self-help app users reported increased confidence and motivation.

Self-help apps increase confidence, motivation

By JILLIAN ARGENTO

Ninety percent of mental health app users reported increased confidence, motivation and sense of control after use, according to a survey by BYU researchers. Users also reported positive changes in attitude, beliefs and behaviors.

Professors Josh West, Ben Crookston and Cougar Hall teamed up to conduct the study. They combined their knowledge of public health as well as past research on mobile technologies to understand the benefits of self-help apps.

"If apps contain some of the basic theoretical constructs or understandings that we have in public health already, if they are able to incorporate theory, then most likely they're going to provide a benefit to people," Hall said. "Our survey sample (150 people) was really small, but that's exactly what we found."

The study collected data from voluntary surveys over three weeks. Those who had used a mental or emotional health app in the last six months qualified for the survey.

One challenge of studying this class of apps is there are

tens of thousands of apps to choose from, according to West. He said the best way to learn about the use of self-help apps was to measure user engagement, rather than specific programs.

The findings of the study suggest the majority of people benefit from using self-help apps. But ultimately, those apps should be a supplement for therapy, medication and other professional care, according to Crookston.

"Maybe even for someone who has much more moderate or modest challenges associated with this, if they find the right app, this might be enough for them on a fairly routine basis," Crookston said.

When used in conjunction with other treatments suggested by a professional, these apps can build the skills an individual learns in therapy and track their mood and behaviors, according to BYU psychologist Clint Hobbs.

Self-help apps often have a low cost and are available on most devices, making them feasible options for most people. Hobbs said mobile technologies are increasing in popularity due to personal convenience and privacy.

"I think a big reason for

self-help technology becoming more common is that there are shortages of mental health professionals nationwide, so access to a therapist is sometimes more difficult," Hobbs said. "Also, self-help technology is very private and can appeal to those who hold some traditional stigma about mental health services."

Hobbs said the apps' popularity may be because of their immediacy and ease of use. But there is a lack of accountability involved with relying on an app instead of meeting with a therapist.

Although the research shows using self-help apps increases motivation, Hobbs said users must be motivated to open the app in the first place. Mental health issues can hinder motivation, and it might be difficult for some to take the initiative to start a program on their own.

The professors don't have plans for a follow-up study, but they do plan to continue researching how mobile technologies intersect with public health.

"We want to be more inclusive, not exclusive," Hall said. "We think mobile apps in harnessing that technology is in line with that basic philosophy of public health."

Students explore their interests at Clubs Night



Savannah Hopkinson

From left: BYU students Camille Cowan and Aisha Huston practice karate during Clubs Night. Students can participate in various activities every Tuesday evening at Clubs Night.

By JACOB OSBORN

BYU's Clubs Night's new executive director is working hard to make the program even better than it was before, despite being new to the job.

Jay Rollins became executive director of Clubs Night at the start of 2017 Fall Semester.

"He's really dedicated to what he does," said Stephen Buma, a Clubs Night program director. "He does a great job and he always tries to think of new things we can do."

Rollins said Clubs Night has always been a success on BYU campus, but he feels some students don't know exactly what goes on each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"Some people think Clubs Night is like a club rush where clubs set up booths and try and get members to join them — it's not that," Rollins said. "Clubs are already doing their thing. You can come join with them even with no prior

experience — no need to sign up, no need for paperwork."

Rollins said he wants to make sure students understand that clubs on campus are something fun — not something cumbersome. Students can come to Clubs Night even if they don't know which club they want to spend time at. There are tables set up with lists of clubs and activities for the evening, which new visitors can check out to find something that interests them.

"There's something for everyone," said Program Director Ricky Moreno. "Whatever it is you like, you'll find something you like here — and if you don't find something you like, then you can make your own club."

In fact, many club presidents say it's easy to start a new club. Country Dance Club President Eliza Marchant didn't start the club, but she knows how fun it is to get a group started at BYU.

"It's easy to start a club if you have a unique idea that

appeals to at least a handful of people," Marchant said. "BYUSA really encourages new clubs and tries to get as many students involved as possible."

There are over 430 clubs on the BYU clubs web page. Each week Rollins and his team select 60 of these clubs to participate in Clubs Night. The selection changes each week, so students can always experience something new.

Rollins said clubs have been a part of his life since high school, but they're something he wishes he'd dedicated more time to.

"I probably would have made more friends and developed more talents," Rollins said. "I want to provide others with a chance to experience some of what I missed out on."

Students can check out Clubs Night every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Wilkinson Student Center. Informational desks are set up at the north and west entrances.

TODAY

UNIVERSITY DEVOTIONAL
Tuesday, January 16
11:05 a.m., Marriott Center

This event will also be broadcast to the JSB Auditorium.



Elder LeGrand R. Curtis, Jr.

General Authority Seventy

Elder LeGrand R. Curtis, Jr., was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in April 2011. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah Salt Lake City Area. He returned from serving as President of the Africa West Area in July 2016 and is now serving in Salt Lake City at Church headquarters.

Elder Curtis received a bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University in

1975. Then in 1978 he received his juris doctor from the University of Michigan. His career includes work as an attorney and partner in the law firm of Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar.

Elder Curtis has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in Italy, bishop, high counselor, counselor in a stake presidency, stake president, mission president in the Italy Padova Mission (1998–2001), and Area Seventy.

He and his wife, Jane Cowan, are the parents of five children.

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 Sat., Jan. 20, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
 de Jong Concert Hall



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Wed., Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m.
 Thurs.–Fri., Jan. 25–26, 6:30 p.m.
 Sat., Jan. 27, 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Nelke Theatre



Macbeth

Thurs.–Fri., Jan. 25–26, 8:00 p.m.
 Sat., Jan. 27, 2:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
 Pardoe Theatre



The Fever

Thurs.–Sat., Feb. 1–3, 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
 Pardoe Theatre

OFF THE MAP: BYU INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL

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 Nelke Theatre



All events are ticketed.

BYUarts

Campus events this week

Tuesday, Jan. 16

- LinkedIn Photo Booth, noon - 3 p.m., 2590 WSC
- Young Artists of Voice, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 17

- Gallery Talk: "M.C. Escher: Other Worlds", 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., BYU Museum of Art
- Drupal Chow and Chat, 12:30 - 2 p.m., Cannon Center Dining
- MLK Walk of Life and Commemoration, 7 p.m., Marriott Center Tunnel
- Guest Artist: American Piano Duo, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall

Thursday, Jan. 18

- Young Artists of Voice, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall

Friday, Jan. 19

- BYU Night at the Museums, 7 - 10 p.m., Campus Galleries & Museums
- BRAVO! The Peking Acrobats, 7:30 p.m., de Jong Concert Hall

Saturday, Jan. 20

- Stretch Out The Stress: Free Yoga Practice, 9:30 a.m., 3326 WSC
- BRAVO! The Peking Acrobats, 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m., de Jong Concert Hall
- Young Artists of Voice, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall

Monday, Jan. 22

- Female Premarital Class, 1 - 4 p.m., BYU Student Health Center
- FHE: Emotions in the Scriptures, 7 - 7:30 p.m., 7:30 - 8 p.m., 8 - 8:30 p.m., Education in Zion Gallery, JFSB

Osteopathic medical school could attract BYU pre-med students

By EMILY JANEEN ASHCRAFT

A small section of the East Bay golf course in Provo, Utah, could house an osteopathic medical school a few years from now.

Wasatch Educational, the parent company to Rocky Mountain University, announced its intent on Nov. 21 to build an osteopathic medical school in Provo. The company submitted a proposal for consideration by Provo City Council and is in the beginning stages of applying for accreditation.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, osteopathic medicine is a distinct form of medical practice in the United States that provides all the benefits of modern medicine as well as the use of osteopathic manipulative techniques and holistic care. More than 20 percent of U.S. medical students are currently training to be osteopathic physicians.

Wasatch Educational Vice President Richard Nielsen said the school would be an option for many BYU students looking for a medical school experience.

Nielsen said Wasatch Educational has had its eyes on Provo for the location of the school since 2012 when it started the campaign, despite opportunities to build outside of Provo.

"This community has a great culture of service. There's an amazing quality of life that's here in Provo. It's because of the good economy, the amazing environment that we live in, the entrepreneurial spirit that's here, low crime rates, great neighbors, (an) educated workforce and really what it comes down to (is) the people," Nielsen said.

Nielsen said after the proposed medical school is built and



Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas Campus

A. Cory Maloy

The concept for the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in South Carolina is similar to what the proposed Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine would look like in Provo. Wasatch Educational announced it wants to build a medical school in Provo, has presented a proposal to Provo City and is in the pre-accreditation stage.

accredited they hope to work with BYU and UVU on research to develop matriculation agreements to work together with the universities. Faculty and students could benefit from opportunities at the medical school like internships, according to Nielsen.

The proposed medical school, the Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine, is named after the late Ray and Tye Noorda. Ray Noorda was the CEO of Novell, a legacy computer networking business recently bought by Micro Focus, founded in Provo. The Ray and Tye Noorda foundation donated \$50 million to this proposed medical

school.

The proposal is currently in applicant status with the accreditation commission, which means they are working towards becoming compliant with set standards. Meeting these standards would lead to full accreditation following the graduation of the first class, according to Nielsen.

"It's not a matter of getting accredited. It's a matter of continuing to perform so that you can reaffirm your accreditation," Nielsen said.

Nielsen said they anticipate many of the students who would be enrolled in the proposed medical school being from BYU and

UVU.

According to David Kaiser, a pre-health advisor in BYU's Pre Professional Advisement Center, there are usually about 500 students from BYU who apply for medical school each year, but only about two-thirds of them are accepted.

There is a doctor shortage in the United States right now, but it is also getting harder to get into medical school, according to BYU pre-med student Hiva Lee. He said the perception is there are enough doctors in Utah, but another medical school in Utah could still help nationally.

However, Kaiser said adding medical schools does not

do much to help the physician shortage. There are a certain number of spots set up for residencies in the country, and that is where the bottleneck is, according to Kaiser.

Lee said the intensity of classes at BYU and the pre-med resources have helped him feel prepared, although he is still worried about being accepted.

"I think (a medical school in Provo) will be a good option. It'll be good for families as well. I think it'll really be important for students to not just go there just because it's in Provo, but to apply to places that they think are a good match for them," Lee said.

Lee said one of the main things he has considered while considering where to apply for medical school is residencies.

"Residency and matching is obviously crucial because you want to go to a medical school that has a proven track record of placing students where they want to go. With more schools we're going to have to make sure we secure more residency positions so that way those students don't graduate and are left with nothing to do, but I think that'll come with time," Lee said.

Kaiser said he doesn't know where there will be space for all the students at the proposed medical school because there aren't enough teaching spots in Utah Valley clinics for that many students to get experience or have residencies. However, he also said a medical school in Provo would benefit pre-med students wanting to remain local.

"There's a lot of kids that love (Provo). It's a great place, the cost of living is way less than a lot of other places. (Students) don't have to move, particularly if they're married and they have a spouse that's still in school, so there's certainly things that would be attractive in having a medical school here," Kaiser said.

On Dec. 5, the Provo City Council discussed the proposed medical school. Many people came with concerns about the impact of the medical school on the golfers, specifically youth golf programs, the environment and the city.

After another open house on Jan. 4, the council passed a resolution on Jan. 9 that places the 22.3 acres of property on the surplus property list and allows the mayor to negotiate the details of the proposed sale to Wasatch Educational, subject to final approval by the council.

Campus News

COLLEGE OF Family Home and Social Sciences

Economics professor Jeffrey Denning recently published a study that suggests lower tuition rates may increase enrollment at community colleges but do not necessarily have the same impact at four-year universities.

Joseph Smith Papers Associate Managing Historian Brent Rogers will discuss the complex relationship between sovereignty and territory in Utah in a lecture on Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. in B192 JFSB.

DAVID O. MCKAY School of Education

BYU Continuing Education will host the Fifth Annual Autism Translational Research Workshop Jan. 25-26. The workshop will focus on topics that aren't typically discussed in relation to autism research and care and will feature physicians, social workers and therapists.

COLLEGE OF Life Sciences

A recent study by health science pro-



Jeffrey Denning



Gayla Sorenson



Cameron Basden

fessor Lori Spruance recently showed that millennials who binge-watch TV are more likely to have a poor diet and weight. The study also found women are more likely than men to binge-watch TV on a weekly basis.

J. REUBEN CLARK Law School

BYU Law selected Gayla Sorenson as the new assistant dean of external relations. Sorenson was previously the assistant dean of admissions. She will focus on strengthening the community of BYU Law students and alumni in her new role.

BYU Law named Stacie Stewart as the new assistant dean of admissions.

Stewart is a BYU Law alumna and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah State University.

BYU Law alumnus Larry Meyers announced he is running for the seat Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, will leave when he retires.

COLLEGE OF Fine Arts and Communications

World renowned ballet expert Cameron Basden visited the BYU campus to teach and train BYU Theatre Ballet dancers. Basden trained dancers on a Gerald Arpino masterwork, which will be featured in the BYU Theatre Ballet show Carnival of the Animals.

Low MCAT score biggest med school app dealbreaker

By ALEXA REIMSCHUSSEL

A low MCAT score can ruin an applicant's opportunity to go to medical school, according to a recent Kaplan Test Prep survey.

Many medical schools accept applicants based on a "holistic review — "a flexible, individualized way for schools to consider an applicant's capabilities," according to the Association of American Medical Colleges website.

But 54 percent of the surveyed medical schools still said a low MCAT score is the biggest application dealbreaker, according to Kaplan representative Petros Minasi Jr.

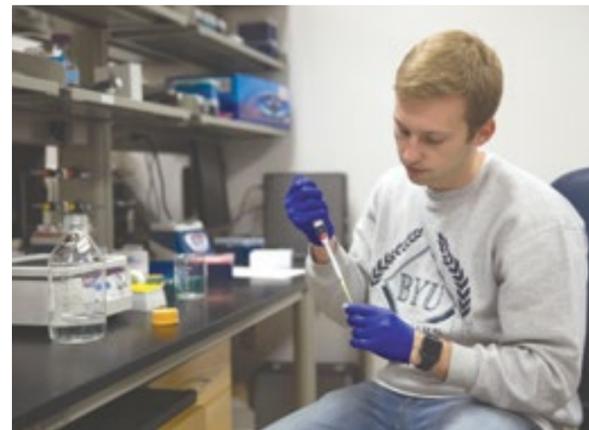
Minasi said the percentage of schools putting more pressure on MCAT scores has gone up. In 2016, only 46 percent of medical schools considered the MCAT to be a major determinant for medical school acceptance.

And 36 percent of schools surveyed found low GPA to be the largest discouraging factor of school admission, according to Minasi.

BYU pre-medical and pre-dental advisor David Kaiser did not discredit Kaplan's findings, but cautioned against relying on medical school acceptance based on a high MCAT score alone.

Kaiser said GPA and MCAT score can account for one-fourth of the total score for University of Utah School of Medicine hopefuls — although the exact amount varies each year — but both are significantly less important in the secondary screening, otherwise known as applicant interviews.

Kaiser said in his experience as a silent observer in the University of Utah School of Medicine interviews, the interviewers care more for interpersonal and communication



Ty Mullen

Alex Holland prepares for medical school by helping Assistant Professor Robert Hyldahl with muscle research.

skills.

A student with a large amount of experience still has a high chance of taking a spot in a medical school over an applicant with a 4.0 GPA, according to Kaiser.

"(Medical schools) are accepting future physicians, not med students," Kaiser said.

BYU senior Patrick Taylor applied to 17 medical schools and has been accepted by two so far, with interviews at other universities starting this month.

Taylor said one of the most stressful parts of his undergraduate education was taking the six- to nine-hour MCAT.

He said the best advice he could give students is to apply as early as possible for medical school, even if their MCAT scores haven't been released yet.

"I have a friend who applied before he knew his MCAT score and he received so many more interviews than I did from waiting a month to apply," Taylor said.

BYU senior Alex Holland said the hardest part of applying to medical schools was the MCAT and the struggle to stand out amongst so many

qualified applicants.

Holland studied for the MCAT for 15 to 20 hours per week in the six months prior to the test and 60 hours per week during the month before the test.

Holland interned in the emergency room for 100 hours and tutored elementary kids for 50 to 100 hours, in addition to researching muscles with BYU exercise sciences professor Robert Hyldahl for about 18 months. Holland said he still isn't sure if it is enough for medical school acceptance.

Third year medical student and BYU alumnus Jake Eliason said the best advice he could give BYU students is to seek out mentors for whom to TA for or do research as soon as possible.

"These people are your plug into the professional science world, should you choose that route," Eliason said.

Even though he spends a lot more time studying than he did at BYU, Eliason said there is hope for BYU premed students.

"Life gets better when you get accepted," Eliason said. "Once you are in (medical school) there is not so much weeding out."

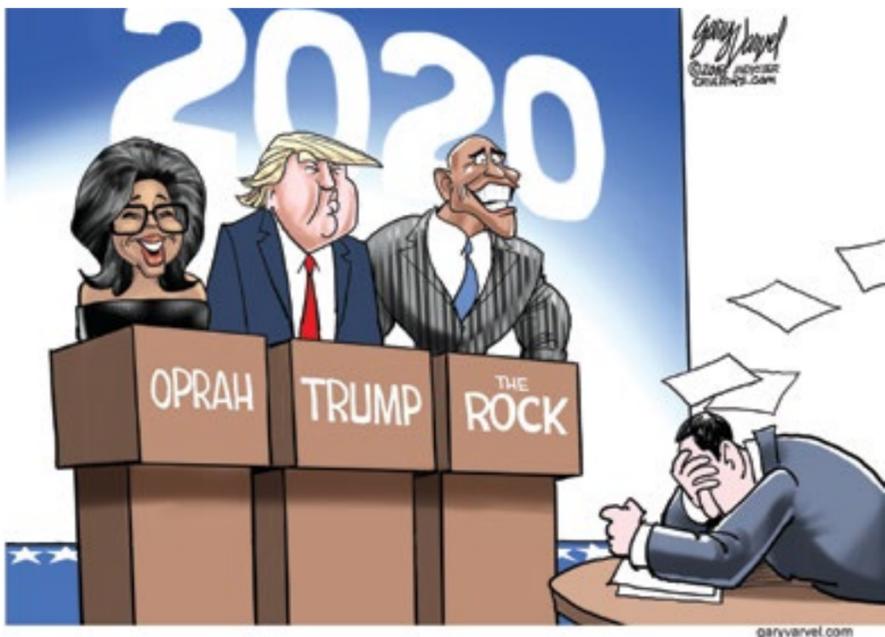


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[ISSUES & IDEAS]



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- @TheJoeJett**
"I'm just going to take it easy this semester and get married or something" #OverheardAtBYU #NewYearNewMe #blessedandtryingmybest #NewYearsResolutions
- @hallie_blake**
I would totally bro hug Moroni if he let me #overheardatbyu
- @ChocoTacos**
"You're gonna audit a religion class? That's so righteous of you!" #overheardatBYU
- @thekwakuel**
I was diagnosed with and suffer from "Yeah she treated me terribly, manipulated me and hurt me, but there were good times so maybe I should text her and give her a clean new slate, even though I know her intentions are the worst" disorder. Learned about it on Web M.D.
- @keelyraye**
The boy beside me is eating plain spinach and I just bought a pastry so clearly my new years resolutions are going well
- @arsteban**
help I can't stop singing the greatest showman soundtrack
- @xcgirl1995**
I tried to get a guy to buy a slice of cake and he called me a temptress... I just wanted him to enjoy cake.
- @khayaelliott**
@HeardAtBYU "guy on the phone" "Nah bro I've been saving that girl for a later date. TODAY is that later date"
- @jlinehan9**
It's been over 11 years since Pluto was demoted as a planet and I still don't know how I feel about it. Pluto was a big part of my childhood. To me, Pluto was "the little planet that could." It's sad that Pluto was bullied for being small when he was just trying to fit in.
- @haanderud**
@HeardAtBYU today my professor started the first day of class by making us pull up the

family tree app and see if anyone was related to each other #onlyatbyu

- @sharonla6**
"I had a colectomy (where part of the colon is removed) so now you could say I have a 'semicolon.'" @HeardAtBYU
- @xoxorachelgirl**
@HeardAtBYU "Relief society is like God's sorority."
- @mal_pai04**
I've seen at least 3 of my future husbands at the gym tonight. So let's hope we all keep our New Years resolutions 🙄
- @jessethompson59**
Thank you New Years resolutions for taking all the healthy food out of the vending machine and leaving my fav foods #blessed
- @Payton_Prince72**
Tonight at the BYU basketball game someone attempted to trash talk the ref by screaming, "I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH THAT CALL" #onlyatbyu
- @finleykonold**
I'm getting some acai and this dude next to me is on a date and he just starts telling this girl how he broke off an engagement a couple of months ago #OnlyAtBYU
- @_nizzy_**
I've been listening to a story for the past 20 minutes about the beginning of some dude's relationship. Plot twist: On the 4th date, they went ring shopping. Is it too late to transfer schools? #OnlyAtBYU
- @MaryAlessandra9**
Everyone: "Build genuine friendships. Love. Be true to myself. Find the purpose of life." Me: "Eat more Nutella." #NewYearsResolutions
- @laurenofshalott**
i'm keeping it simple with my new year's resolutions this year, so numero uno on my list is to replace the toilet paper roll when it runs out instead of just stacking it on top of the empty roll #NewYearNewMe #adulting
- @cioaonk**
"If you make that mistake, I'll take points off your posterity's grades" (Reviewing calc 1 concepts in Calc 2) @HeardAtBYU
- @kkarinajones**
"this is why I don't come to basketball games, there's too many CUTE BOYS!" @HeardAtBYU

Tweets are unedited

[READERS' FORUM]

Good regardless of faith

Secularism is on the rise; therefore, we need to resist the urge to judge others based purely on religious preference. I'm sure you've heard of Socrates. He is considered to be the father of western philosophy. Socrates tutored Plato, who tutored Alexander the Great. In 399 B.C., Socrates was put to death because he did not believe in the same gods as his fellow countrymen. Regrettably, I am sure most of us hear and make the same judgments everyday. How many of us look down on those who do not believe what we do? There are many parents that do not want their children to play with children from families who do not share their same beliefs even if they live by similar values.

At BYU, we can make a greater influence and better serve the world by being more accepting of those who may not share our same religious preference. An honorable person is not defined by their religious preference but rather the moral values they follow. I would like to encourage everyone to be a little less judgmental, a little more understanding and full of a lot more love. Let us push back the divisions and feelings of inadequacy and set an example of being united in a world that can seem so divided.

—Jacob Lundskog
Park City, Utah

Bilingual education

College students who took a foreign language class in middle school probably remember little of what they learned. As immigration to the U.S. increases, being monolingual can cause cultural barriers and misunderstandings. Bilingual education should be mandatory in public schools because it will help students better understand unfamiliar cultures and increase their academic pursuit.

Several sources claim that being multilingual increases cultural understanding. Although language education should start at a young age, some researchers believe early language education generates more harm than good in limiting vocabulary. Bilingual education will help children master their native language as they learn grammatical rules, broaden academic opportunities with the option to attend international universities and strengthen brain muscles and memory.

Bilingual children also tend to develop empathy for foreign cultures. Nelson Mandela said, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." Language education will broaden career opportunities and create intimate links between cultures. Learning a foreign language is essential in today's society and should be

a priority in public school systems throughout the U.S.

—Karmen Kodia
Örebro, Sweden

Focus on the positive

Our society loves to pay attention to the tragic and foreboding, especially in the news or on social media. Unfortunately, this may cause emotional or mental damage in those who partake of this negative media. Some may even manifest PTSD when they view horrible events on the news, even though they've never experienced those events themselves. If our society wants to be happier and healthier, at least in an emotional and mental sense, then we need to focus more on the positive side of things. We can do this by promoting positive media and changing our own mindsets. For example, we can broadcast the stories of those who are helping in the midst of crisis. Likewise, we can help others instead of merely consuming and internalizing these negative messages.

As we collectively focus outwards, we will begin to notice a change in the way we feel and act individually, and we can also start to see those changes in others. As a whole, society will be improved if we all choose to focus our attention outward.

—Camryn Bristow
Salem, Utah

Redefining gender

The women's movement beginning in the '60s radically transformed the social fabric of the U.S. The movement focused on changing what it meant to be a woman. Progression is good. A society must progress and evolve to survive; however, not all change is progress. Redefining what womanhood means has contributed to women becoming unhappier. Unless traditional gender roles are embraced across society, dissatisfaction in women will continue to grow.

Gender roles are a social construction. Look at models of behavior portrayed in stories that are popular. Women in today's TV shows talk and act like men. "Ideal" women remain single and have casual sex. They have careers but no kids. This is the definition of womanhood that was fought for in the '60s. The "liberation" of women has failed to make women happier. Returning to a more traditional construction of gender will make women happier. Sure, home life isn't always that fun or exciting but neither is the work force. We are free to pursue what we want, but let's be sure we know what we want. Idolize the family.

—Dallas Hartmann
Rancho Santa Margarita, California

[OPINION OUTPOST]

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from national news sources.

Health, art classes

Last week the (Utah Board of Education) decided to roll back its unpopular policy and approve an updated policy that would require art and health classes but would allow parents to opt out for students involved in similar extracurricular activities outside of school. A competitively trained ballerina would not have to waste time in her junior high's beginning dance class. A student spending hours each day practicing an instrument could opt out of junior high music classes. It's a good compromise. It's better to set a general rule and then deal with any exceptions on an individual basis.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Distracted driving

The Utah Legislature again will consider a measure to make

driving with a cellphone in-hand a primary offense, allowing police to pull over someone suspected of being distracted by a handheld device. Expect opposition based on a number of concerns, but this is a move objective data and common sense suggest is worthy of a law.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Sexual misconduct

Last week, more than 300 influencers from the media and political elite released an advocacy campaign aiming to give the rhetorical #MeToo movement staying power. Their new campaign, titled "Time's Up," is an advocacy agenda backed by some of the highest-profile women in the entertainment industry. Their involvement alone may not mean as much as their money. The organizers have articulated a clear intent to ensure actionable and meaningful change — most specifically through the creation of a legal defense fund to support accusers from lower socioeconomic brackets. The campaign's GoFundMe page has almost reached its \$16.5

million fundraising goal.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

It should surprise no one that a vast majority of people who were sexually abused as children never report it. For those who do, it takes years, and often decades, to recognize what happened to them, realize it wasn't their fault and tell someone. The trauma leads to higher rates of alcoholism and drug abuse, depression, suicide and other physical and psychological problems that cost millions or billions to treat — money that should be paid not by taxpayers, but by the offenders and the institutions that cover for them.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Trump's remarks

Trump's dwindling ranks of supporters say they like him because he calls things as he sees them. He's not polished — he's the antithesis of the smooth-talking pol, the Washington insider, the denizen of the D.C. swamp. Fine. But now he has

offered us another glimpse into what the unfettered Trump sees. The ugliness here isn't in the view, but in the viewer. Add these comments to the long list of embarrassments we've suffered as a nation since Nov. 8, 2016.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Free trade

The president is trying to create a turning point in the country's economic relations with the world, after which he will put "America first," and the purported globalist rip-off of the middle class will end. This is the common theme of seemingly disparate trade disputes

that are set to play out in 2018: pending bids for protective tariffs from U.S. producers of steel, aluminum, washing machines and solar panels; renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico and of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement; the struggle with China over pirated intellectual property and other issues. We hope and expect the president will fail.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Steve Bannon

Steve Bannon — the loathed architect of President Trump's alt-right hate machine, Breitbart

—Cheri Jacobus
USA Today

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The Universe encourages students, faculty and BYU staff to add their voice to ours by writing letters to the editor and guest editorials, or by submitting editorial cartoons.

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- Opinion editor Camille Baker can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

Some alumni find new pool design hard to fathom

By JACOB WALTERS

Wispy strands of steam waft from the surface of the outdoor pool at the Riverside Country Club in Provo — not because the water is particularly warm, but because the surrounding air is freezing.

Most people wouldn't dip a toe in an outdoor pool in the middle of December.

But then again, most people aren't Division I athletes on the BYU swim and dive team.

They are practicing at the country club because their usual aquatic home in the Richards Building on the BYU campus is undergoing a complete renovation.

Having an old and outdated swimming facility replaced with a new one would usually be a cause for celebration, but the renovation plans, announced in January 2017, have been met with criticism from the BYU swim community.

The new BYU pool will measure 42 yards long by 20 yards wide — a design “that is almost 50 percent larger in water capacity and allows for more flexible training as well as intramural activities,” according to BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins.

“The university has made clear that the new pool is designed to continue to serve both the university's aquatic programs and BYU's intercollegiate swim program,” Jenkins said.

But the new design is still 11.6 meters short of a standard Olympic pool at 50 meters long.

This is a cause of disappointment for Jordan Fletcher, an alumnus who swam for BYU from 2010 to 2014 and worked as an assistant coach from 2015 to 2016.

“Imagine the track team training and



BYU Richards Building Pool Facebook

A rendering shows what the new Richards Building pool facility will look like when it is completed.

they can't compete on a 400 meter track,” Fletcher said.

He explained training for races held in regulation-sized pools is more challenging in a shorter pool like the one BYU is getting.

“The turns are much tighter,” Fletcher said. “For our races, we have to train to go about 30 seconds without stopping. Now we can only go 10 seconds without stopping.”

Michael King, who swam for BYU from 2011 to 2015, was frustrated when he heard about the renovation plans. The 42-yard pool was not what he and others were expecting.

King said throughout the years, coaches and administrators promised recruits a renovated facility that

included a 50-meter pool.

“The plans they ended up drawing up were completely the opposite of what we had been told for 15 to 20 years,” King said.

This and a fear that the administration was not committed to the swim program's growth led King and others in the community to promote a petition calling for BYU's administration “to keep their word and provide the community, the BYU student body and the Swim & Dive program with a facility that meets their needs.” It ultimately gained about 3,900 online signatures.

The plans for the renovations were expedited following a failed inspection of the 52-year old pool facility's foundation. The January 2017 announcement

said the new facility would be built within the building's existing structure.

Fletcher speculated that this cost-cutting approach of not tearing down any walls was the reason for the smaller 42-yard pool.

But in the year since the plans were revealed, King became less frustrated and more hopeful about the pool's and program's futures.

“It seems as though concessions have been made where we thought they wouldn't be,” King said. “It's not a 50-meter pool like we all had hoped, but it's still going to be a really, really good facility.”

Others are excited about the new facility, despite being disappointed that it won't be the pool they had been

expecting for so long.

BYU associate professor Dale Cressman swam for the Cougars from 1979 to 1981. He said he's grateful the pool is being rebuilt.

“They could have very easily said, ‘Look, this is too expensive,’ and just put in a bunch of basketball courts,” Cressman said.

He sees BYU rebuilding the pool as a vote of confidence in the swim and dive program's future.

The swim and dive teams are not the only athletic groups that rely on a functioning pool facility to train and compete. The BYU Water Polo Club, an official BYUSA club, has struggled to play and practice while the pool undergoes construction.

The new pool will have a “double-deep” construction (meaning both ends of the pool are the deep end) which is an important feature for competitive water polo, club president Hannah Strauss explained.

“The pool will have all (the) other ‘bells and whistles’ associated with a legal playing field for water polo,” Strauss said. “We're excited because this means we could become an official extramural team.”

Former club member and coach Bret Mortimer confirmed these needs.

Fletcher, however, is still not fully convinced of BYU's commitment to its aquatic programs. He cites a lack of transparency as one of the big reasons for pushback on this project.

“Whoever was in charge of making this decision never showed their face,” Fletcher said. “The truth is whoever it was is hiding in the shadows. And what do they have to hide about it if it's a good decision that they're making?”

The expected completion date of the new pool is April 2018.

Former BYU running back killed in car accident



Ashleigh Cooper

Former BYU running back Ryan Folsom was killed Jan. 7 in a car accident. Folsom is survived by his two sons and his wife Lauren, who is expecting their third child.

By CAMILLE BAKER

Former BYU running back Ryan Folsom was killed in a car accident on Jan. 7.

Folsom was driving south on Interstate 5 in California to an interview for a medical residency position when a car driving the wrong direction collided head-on with his car.

Folsom leaves behind two sons and his wife, Lauren, who is expecting their third child later this month.

Folsom was a Cougar running back for the 2007, 2010 and 2011 seasons. Folsom still holds the record for “the 8th-longest run from scrimmage in BYU history,” according to a Twitter post by Greg Wrubell.

Many former BYU football players have shown their love and support to Folsom and his family over social media.

“He loved being the superhero for his two boys, he loved the idea of being a doctor and saving lives.”

Ian Cropper
Friend of the Folsom family

Former BYU defensive lineman Vic So'oto shared his condolences on Twitter.

“Heartbreaking news. Ryan never had a bad day. He was always happy and worked his (butt) off. The Folsom family will be in our thoughts and prayers,” said So'oto.

Long-time family friend Ian Cropper created a GoFundMe page to help support Folsom's wife and children. So far, well over the original goal of \$200,000 has been raised in support of the family.

“(Ryan) loved the Avengers and anything super-hero related, perhaps because he loved the idea of filling that role in any capacity. He

loved being the superhero for his two boys, he loved the idea of being a doctor and saving lives,” Cropper said. “He looked in your eyes when you talked to him, and had a laugh that made you feel like you were the funniest person in the world.”

Bryant and Childs continue to carry BYU basketball

By CALEB TURNER

On Dec. 28 Elijah Bryant and Yoeli Childs both scored 20 point double-doubles in a 24-point Cougar victory over Portland to open West Coast Conference play. If we didn't know it then, we definitely know it now: those two are special players, and as they go, so goes the team.

BYU is 2-0 in conference play when both Childs and Bryant score 20 or more points, and the duo accounts for nearly half of BYU's average of 75 points this season.

Childs, who was named WCC Player of the Week on Jan. 15, averages 17.9 points per game and Bryant 17.7, marking just the second time in the past five seasons that BYU has no players averaging over 20 points.

Bryant and Childs are the highest-scoring tandem for BYU basketball since Tyler Haws and Brandon Davies in the 2012-2013 season.

They are currently the highest-scoring duo in the West Coast Conference, edging out Saint Mary's Jock Landale and Logan Hermanson by one point.

Bryant and Childs also crack the top 10 in the conference for rebounds and field goal percentage.

BYU's only conference game where one of the two did not score 20-plus points was over San Francisco, when Jahshire Hardnett stepped up and scored 11 points to match his career-high as a Cougar.

BYU's two losses in conference play came when only one of either Childs or Bryant scored twenty or more points, and no one besides the two of them scored in double digits.

Just like Hardnett did in the game against San Francisco, BYU will need a third scorer for the Cougars to have a chance against top WCC teams Gonzaga and Saint Mary's.

TJ Haws, BYU's second-leading scorer last year as a freshman, is averaging 11.1 points so far this year, but scored in double figures for the first time in conference play against Pepperdine on Jan. 11.

Haws' shooting percentages both from the field and from behind the arc are down compared to last year as well.

Forward Dalton Nixon is BYU's fourth-leading scorer on the season, but has not seen the court since the team's game against Illinois State on Dec. 6.

Zac Seljaas would be next in line at 6.5 points per game.

His freshman year, Seljaas was more of a wing player who lived and died by



Dani Jardine

Yoeli Childs goes up for a basket against Pepperdine Jan. 11. Both Childs and Elijah Bryant scored over 20 points for the second time in conference play.

the 3-point line, but this year he has seen more minutes in the paint.

His 6-foot-7 frame allows him to work as a forward alongside either Childs or Payton Dastrup in a small-ball rotation, while also adding another 3-point threat.

Seljaas got his first start in conference play against Pepperdine, and went a perfect 3-for-3 from the floor for eight points. He also added four assists on the night. At Santa Clara, he shot 5-for-8 from the field, scoring 11 points to tie a season high.

In the end, however, it all comes back to Haws.

The team's transition to a slower offense and more focused defense have been a challenge for the second-year guard, who thrived in BYU's fast-paced, free-flowing style last year.

If his shot begins to fall like last season, and he learns his place within the efficient BYU half-court offense, Haws will be a much needed third option to

help the Cougars against more talented teams.

Until then, the terrific tandem of Bryant and Childs continue to carry the Cougars. Last week against Pepperdine and Santa Clara, the two totaled 46 and 36 points respectively.

Haws scored a season-high 14 points against Santa Clara, including 4-for-5 from three. This contribution allowed for less dependence on Bryant and Childs and a more balanced attack from the Cougars, but it will take a few more games to know if he is here to stay.

Even with the scoring help, it took double-doubles from both Childs and Bryant to come away with the win, the second time in four games the two have achieved the feat.

As the season progresses, we'll see if Bryant and Childs will get scoring help on a consistent basis to carry the Cougars to the NCAA tournament. If not, the Cougars may find themselves with a third-consecutive NIT bid.

SPORTS EVENTS

Thursday Jan. 18:

Women's basketball vs. Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles 1 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Loyola Marymount, Marriott Center 9 p.m.

Friday Jan. 19:
Gymnastics vs. Southern Utah, Smith Fieldhouse 11 a.m.

Men's volleyball vs. Barton, Smith Fieldhouse 7 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 20:

Men's tennis vs. Montana State and Weber State, Indoor Tennis Courts 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. San Diego, San Diego 3 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. San Diego, Marriott Center 7 p.m.

Men's volleyball vs. Barton, Smith Fieldhouse 8 p.m.

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I FIND IT OFFENSIVE. I THINK WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE HERE.

I RECOMMEND ADDING RICKY TO OUR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROJECT.

HE LOWERS THE BAR ON WHAT CONSTITUTES HUMAN INTELLIGENCE, SO IT WILL BE EASIER FOR US TO ACHIEVE THE ARTIFICIAL KIND.

I WOULD BE HONORED TO WORK ON THE PROJECT. OKAY, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.

Pickles®

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

GRAMPA DIDN'T CLOSE HIS EYES DURING THE PRAYER.

I DID TOO! BUT I ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL THE SECOND WORD OF THE PRAYER SO I CAN MAKE SURE YOU CLOSED YOURS, AND YOU DIDN'T!

THAT'S BECAUSE I ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL THE THIRD WORD TO CLOSE MY EYES.

AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR, I LIKE TO REFLECT BACK ON THE MISTAKES I'VE MADE IN THE PAST.

AND THEN I LIKE TO SHARE THE LESSONS I'VE LEARNED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF.

THAT WAY I CAN HELP YOU AVOID SOME OF THE PITFALLS THAT I'VE ENCOUNTERED IN MY LIFE.

HERE'S ONE... NEVER TELL GRAMMA THAT YOU'RE BORED.

Garfield®

ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP ALL DAY?

ALL IN FAVOR?

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GARFIELD...

I KNOW IT'S COLD OUT TODAY, BUT...

WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE WANTS HOT CHOCOLATE?

THEN THEY SHOULD BE ME.

Zits®

PORK CHOP

PORK CHOP

PORK.

I WISH I COULD STILL BURN CALORIES.

...and some school weeks have all the rest.

SERIOUSLY? IT'S STILL ONLY TUESDAY??

JUST PUT ONE QUIZ IN FRONT OF THE OTHER...

Thirty days has September, April, June and November...

Non Sequitur®

BOB BEGINS TO RETHINK HIS RESOLUTION TO BOYCOTT THE NEWS.

IT SEEMS SHOUTING "FAKE NEWS" AT ALL MORNING DIDN'T WORK. NON GO GET THE SHOVEL.

Peanuts®

HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE

BIRDS DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL JOKES.

LIFE IS LIKE A GAME, CHARLIE BROWN...

PSYCHIATRY! HELP 54

THE DOCTOR IS IN

SOMETIMES YOU WIN...

SOMETIMES YOU LOSE

I'LL BE HAPPY IF I JUST MAKE THE PLAYOFFS.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

Sudoku

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1211

ACROSS

- Georgetown athlete
- Path left behind by a mower
- Item on a Native American moccasin
- Genesis garden
- Sign after Virgo
- First word in a fairy tale
- Service organization with a wheel logo
- 10:1 or 3:2 at a racetrack
- Get up
- Prison unit
- Where Siberia is
- Connecticut Ivy
- Wowed
- Bird of prey's claw
- Domicile with wheels

DOWN

- Zeus' wife
- Smell
- Dubious sighting in the Himalayas
- Prehistoric Southwest culture
- Crafty
- Pagan religious practice
- Qualified
- Yours ___ (letter sign-off)
- "Se ___ español"
- Kind of logic in which all values are either true or false
- Prefix with -plasm
- "Back in Black" rock band
- Place for a laptop other than a lap
- Flip, as a property
- Diner sandwich, for short
- Notions
- Not quite right

PUZZLE BY BRIAN THOMAS

- Li'l ___ of the funnies
- Amours
- In reserve
- Long, narrow parts of bottles
- Good engine sound
- ___ Mae (Whoopi's role in "Ghost")
- Onetime Russian space station
- Opposite of exit
- Obtrusively bright and showy
- Not concentrated, as light
- Researcher's wear
- Television
- Program for addicts
- "___ evil ..."
- Gives up, as territory
- Juicy fruit with a pit
- Mystique
- Tug sharply
- Veers the other way
- Word after lock or glom
- Unpaid intern, jocularly
- Catch sight of
- Not mind one's own business

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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The New York Times Crossword

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ACROSS

- Either of the World Series winners of 2004 and '05
- Pickle variety
- Talk about ad nauseam
- James ___ founder of the auction house that sold 38-Across
- First name in solo flying
- Gets excited about, e.g.
- Dietetic restriction
- Pot thickener?
- Desires
- Mucky mess
- Basketball tactic
- Jazz Appreciation Mo.
- Anita of jazz
- Cartoonist Hoff of The New Yorker
- Beginning stage
- Painter Magritte
- Mountain nymph
- Morphine, e.g.
- Renaissance painting that was sold in November 2017 for a record \$450.3 million
- ___ retriever
- "Nothing ___" (slang refusal)
- First name?
- How some fish are caught
- Clunky boat
- Actress Turner
- "Mazel ___!"
- Excel
- Make a request
- Sagacious
- Some Shoshonean speakers
- Shut down
- 100-page stories, say
- Passionate
- English king who once owned 38-Across
- Some may be flying
- College in Westchester County, N.Y.
- Colorant

DOWN

- Leftovers
- Author known for twist endings
- Pornographic
- Observance that begins in March: Abbr.
- Teeny, for short
- Lo-cal
- Creator of 38-Across
- First name in Solo flying?
- Author Oz
- Eliminating the effects of wear and tear on, as was done to 38-Across
- 38-Across, for one
- Met rival from D.C.
- Finishes, as a cake
- Someone with intelligence?
- Do military duty
- Pad sharer

PUZZLE BY DAVID J. KAHN

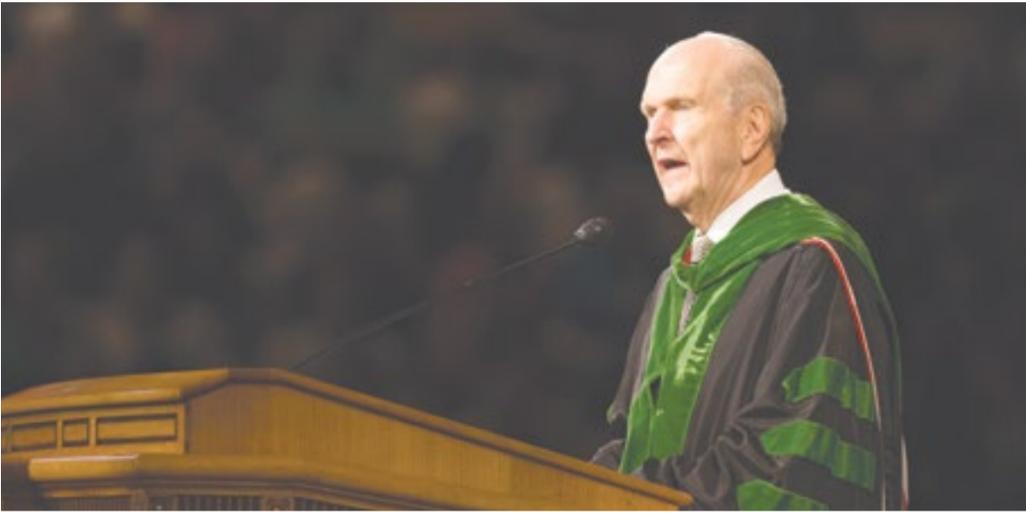
- Not with
- "___-haw!"
- Make a declaration with a straight face
- Vampire ___
- 7-Down, for one
- Boats propelled by poles
- Mixer at a party
- "M*A*S*H" actor
- "Grant" biographer Chernow
- Gadot of "Justice League"
- Word said before "then," oxymoronically
- Like a dame or earl
- On pins and needles
- Blues great Smith
- Main part of a ship
- Superman without a cape
- Gallery district in Manhattan
- Former senator Bayh
- Is provided with
- Work of ___ (38-Across, e.g.)
- Sot's problem
- The Renaissance, e.g.

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NEW FIRST PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED

President Russell M. Nelson: ‘Keep on the covenant path’

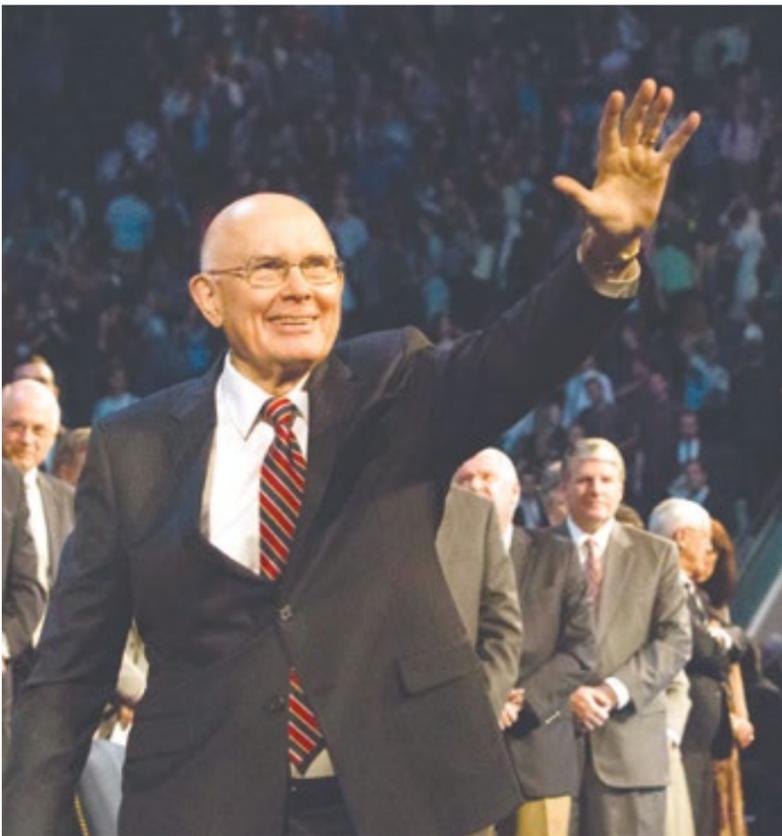


Elliott Miller

President Russell M. Nelson speaks in the Marriott Center on Sept. 9, 2014, during the inauguration ceremonies for BYU President Kevin J. Worthen.

“If you have stepped off the path, may I invite you, with all the hope in my heart, to please come back,” **President Nelson said.** “Whatever your concerns, whatever your challenges, there is a place for you in this, the Lord’s church. You and generations yet unborn will be blessed by your actions now.”

President Dallin H. Oaks: From Provo to First Presidency



Universe Archives

President Dallin H. Oaks waves to the Marriott Center crowd following his devotional address on Sept. 13, 2016.



BYU Archives

BYU President Dallin H. Oaks and now-Elder Jeffrey R. Holland sit together at an event at BYU.



Universe Archives

The Daily Universe published this announcement about President Dallin H. Oaks’ new call as president of BYU on May 4, 1971.

“The Lord has prepared and chosen President Nelson to lead in that growth,” **President Oaks said.** “He knows and loves the Lord. The growth will come as we each pray, work and live to have the Holy Ghost as our companion in our lives.”

President Dallin H. Oaks brings law background to church leadership

By RILEY WALDMAN AND SAVANNAH HAWKINS

President Dallin H. Oaks had a long and rich career in law prior to joining upper leadership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

President Oaks received his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School in 1957. He then went on to do a year-long clerkship for Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court

and worked as a professor at the University of Chicago Law School until 1971.

BYU law professor John Welch said he believes President Oaks’ background in the law will give him a unique perspective and approach to leadership in the church.

“Being trained as a lawyer is a mind and moral expansion. President Oaks’ experience as a justice of the Utah Supreme Court will certainly help him in important decision making,” Welch said.

Welch noted there have also

been several other prominent church leaders who have backgrounds in law, including Elders Marion G. Romney, D. Todd Christofferson, Tad R. Callister, and Howard W. Hunter.

President Oaks also served as president of BYU from 1971 to 1980 during which time he taught trusts at the J. Reuben Clark Law School. He also led the school’s legal battle over pressure to keep BYU student housing separate by gender.

Welch said while it is important to recognize the background and unique skills

church leaders bring to the table, it is also important to note these backgrounds are not all-encompassing.

“President Oaks’ legal skills amplify his character, but they do not define his character. His calling has transcended his individual background.”

President Oaks was born in Provo, Utah on Aug. 12, 1932, to Dr. Lloyd E. and Stella H. Oaks. His father died of tuberculosis when President Oaks was just 7 years old.

He attended high school at Brigham Young High School in

Provo, which was later incorporated into Brigham Young University.

President Oaks married his first wife, June Dixon on June 24, 1952, and they had six children together. After the death of his first wife, he married Kristen McMain in 2000.

Law was a great passion in President Oaks’ life. Many of his talks given in General Conference and elsewhere focused on how laws demonstrate the Lord’s love for His children.

In April 1984, President Oaks joined the Quorum of the

Twelve. He left his position on the Utah Supreme Court, and was ordained an apostle on May 3, 1984.

“It is, up front, a calling to spend the rest of your life, full-time, in his service and to spend your life testifying of his plan and his authority and his Atonement and his Resurrection and to participate, as assigned, in the leadership of the church,” President Oaks said in his biography on LDS.org. He was sustained an apostle the same day as President Nelson, his long-time friend.

President Henry B. Eyring: ‘The best is yet to come’



Elliott Miller

President Henry B. Eyring installs Kevin J. Worthen as the 13th president of BYU on Sept. 9, 2014. President Eyring served as President of Ricks College – now BYU-Idaho – from 1971 to 1977.

“This is a great time in the history of the church. Prophets in the past have said that the best is yet to come and it has proved true. That is so because it is the Lord who leads his church and watches over all his father’s children in the world,” **President Eyring said.**