

Gymnast finds identity after fleeing from Shanghai

By NATALIE ORR

The Zhong family sat in their new living room in Langley, Canada, just two years after fleeing from Shanghai, China. Because of the time difference, 8-year-old Angel Zhong woke up just in time to admire the gymnasts in the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

Now a junior studying neuroscience and a member of the BYU gymnastics team, Angel's unconventional past has molded her character and athletic career.

Angel became the floor champion at nationals just seven years after the Beijing Olympics inspired the young gymnast, a path that led her to accept a position on the BYU gymnastics team in 2017.

Under the direction of head coach Guard Young, Angel specialized in vault, earning a spot in the line-up for all 13 meets during her freshman year and a position on the All-MRGC Vault first-team.

Young said the gymnast, who has obvious talent on floor and vault, also continues to improve on beam.

"You should see her on the beam because that's where she's grown the most," Young said. "She could slide right into our beam lineup, and we wouldn't lose any points."

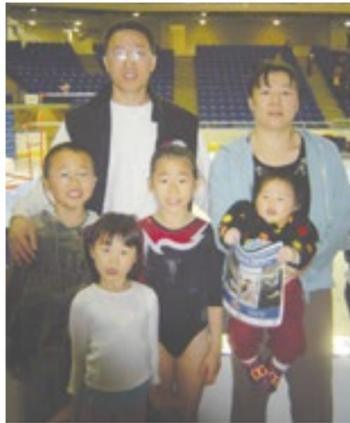
Her 2019 season as a junior on the squad has included minor bumps in the road, specifically a sprained ankle. However, Young said he's been impressed at how Angel has handled the injury.

"When kids are starters the year before and are taken out of the lineup, you start to see how they handle it," Young said. "Those that stay positive and work hard make it back in, and that's exactly what she's done."

Perseverance runs in Angel's family. Her parents pushed through years of trials to give Angel and her siblings the best life possible.

Her mother, Betty Wang, was married to Bill Zhong and living in Shanghai when she traveled to Australia for a work trip. She returned to China two years later in 1998 donning a new label: member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

However, practicing Christianity during this time period was problematic in China. Even though Bill was unable to join the Church, he supported his wife in her discipleship.



Angel Zhong

Top left: Angel Zhong, center, has one younger brother and three younger sisters. Right: Angel Zhong performs her beam routine during BYU's meet against SUU March 15, earning a 9.7.

"The concept of a God was really foreign to him, but he supported us so much," Angel said.

By 2000, Betty received permission to hold church meetings in the privacy of her home, accompanied by other families who also learned about the Church in other countries.

Another law that became problematic for the family was the one-child policy introduced by the Chinese government in the late 1970s, which limited the number of children a Chinese family could have. Boys were favored in a family setting.

When Betty initially became pregnant with Angel in 1999, she made the decision to raise her daughter.

"I was told I couldn't keep the baby by doctors and family," Betty said. "But I felt strongly that I had to keep the baby."

Because of the one-child policy, many women opted for abortion or adoption when expecting a baby girl because they wished for a boy that would carry on the family name.

"She actually faced some pressure about giving me up for adoption, but she didn't want to do that," Angel said. "Usually the husband would say 'no,' but my dad didn't and always supported us."

Within 18 months of Angel's birth, her mother gave birth to Angel's younger brother.

"She didn't believe in abortions, which would be the most common thing to do," Angel said. "With my brother,



Hannah Miner

she decided she was going to trust in the Lord."

When Betty started to appear pregnant with her second child, her community tried to coax her into aborting the child in order to avoid potential discipline. Locals visited her home hoping to personally take her to the hospital.

"I remember I went back to my apartment, and an older lady followed me and knocked on the door and I had to hide beside a mattress," Betty said. "My husband had to tell her that I wasn't there."

After this experience, the Zhong family of four moved to a neighboring area to hide their newest addition and remain a family unit. At times, the couple sent their son to stay with one of few supportive family members to avoid discovery.

Since Angel was a young child at the time, she was oblivious to the anxious atmosphere surrounding her family's situation.

"I just remember my parents not making a big deal about it," Angel said. "They told me later and I was like, 'That's actually terrifying,' because you could lose your job or go to prison."

The discovery of Betty's third pregnancy ultimately led the family to move to Canada in 2006, a move that proved to be a blessing for two main reasons: first, the young couple now had peace of mind regarding raising their children, and second, they were free to actively participate in the Church, resulting in Bill's eventual baptism.

Because of Betty's courage, not only was her family sealed in the Church's temple, but her parents joined the Church as well.

"I feel so blessed that my family can know the gospel," Betty said. "Without the gospel, I don't know what kind of family I would have."

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Provo statues embody community's values

By JESSICA SMITH

Statues line Provo's streets as memorials to the city's rich history. While some embody individuals or institutions that contributed to the community, many merit a closer look to be fully understood. The symbolism expressed in these immortalized figures offer passersby a glimpse into the values that shape the Provo community.

The Provo City Center Temple features a statue of a mother and father teaching their daughter to walk. The statue is visible from the street.

The statue's artist, Dennis Smith, said he originally asked his neighbors Keith and Teri to model for him in 1976 when the Relief Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints commissioned him to create a monument for Nauvoo women. Keith and Teri had just had a baby girl named Melissa. Smith said his vision was to create a statue depicting a mother and father with open arms teaching a child to walk by the time Melissa was old enough to take her first steps.

According to Smith, Keith and Teri discovered Melissa had cerebral palsy and would never learn to walk.

When the sculpture was completed, it was named "In the Family Circle." But because of the medical complications that affected the young girl,



Jessica Smith

Dennis Smith's sculpture "In the Family Circle" stands in front of the Provo City Center Temple as a reminder that families are eternal and a tribute to Melissa, the child subject of the sculpture who was afflicted in her lifetime by cerebral palsy.

Smith admitted he always wanted to call the sculpture "Melissa Walks."

Smith wrote an article for the Deseret News in 1995, just two weeks after Melissa died at the age of 18. "In some other realm, Melissa was finally able to stretch her legs," Smith wrote. "Somewhere, at last, Melissa walks."

In an interview with The Daily

Universe, Smith said the sculpture parallels the Provo City Center Temple in both design and symbolism.

Smith described how the spires on the roof of the temple — two on either end and a spire in the center — mirrored the father and mother at either end of the sculpture and the child in between them. He called the

architectural and sculptural similarities "serendipitous."

Smith said the story behind the sculpture of the implied resurrection of a little girl with her family is a tribute to the rebirth of the building that would become the temple.

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Time

According to the V School's course report, the average duration of a coding bootcamp is 14.3 weeks. Tanner Scadden, a student currently enrolled in a coding bootcamp, said he believes it is a far better timeline than a four-year degree.

"I want to dive into my career with training that will give me experience on how to create various projects, build a portfolio, and make sure that I understand full-stack development," Scadden said. "(I) won't have to learn unnecessary curriculum that won't help me in my future career path."

This sentiment was echoed by DevMountain Executive Director Krissy Weekley.

"I believe people are choosing bootcamps over four-year degrees because they are quick. You can jump in and learn to code in three months and go find a job right away. Four years is a lot of time to invest in changing technology," Weekley said. "We get students that have already done a four-year degree and feel frustrated by the amount of time and lack of opportunities. Bootcamps give you a quick path to a very viable career."

Cost

According to a study by computer science researchers Kyle Thayler and Andrew J. Ko, the average cost of a coding bootcamp in the U.S. and Canada was \$11,451 in 2016. Compared to the cost of what the College Board said the average undergraduate university degree was in 2016, \$7,110 per year, a coding bootcamp is a bargain.

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Mueller finds no collusion, leaves obstruction open

Special counsel Robert Mueller found no evidence President Donald Trump's campaign "conspired or coordinated" with Russia to influence the 2016 presidential election but reached no conclusion on whether Trump obstructed justice, setting the stage for new rounds of political and legal fighting.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said Trump will let Attorney General William Barr decide whether the special counsel's Russia report should be publicly released.



O'Rourke says owning guns taught him responsible use

Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke said Sunday that his personal use and ownership of firearms taught him the responsibility of having guns and can help bridge politically fraught discussions about gun control in the U.S.

The former Texas congressman said Sunday in Las Vegas he and his wife, Amy, who grew up on a New Mexico ranch and used guns, made sure their children also knew how to safely handle guns.



Syrian group wants tribunal for IS detainees

The U.S.-backed Syrian fighters who drove the Islamic State from its last strongholds called on March 25 for an international tribunal to prosecute hundreds of foreigners rounded up in the nearly five-year campaign against the extremist group.

The administration affiliated with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said such a tribunal is needed "for justice to take its course," particularly after countries have refused to bring home their detained nationals.



High court won't rule on Michael Jordan images

The Supreme Court said March 25 it won't step in to referee a copyright dispute between Nike and a photographer who took an image of basketball great Michael Jordan. That means lower court rulings will stand.

Photographer Jacobus Rentmeester sued Nike after it used an image he took of Jordan in the 1980s as inspiration for a photograph it commissioned for its own ads. The Rentmeester's photo became the basis for the "Jumpman" logo for Nike's Air Jordan shoes.



Hugh Jackman excited for Broadway comeback

Hugh Jackman says he's looking forward to coming back to Broadway next year as Harold Hill in "The Music Man," with Sutton Foster as Marian Paroo, the librarian.

The two-time Tony winner said he first performed the show in high school, and that it was the first musical he ever acted in.

Jackman was at the Global Teacher Prize award ceremony in Dubai, where he announced the winner and performed music from his 2017 film "The Greatest Showman."

BYU taps into cutting-edge technology

By MADISON EVERETT

The future is here. BYU has tapped into cutting-edge technology with its new Mixed Reality Lab featuring augmented and virtual reality.

"This is where the future is heading, so this is a really good opportunity to figure out what kind of systems, procedures and policies we need to put in place now," said BYU Mixed Reality Lab Director Brady Redfearn.

The lab is housed in the Crabtree Building by BYU's information technology and cyber security programs. The lab is used for the design and prototyping of mixed reality experiences. BYU is one of the few universities in the nation to offer such a lab.

"In the future, everyone will have stuff like this. At one point, it will be built into my glasses, and I'll walk around, and it will just be normal," Redfearn said. "We are trying to plan for the future right now as far as using these systems on campus and then obviously giving students learning experiences."

According to Redfearn, augmented reality experiences insert digital 3D objects into the real world. In virtual reality, the environment is completely digital.

There are currently 25 students enrolled in the mixed reality class, IT 515R. Their



BYU Photo/Jaren Wilkey

The new Mixed Reality Lab in the Crabtree Building is to help students gain hands-on experience. Scan photo with Universe Plus app to read or listen to Portuguese translation of this story.

semester-long project is to create an app implementing a mixed reality of some sorts.

Currently, students are working on building apps for nurse training in hospital settings, interior design and even escape room games. Students are also working on a grant proposal for a mixed-reality suicide prevention application.

IT and cyber security junior Trevor Allen is currently in the mixed reality class and works in the lab.

"I don't have the money to afford this equipment at home, so the lab is a great resource for me," Allen said.

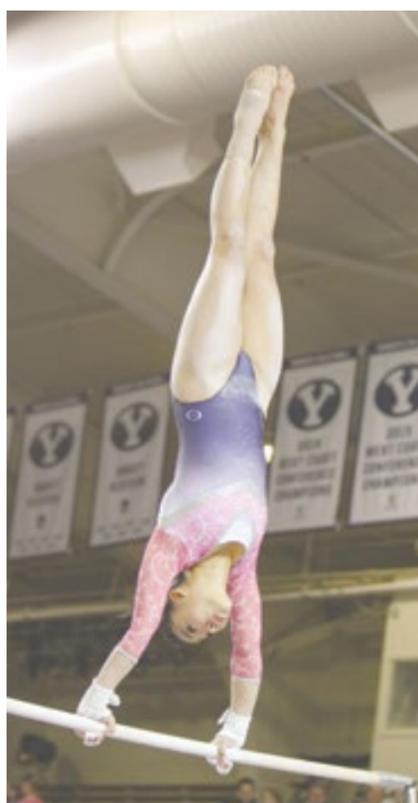
IT and cyber security major Garrett Cook also works in the

lab. He said the opportunity to be a part of the shift toward virtual reality is available to everyone.

"On the learning side, it's been a totally new exposure to technologies that have a lot of potential," Cook said. "It's at the tip of anyone's fingers. Anyone can come in here and learn how to develop technology that changes tomorrow."

The lab prepares students for their future careers even if it doesn't directly relate to their particular field of study.

"Whether or not it's their first job, most of the students in our program will have to do something related to this," Redfearn said.



Hannah Miner

Left: Angel Zhong, coming off an ankle injury, earns a score of 9.850 on the bars during a Feb. 15 meet against Boise State. Above: Angel Zhong mentally prepares for vault post-injury.

GYMNAST

Athlete finds identity at BYU after difficult childhood

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The move to Canada came with the introduction to Angel's new passion: gymnastics. Initially, the BYU all-around star pursued kung fu.

"We took my son to a kung fu class, but he was scared," Betty said. "Because we were already there, Angel said she wanted to take his place."

Hoping to continue this art form, Angel and her parents sought out a kung fu studio in their new country. However,

their pursuit was fruitless, and they continued to search for an outlet for the 8-year-old's energy.

"One day I was looking in the newspaper, and I saw a picture of a child doing a cartwheel," Betty said. "I took the newspaper to Angel and said, 'How about we do this?'"

According to Angel, starting gymnastics at 8 years old is considered late for an elite gymnast. Furthermore, she waited until she was 10 to start training at a competitive level.

"I learned to work hard because I did start so late," Angel said. "But I learned to believe in myself and that I would become a good gymnast someday."

Angel said leaving Canada to start her new life at BYU was a dream that goes deeper than just gymnastics. She said her move to Utah allowed her to talk openly

about the Church and feel support from those with similar standards.

"I never felt like I fit in in Canada or China," Angel said. "Here, these teammates are capable of so much love, and they've shown me love for who I am as a person, not just for what I can do."

This display of love helped Angel discover her true identity at BYU.

"I'm way more confident, and I think that comes with the fact that I found my identity," Zhong said. "It's kind of cheesy, but I feel like I always had to hide it."

Because Angel felt the need to hide her testimony for so long, she said she strives to live her faith proudly and consistently.

"She's really humble and a sweetheart of a girl," Young said. "She's so pure and chaste, and is someone that's really special."

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Clockwise from left: Jeff Nasson, Megan Shepherd and Mohammad Saleem work on the web development immersive course at DevMountain.

CODING

Bootcamp options widely available

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BYU Office of Information Technology Engineering Manager Dan Cunningham said cost is one of the main reasons students choose code bootcamps over a four-year degree.

"It costs a lot of money to go to college and it takes four years. If I can come out of a camp in six weeks that says I am a certified web developer ... Why wouldn't I do that if I don't have to go to college?" Cunningham said.

Personality

Bradford said personality also plays a huge role in the decision to take a coding bootcamp over a four-year degree.

"We see everything. Anyone can do a bootcamp, but we also

see that even though it's a good fit for those individuals who might do well at university, it's also a good fit for those who need to learn in an application-based setting," Bradford said.

Christopher Bradshaw, a BYU computer science student who has experience as a developer, said he believes coding bootcamps can be a better fit for certain people.

"A coding bootcamp can be really helpful for someone who can't deal with the normal education system or those looking for a fast way to get into a programming job," Bradshaw said.

Borash believes the decision to do a coding bootcamp has less to do with personality and more to do with what the student hopes to gain from the program.

"It's hard to say it's a certain type of personality," Borash said. "It's folks that have been studying code on their own that can't learn any more by themselves that try to maximize their learning by enrolling in a

coding program."

Availability

According to a study by Thayer and Ko, demand for software developers is expected to grow 17 percent in the U.S. between 2014 and 2024. This may be why, according to Thayer and Ko, coding bootcamps have grown in number and popularity. In fact, according to switchup.org, Utah offers at least six bootcamps in the Salt Lake area alone.

Matthew Gibbons, BYU digital humanities professor, believes the choice of a bootcamp over a four-year degree mainly has to do with the lack of four-year web development degrees.

"From my experience, the choice of a four-year degree or a code boot camp usually comes down to availability. There are not many four-year web development degrees, and there are many more bootcamp options. Students tend to take what they can get," Gibbons said.

What is more marketable: a coding bootcamp certificate or a degree?

If you talk to Christopher Bradshaw, a BYU student studying computer science, he'd tell you a four-year degree is much more valuable to employers than a coding bootcamp certificate.

BYU Office of Information Technology Engineering Manager Dan Cunningham would agree with Bradshaw.

Cunningham is currently in the process of hiring a JavaScript developer and explained if two people apply with little experience, and one has a university degree while the other is a bootcamp graduate, he is more inclined to consider the college graduate.

"The (person) who has been going to college for four years is going to have a whole lot more training and understanding of development practices than the guy who has been sitting at a bootcamp for six weeks," Cunningham said. "I am not disparaging the bootcamp; for six weeks I think it's a great way to pick up another tool ... but show me how you applied that."

Bradshaw said he believes college graduates may be more employable because of credibility and connections.

"I feel like graduating from BYU opens a lot more doors than a coding bootcamp. A college graduate can demand more compensation and comes out with more connections," Bradshaw said.

Tony Borash, the vice president of the V School, a technical program that offers coding

bootcamps, said he disagrees.

He believes degree or not, the V program prepares people to be junior developers, who he said are paid similar to those who came from a four-year degree program.

According to Course Report's 2017 survey of graduates from 73 coding schools, the average starting salary of a coding bootcamp graduate was \$70,698.

Although Bradshaw and Cunningham said having a degree can make people more employable right off the bat, they agreed having experience also plays a big part in landing a job.

DevMountain Executive Director Krissy Weekley said employers in the past preferred to hire graduates with a four-year degree as they didn't really know what to expect from a bootcamp graduate. Weekley said she believes companies are now looking more into alternatives, perhaps because of talent shortages, and consider more bootcamp graduates.

"Companies need people that can jump in right away. Bootcamps are filling these needs of talent shortages and are proving very valuable to the industry and changing minds of many higher level managers about where they hire from," Weekley said. "The companies in Utah have been hiring more and more from our grads because they are able to jump in and get the job done quickly. Bootcamp grads are proving that they can learn a lot and go apply it right away."

STATUES

Provo artwork carries symbolism

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"The temple itself rose from the ashes," Smith said. "(The sculpture) is a statement about continuance of life. Even though we have things that happen to us on earth, our hope is that we will be able to live beyond this experience."

Smith said he hopes when people see his sculpture from their cars or when they walk around the temple they will be inspired to increase their family commitment.

"We live in an age where young people are holding off on getting married and making commitments," Smith said. "The planting of the family and the symbolism of the mother and the father and the child learning to walk is a statement of a commitment to one another and to the blessing of children."

Artist Carol Jackman created a statue called "Kafata II," another religious piece on Center Street. According to Book of Mormon Central, Jackman said she was inspired by an Ensign article by Hugh Nibley describing an Arab custom called "Kafata," in which a man could seek refuge from a great sheik if he had been accused of a crime. If the sheik put a robe over the accused man's shoulder, it signified sanctuary under the sheik's protection.

"With this sculpture, I tried to convey the supreme comfort and joy that we feel when we have accepted (Christ's) gift and been 'encircled about in the robes' of His righteousness," Jackman wrote.

Outside the Historic Utah County Courthouse stands "Statue of Responsibility." A plaque attached to the base of the statue explains local author Stephen R. Covey was inspired by Austrian Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl to commission an artist to create a sculpture embodying the



Jessica Smith

This statue by Laura Lee Bradshaw on Provo's Center Street depicts Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon, a suffragist, activist and the first female Utah state senator.

concept of personal responsibility. Sculptor Gary Lee Price fashioned one hand reaching down clasping another hand reaching up.

"The hands are symbolic. In different times of our lives, we are the hand reaching up for help and the hand reaching down to lift others," the description on the plaque said. "We are all connected."

Victoria Karpos is the co-founder of Statues.com and the Utah sculpture business Marblecast products. She said she believes a statue offers value to generations within a particular community. While a building or a street name is a nice commemoration of an individual or concept, Karpos said a statue welcomes the viewer to ponder the purpose behind the piece of art and connect with it.

Karpos said moving forward in the Provo community and the state of Utah as a whole, she hopes to see more women

featured in sculptures. She said it's vital for the community to see women in roles other than mothers and pioneers.

"Modern role models are women who are leaders in politics, who are playing roles in corporations, that are high in education, that are professors and teachers and in the classroom," Karpos said. "There's been an outcry for more women to come to the forefront."

One statue on Provo Center Street is a tribute to suffragist Martha Hughes Cannon, the first female Utah senator. Cannon's statue, however, stands about three feet tall on a pedestal in front of Station 22 Cafe.

"When you put a statue on a pedestal, it's a huge statement," Karpos said. "Size matters. There should be no reason to do anything differently for a female sculpture for the effort you're putting into it. Women should be placed high on a pedestal."

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This event will be broadcast to the JSB Auditorium.



Dr. Sugata Mitra

Professor Emeritus, Newcastle University, England

Professor Sugata Mitra is an emeritus professor in educational technology at the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, at Newcastle University in England. He earned his PhD in solid state physics from the Indian Institute of Technology. He has done research in the areas of learning styles, multimedia, and new methods of learning.

Mitra is best known for his 1999 Hole in the Wall (HIW) experiment, in which a computer was embedded within a wall in an Indian slum at Kalkaji, Delhi, and children were allowed to use it freely. The experiment aimed at proving that kids can learn to use computers easily without any formal training. Sugata termed this as minimally invasive education (MIE). Since the initial HIW experiment, he has convincingly

demonstrated that groups of children, irrespective of who or where they are, can learn to use computers and the internet on their own, using public computers in open spaces such as roads and playgrounds. He brought these results to England in 2006 and invented self-organized learning environments (SOLE), now in use throughout the world. In 2009 he created the Granny Cloud—a resource of teachers who interact with children over the internet.

In 2003 he was conferred the prestigious Dewang Mehta Award from the government of India for Innovation in Information Technology. In 2013 he was awarded the first \$1 million TED prize, allowing him to create seven laboratories called Schools in the Cloud for testing his educational ideas.

A question-and-answer session will be held at noon.

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New chief at helm amid controversy

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

BYU Police Chief Chris Autry's office windowsill is covered in coins.

Not monetary coins; rather, they're "challenge coins," which Autry said agencies such as police departments and military units exchange as signs of appreciation and respect.

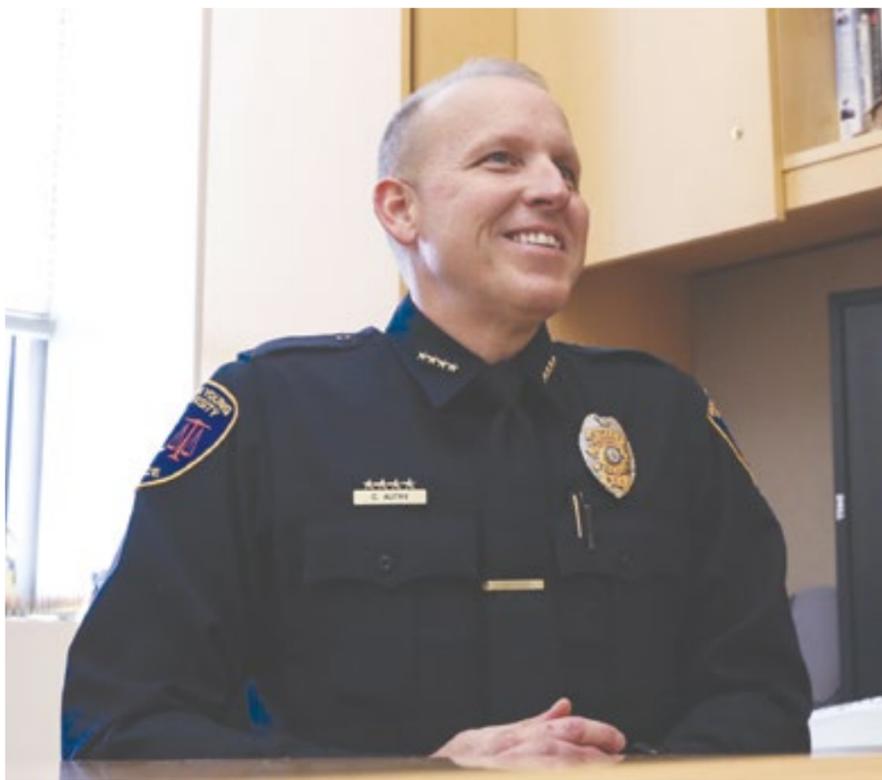
However, Autry likely wasn't planning on one particular challenge when he became BYU's new police chief in January: a Feb. 20 letter addressed to President Kevin J. Worthen announcing plans by the Utah Commissioner of Public Safety to decertify the BYU Police Department effective Sept. 1. The letter says the department failed to conduct an internal investigation into misconduct allegations and failed to comply with a subpoena for internal records.

BYU is appealing the decision and released a statement saying the university finds the ground for appeal "confounding." It also states BYU believes University Police met all applicable criteria and is surprised the commissioner issued the letter "on these technical grounds."

However, BYU attorney Heather Gunnarson later said, "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."

A bill awaiting Gov. Gary Herbert's signature would require private campus police organizations — including BYU's — to follow the same public records rules adhered to by all other public police agencies.

The Daily Universe interviewed BYU Police Chief Chris Autry about his career prior to the decertification announcement, and Autry has since not



Arianna Davidson

BYU Police Chief Chris Autry discusses his law enforcement career and his time at BYU. Autry was appointed chief effective Jan. 1.

returned requests for comment on the matter.

However, during a Senate committee hearing about the bill, he stated, "University Police supports Senate Bill 197, which would make the documents of law enforcement actions more accessible to the public through the Government Records and Management Act. We have no issue with being held to the same government requirements as other law enforcement agencies."

University spokesperson Carri Jenkins said in the coming months, University Police will continue operating as a state-certified police force.

"For nearly 40 years, BYU

has protected its students and campus community, one of the largest concentrations of citizens in the state of Utah, through a state-certified police force," she said. "We believe that this is the best proven means of protecting our students and campus community."

Becoming police chief

Autry was born and raised in Georgia and decided to stay in Utah after serving a mission in Salt Lake City.

He attended BYU and initially majored in mechanical engineering, but "really wasn't having fun with it," so he switched to something still challenging but which he enjoyed more: recreation management and youth leadership. His major allowed him to go camping and boating, learn games and help teach an outdoor survival course.

Autry became interested in police work because he wanted a career that was different every day, would challenge him and would allow him to help people. He enrolled in the police academy while finishing his bachelor's degree and graduated from both the police academy and BYU in 1997. Though he wasn't sure at first if he wanted to do police work, he liked it after getting into it.

Autry's first police job was with the Midvale Police Department, but soon he began

feeling like he needed a graduate degree. By then he was married, and Autry and his wife decided BYU would be a good place for him since he could get his degree for free while working as a police officer on campus.

He joined University Police in 1997 and almost right after was hired part-time by the Provo Police Department, where he continued working part-time for three and a half years. Because of his connections with the Provo Police Department, he was able to help expand the Utah County Metro SWAT team, which he said includes the BYU, Provo, Orem and UVU police departments.

Autry worked on his master's of public administration degree from 2000 to 2002, intending to work for the FBI after he finished. He attended the three-month long FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he took classes on topics like cybercrime and forensics and networked with department heads, high-ranking law enforcement officials and people from other agencies.

However, it was there he met FBI agents who showed him the FBI is not like what people see on TV, an experience that helped him realize how good he had it with University Police. Autry decided to stay put and "got promoted pretty quick." He remained involved with the Metro SWAT team for 10 years, which he said taught him a lot about the traditional police work less common at BYU.

Autry said one thing he loves about the BYU police department is how many options there are for officers, though that's sometimes tough because they don't get to specialize in one type of crime.

"In other big departments, you're working robbery, you're working homicide, but here we



Arianna Davidson

Challenge coins line the windowsill in BYU Police Chief Chris Autry's office. Autry said these coins are exchanged between agencies such as police departments and military units as signs of respect.

do it all," he said.

For example, Autry said he's been a patrol officer and a member of a Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Utah Valley Special Victim's Task Force. Autry said during the latter experience, the task force was the number one arresting agency in the entire U.S. for three years.

Though he ultimately didn't join the FBI, he has continued to stay connected with people he met at the FBI National Academy. A security agent with Facebook once called Autry because some general authorities would be visiting with company officials, and the agent needed contact information for Church security.

"We can call on each other any time we want," Autry said.

Autry became BYU's new chief of police on Jan. 1 after acting as the interim police chief since July 2018 when Chief Larry Stott retired, according to BYU News.

He said officially being the police chief doesn't feel much different from being the interim chief "other than now I can decorate my office how I like," he said.

Provo Police Chief Richard Ferguson released a statement saying his department was "very pleased" to learn of Autry's appointment as BYU Police Chief.

"Chief Autry has long police leadership experience including close partnership with the Provo Police," the statement reads. "He brings strong vision and experience to the job. Under his direction we have already strengthened our crime prevention efforts to make all the communities we serve safer, stronger and better."

A trusting relationship

Autry said he wants to bring a trusting relationship with law enforcement to BYU students and faculty. Though he recognizes there is a "very, very small percentage" of bad police officers, most of the officers he knows are just trying to do an honorable job and help people.

Additionally, one thing he loves about being with the BYU police department is working with people who are still transitioning from childhood to adulthood.

"(If) they start choosing the

wrong path, we can intervene (and) try to help them with some course correction," he said.

Though there has been controversy surrounding a former BYU police officer accessing private police reports and sharing them with the BYU Dean of Students Office, the BYU Title IX Office and the BYU Honor Code Office, Autry said his police department only works with the Title IX Office in a way that allows students to get the support they need.

For example, Autry said it used to be the responsibility of his department to help students who had come forward with sexual assault allegations change their apartments or get their classes changed. Now, though, "we can share information with Title IX, they keep it confidential, and then they can be the ones that help facilitate the needs for the students," he said.

He emphasized the Honor Code office and the BYU's police department have "absolutely nothing" to do with each other.

Autry has a 16-year-old daughter and a 20-year-old son who attends BYU. He said his family recognizes police work is a lifestyle, like when he wants to sit in certain places in restaurants or when they need to leave a place because he's spotted someone he once arrested.

"People look at BYU and they think ... it's a safer place to be a cop than anywhere else, and I guess that's true until it's not," Autry said. "We get everything everywhere else gets. We just don't get it as often."

However, Autry said his wife in particular has been supportive of his career and has taught him a lot about compassion.

"When you see the worst of people, you start to kind of think that maybe everybody's like that, so it gives you a skewed perspective," he said. "She helps keep that perspective balanced."

He said he wishes people were kinder and more respectful to each other, and that they could recognize everyone needs help, whether emotionally, mentally or physically.

"I think people are more fragile than we understand," he said. "I just wish that more people were involved with each other's lives in a good way."

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BYU responds to police decertification decision

By SAM BIGELOW

BYU issued a response to the state March 22 regarding the BYU police department decertification, claiming the Department of Public Safety's decision violates the university's due process.

The 29-page response, addressed to Utah Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jess L. Anderson, acts as a response to Anderson's Feb. 20 letter to President Kevin J. Worthen that announced DPS' intentions to decertify the university's police force.

Anderson cited failure to conduct an internal investigation into former BYU Lieutenant Aaron Rhoades and failure to comply with Government Records and Management Act requests — two claims BYU challenges as false. The university also claims Anderson's notice does not have "any basis in law or fact" and should be withdrawn.

The response states an independent investigation into alleged criminal misconduct by Rhoades — who was accused of turning over police reports to BYU's Honor Code Office — was carried out by then-Public Safety Commissioner Keith Squires and the State Bureau of Investigation in May 2016.

The statement claims that although the investigation was carried out, a secrecy order sought by the State Bureau of Investigation prevented former BYU police chief Larry Stott and others in the department from disclosing the investigation's existence — including to the Peace Officer Standards and Training division, which issued subpoenas to the BYU police department during a June 2018 investigation into Rhoades'

conduct.

According to the statement, Stott still carried out a private internal investigation through BYU's legal counsel.

BYU also noted in its response that despite being accused of violating GRAMA criminal statutes (a Class B misdemeanor), the university and Rhoades took the position Rhoades didn't break any laws because the Utah Division of Archives and Records Service and the State Records Committee had previously ruled that GRAMA did not apply to the university.

Following the two-year State Bureau of Investigation investigation, the secrecy order was lifted and the Utah Office of the Attorney General chose not to prosecute Rhoades. BYU confirms Rhoades later faced internal disciplinary action and opted to surrender his POST certification. Rhoades' last day as a university police officer was Sept. 30, 2018, the statement says.

BYU also states the university has never "changed its position" on whether or not University Police should be subject to GRAMA. However, the university claims its practice of denying requests that "seek disclosure of private or protected records" is no different than any other university's.

The university claims it complied with "numerous" subpoenas issued by the state and accuses Anderson of acting outside the scope of his authority by violating BYU's due process and "unlawfully" treating BYU differently from other university law enforcement agencies.

This statement refers to the fact that Anderson sent his notice of decertification despite a pending appeal to the Utah Supreme Court over a ruling that the University was subject to public records laws.

BYU, Pixar share close relationship

By SADIE ANDERSON

They're movies students have grown up loving: "Toy Story," "The Incredibles," "Finding Nemo" and "Cars." Since 1986, Pixar has paved the way for cinematic computer animation and captivated audiences around the globe. Being a part of the Pixar has become a dream for many aspiring illustrators and animators — a dream that might just be in reach with the help of some BYU programs.

Forty BYU animation alumni work at Dreamworks and 15 at Pixar, according to the Daily Herald. Almost every year, at least one BYU animation student lands one of nine highly-coveted Pixar summer internships from a pool of 1,200 applicants.

Working for Pixar is a dream animation and computer science professor Seth Holladay lived after being hired by Pixar because of an internship he took while pursuing a Master of Fine Arts at BYU.

When Holladay first came to BYU as an undergraduate student, there wasn't an animation program established on campus, but he knew animation was what he wanted to do and found classes that would help him reach his goal. Shortly after, the animation program was organized and Holladay was one of the first accepted into the major.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in animation, Holladay stayed at BYU to pursue an MFA. It was while studying in this program he got the opportunity to apply for a Pixar internship.

According to Holladay, Pixar sent recruiters to BYU to hire interns. Though hesitant at first, Holladay decided it was a great opportunity to prepare for future job applications.

"I thought about it and went,

'Well, I do need to put together my portfolio. When they tell me no, I won't be sad,'" Holladay said.

The "no" never came. Holladay received a phone interview a month later and was eventually hired as an intern in the rendering department. He spent the duration of his internship fixing poor pixelation and spotty pictures.

Pixar hired Holladay after his internship to work on film effects — different objects and parts of the environment that interact with the characters. Holladay worked on Pixar movies like "Up," "Ratatouille" and "Wall-E."

"I did spaghetti noodles in 'Ratatouille' and Eve's blaster in 'Wall-E,'" Holladay said.

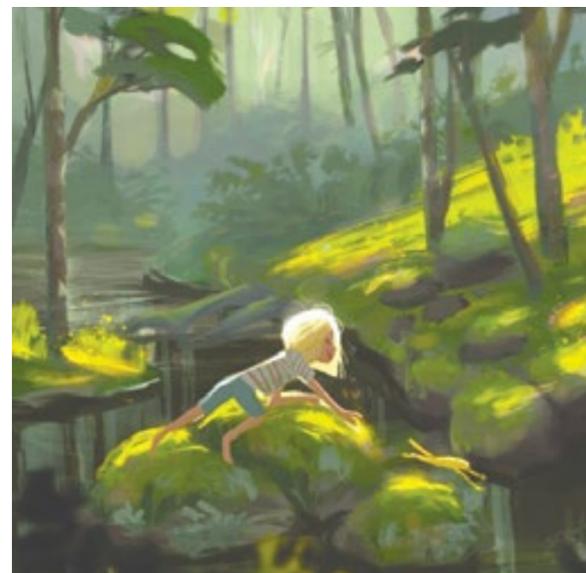
Holladay said one of his favorite parts of working on the animation effects was problem-solving: finding a way to make an object in animation look and move the way it would in real life.

Holladay's advice to anyone who aspires to work in animation or Pixar comes down to two things: passion and hard work. He said constantly working on challenging projects will help students get noticed in the industry.

Illustration student Karly Catto was inspired by Pixar movies to follow her passion for creating art and telling stories.

"I love the challenge of trying to tell a character's story in their design — how their face is shaped, what clothes they wear, how their hair is styled, whether or not they have any scars, how they walk — everything tells something about who they are and what they've been through and are going through," Catto said. "It's magical when you finally make a character whose design says exactly what you want it to."

For Catto, creating characters is about observing the world. She advises aspiring artists to pay attention to the way



Karly Jade Catto

A childlike character explores jungle scenery in an illustration by BYU student Karly Catto. She said Pixar has always inspired her art.

people move and act in their day-to-day lives.

"Notice how everyone waits in line with a different attitude and posture, notice how people eat, how they interact with each other, how they sit when they are studying and what it says about who they are," Catto said. "Notice the differences both subtle and

obvious between every person and try to capture that in your sketchbook."

Catto's creative drawings and designs show her passion for character creation. Catto said she is eager to share her work with the world and is looking forward to opportunities to continue to follow her passion.

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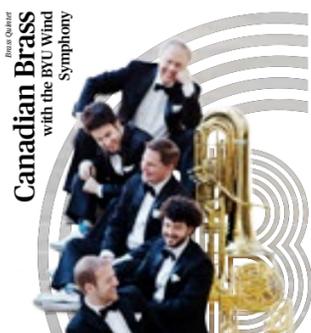


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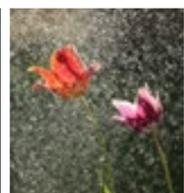
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"I just think it's funny you ghosted him for 4 months and now you're planning on marrying him."
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"He would marry me, like tomorrow. We met 3 weeks ago, soooooo"
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You have to own AirPods and slick back your hair to be in the Business school. I don't make the rules. @HeardAtBYU @byuprofessors

@autumndaun_kang

"A lot of people are getting engaged. 'Tis the season I guess."
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@Frosties4life

"Moms have the lowest insurance rates and the highest speeds on the freeway."
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I took the long way to class as to not interfere with this guy proposing to his gf in front of me.

Turns out he was just kneeling down to tie his shoe, but you can never be too careful
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@allegedcassidy

"wake up. you're missing a stunning lecture."
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@itsjustjaybae

"You can't dab in Church Holden!" -my brother
@HeardAtBYU

@nihilists4jesus

"Utah's just so boring, I just really miss California, I can't stand it here."
"Oh yeah, which part of California are you from?"
"Bakersfield."

@madisteele9

"He needs to take the Harry Potter test before I'll consider going on a date with him"
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@CaptainPeezy

"I may have been exaggerating when I said it was my birthday." @HeardAtBYU

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Guy: "chugs chocolate milk"
Girl: how can you just drink milk like that?
Everytime I drink it it makes me sick
Guy: so your lactose intolerant??
Girl: no I just get sick everytime I drink milk
Guy: yeah, that's called being lactose intolerant
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"She gets to decide, I get to prefer."
-my friend as he 'helps plan' his wedding
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8 year old visiting walks by speaking loudly to her friend: MY family rule is that we don't have our first kiss until we REALLY REALLY know the person...or until we're fifteen.
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"My goal this semester is to convince you that timeliness is not a virtue...being late is a way of trusting people" -philosophy professor (again)
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● confused driver
In search of
● love
● friendship
● lines on the roads in Utah during a rainstorm
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READERS' FORUM

Tough times

I don't know Michael overly well. He's one of my best friends, but if you want his full autobiography, I can't help you. What I can say is this: He's from Idaho, he served his mission in California, he watches *The Office*, he's a pro at the Charleston, he sings like Bubl  himself and oh, by the way, he has cancer.

It wasn't like a scene from a Hollywood film. We'd just gotten back from Christmas break when he broke the news calmly. We knew that he'd been having elbow pain and that he'd gone to a doctor. What we didn't know was that Michael had a 5-inch long tumor just chillin' in his elbow. And what I didn't know was how much that would change my life.

As he broke the news, it didn't register. Chemotherapy, withdrawing from school and radiation all become so much more real when you see pictures of your friend slumped in a hospital bed. It becomes even more real when his mom tells us that he's been throwing up violently all day and had to be rushed to the emergency room. I want to give him hope to hold on to, when in reality, he's the one giving hope to me.

Almost every picture of Michael has been of him with a thumbs-up. It's his way of saying that everything is going to be OK. Even if he's in pain. Even if he's not OK. Even if he might have lost hope inside. But his thumbs-up is hope for you and me. Most of us will go through our own tough times over the next six months while he receives treatments. We might want to complain, feel down or give up.

When life gets tough, though, I think of Michael. I know that I have no right to give up or complain, because he is hope for me and for all of us.

The best part is that this isn't a eulogy. His cancer is treatable. It's not a pity plea or a GoFundMe. It's a voice for hope. Because just like Michael, we're going to make it.

—William Baird
Las Vegas, Nevada

BYU football

62 percent is a D average. No, that's not your percent chance of getting married while attending BYU. That's BYU's football program winning percentage over the past eight years. Why so rough? The reason, in fact, is being independent. Ever since doing so, BYU football has suffered. Joining a major conference, however, would change that.

If we get in a major conference, we could land a major television contract. In the PAC-12, for instance, each team nets \$27 million a year. This can help us land more athletes to give us depth when guys get injured. A reflection of how this can work is how Utah, since going to the PAC-12, has beat us every single year. Utah is on the climb and becoming a strong contender in their conference. That wasn't always the case, however, as their program had to grow over time. Once they got in the conference, they had more money, more incentive for good players to come and saw their success grow.

Overall, the conclusion I am trying to get at is simple: BYU football should join a major conference. We as students and supporters need to unite with BYU football players and staff and get BYU back to where it belongs, in a strong conference winning big games and competing for conference championships.

—Seth Walker
Provo, Utah

IN OUR OPINION

Utah pet retail stores should use shelter animals

The retail sale of pets at various stores and displays throughout Utah has led to an increase of establishments such as "puppy mills," where animals are bred specifically for these commercial businesses. These breeding centers, however, have been found to sometimes cause harmful illnesses in the animals such as parvovirus. Utah lawmakers should take a closer look at these various establishments and make the necessary changes to help these animals out.

One possible solution could be to replace the animals currently living in the stores and displays with animals from shelters or rescue organizations. The Provo City Council tabled an ordinance amendment on March 19 prohibiting the sale of any dog, cat or rabbit in any commercial animal establishment within the city limits unless the animal was obtained from an animal shelter, animal control agency or a nonprofit animal rescue organization. While other municipalities and counties in Utah have passed similar legislation, Provo should take note and do the

same.

There are many adoptable dogs, cats and rabbits readily available within these shelters and rescue organizations. My family adopted a very sweet and affectionate cat from a shelter a few years ago that was in great health. These shelters and organizations are more than happy to work with aspiring pet owners ready to give the animals the love and attention they need. It would be a huge step forward if these shelters became the main source for the animals used in the stores and displays throughout all of Utah. We could cut the breeding centers out of the process entirely.

The rest of Utah and Provo should make the necessary changes to prevent both harmful illnesses and pet overpopulation. There are plenty of animals in the shelters and rescue organizations that can and should be used at pet stores and displays in order to eliminate the risks involved with animal breeding centers.

—Josh Carter
Universe Opinion Editor

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—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Utah Compact

Born out of an earlier flashpoint at the southern border, the Utah Compact represented a practical attitude. It was never a binding document, but it did bring together a wide, bipartisan swath of Utahns to put the state on

record as supporting its immigrants regardless of their documentation.

There's a lot of empty talk around here about the "Utah way," as if we're smarter than everyone else. But the "Utah Compact" is indeed wise words for a weary world. Maybe someday — when rational immigration policy is the law of the land — we can stop bringing it back up.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Gun laws

Days after a gunman carried out a horrifying attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, that killed 50 people, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that she had ordered an inquiry to determine whether government agencies could have prevented the tragedy.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the modest push for universal background checks for gun

purchases that passed the House faces an uphill struggle in the Senate and veto threats from the White House, even though it has the support of most Americans. Once again, the U.S. political system looks feckless compared with other democracies.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

College admissions and athletics

The universities caught up in the fraudulent-admissions scandal are undoubtedly looking at ways to prevent such problems in the future, focusing in many cases on their athletic departments, where coaches in soccer and water polo and other sports allegedly took bribes from wealthy parents hoping to secure admission for their children.

But the schools involved — and all colleges with hefty athletics programs — should be thinking beyond the details of the recent

scandal, and examining more broadly the oversize role that varsity sports have played at U.S. institutions of higher education.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Astrid S. Tuminez

Utahns are fortunate to cap off Women's History Month with some local history-making of their own when Astrid S. Tuminez is officially inaugurated this week as Utah Valley University's first female president.

Wednesday's inauguration should cement for Utahns what Tuminez and her fellow female presidents already live. Says Tuminez, "We have to be inspired and fearless and then step up when the opportunity comes. It's not the work of one or two or three or four women. It's the work of all of us."

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Road repairs

With the arrival of spring

comes the marshaling of road-repair brigades to attack the thousands of potholes and fissures scarring streets large and small, many of which have long been in a state of general disrepair.

Periods of economic growth, however, occur under their own cycles of freeze and thaw. Going forward, city leaders need to regard the task of maintaining infrastructure to be perpetual, not periodic.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

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Ellsworth sisters reunite on BYU track team

By NATALIE ORR

Lauren Ellsworth remembers the last time she ran a relay race with her sister, Alena, before attending BYU.

It was 2014, and the sisters were teammates at Highland High School in Salt Lake City. The team was behind Desert Vista High School in the relay when Lauren passed the baton to her anchor, who was able to make up the difference and secure the state championship.

The winning relay four years ago, one that Alena said was an actual photo finish, foreshadowed a successful future for the sisters. In the duo's first college distance medley relay together at BYU on Jan. 5, they helped set a school record of 10:56:51, the fourth fastest time in the country.

Juniors Erica Birk-Jarvis and Whittni Orton were also included in the BYU distance medley relay team. The record surpassed the previous school record of 10:56.73, which was set at the 2009 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, by .22 seconds.

Running has been active part of the sisters' lives since a young age. Ironically, middle-school-aged Lauren originally favored cross country, disregarding track all together.

"I avoided track at all costs," Lauren said. "I thought it was boring and preferred long distance running."

Lauren's hard feelings against short-distance running were softened in high school when a boy encouraged her to give it a try.

"He said, 'You have to, you're too good not to run, and all the guys take off their shirts, you gotta do it,'" Lauren said. "I decided to try out for one day, and it was actually good."

During what would be Lauren's final track season as a junior, Alena entered high school, giving them a chance to race together. That would be the sisters' only high school track season together.

Lauren attended a trek activity her senior year that mimicked the trail hiked by early pioneers. The activity resulted in an ACL tear that would end her high school track career. Luckily, she had become Arizona's high school girls record holder in the 800-meter with a time of 2:07 prior to her injury.

"It was a bummer because it was her last year there so we weren't able to run together," Alena said. "She came out to practices, but she wasn't on the relays with me, so it wasn't as fun."

Just one week after the accident, Lauren visited BYU for her official visit with former track and field head coach Patrick Shane.



Lauren Ellsworth

From left: Whittni Orton, Alena Ellsworth, Lauren Ellsworth and Erika Birk-Jarvis of the BYU women's distance medley relay team pose with coach Diljeet Taylor, center after beating the school's record on Jan. 5.

"No one knew that my knee was torn," Lauren said. "We were doing the tour of campus and we were going to go up the RB stairs and I just thought, 'Well, this is going to hurt.'"

Doctors repaired her ACL in October 2014 and cautioned her to wait until April to run to allow her to heal prior to starting her college running career.

The following fall, Lauren returned from her running hiatus and officially became a Cougar. She left for her 18-month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Iowa Des Moines Mission after her freshman year. She continued to run without hindrance on her mission until just three months in when she tore her meniscus.

"I slipped on some ice in Missouri," Lauren said. "I knew I hurt myself because I couldn't bend it or straighten it all the way."

This injury resulted in surgery and a visit from her mother and grandmother. She wanted to stay on her mission and started teaching lessons again

just days after her procedure.

"I ended up staying out on the mission thanks to a lot of miracles," Lauren said.

"I love their toughness. They have so much grit, and it's very exciting to watch. They feed off each other. It's competitive, but it's contained competitiveness.."

Diljeet Taylor

Track and Field associate head coach

After her surgery in March 2017, she decided to take a year off from running — her longest break yet.

"I tried to go run on the mission, but I had a lot of problems," Lauren said. "So,

I decided to not run until I got home."

Meanwhile, after hearing positive comments from Lauren and reviewing Alena's high school accomplishments, BYU's new track and field associate head coach Diljeet Taylor extended the invitation to Alena to run for BYU.

"I was recruiting her sister, knowing that Lauren was going to be coming home from her mission," Taylor said. "I sold it like, 'It could be the Ellsworth sisters at BYU.'"

Alena found herself unsure about which race to make her specialty, but ultimately chose the 800, accepting Taylor's offer. This decision came because she knew she could rely on Lauren's motivation during training.

"I decided that I wanted to go for the 800 because I'd be able to run with Lauren in the group," Alena said. "If I had gone with the 400, I wouldn't have been able to run with her."

Lauren arrived home from her mission in March 2018 and instantly started to train, hoping to make a good impression on her new coach.

"I was in decent shape, but running in Arizona is hot, so my summer consisted of me going back and forth about whether to run or skip it that day," Lauren said. "Coming back from a mission is harder than coming back from an injury."

Taylor said it was an easy transition for Lauren to come back to BYU because of the culture change the team had initiated. Alena said this new culture focuses on providing love and encouragement to the team.

"For Lauren to come in and see what we had done in the couple of years that she was gone, I think it was easy for her to buy into the new culture," Taylor said.

In addition, Lauren said she feels her effort in practices has improved because of Taylor's motto.

"Taylor's motto is 'look good, feel good, run good,'" Lauren said. "If you see us on the track, we have makeup on. It's funny; she'll look at you and know whether you're going to run fast or not."

The sisters' success did not falter after they broke the school record in their first college meet. The team earned 14th place at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 8 — BYU's best team finish since 2012. The distance medley relay team, including Lauren, snagged a second place finish, beating the school record yet again with a 10:54.14.

"It's so ironic because in the DMR, the Ellsworth sisters set the school record," Taylor said. "It's a cool thing because that's how I sold it to Alena."

Alena said running with her sister is her favorite pastime. She believes their sibling relationship works in their favor and not against them, allowing them to test their limits.

"I just get so much more energy from Lauren," Alena said. "She pushes me in my strengths, and I push her in her strengths, and we are both getting better together."

Not only does Alena enjoy having Lauren back on the team, Taylor said she believes they would be incomplete without each other's motivation.

"For me as a coach, it's nice to see that they complement and bring out the best in each other, rather than compete against each other all the time," Taylor said. "It's a very good mix."

Taylor said she looks forward to watching the sisters continue in the nursing program and contribute to both the track and cross country teams in the coming years.

"I love their toughness," Taylor said. "They have so much grit, and it's very exciting to watch. They feed off each other. It's competitive, but it's contained competitiveness."

Women's basketball defeats Auburn; Sweet 16 ahead?

By JACKSON PAYNE

The No. 7 seeded BYU women's basketball team defeated the No. 10 seeded Auburn Tigers 73-64 in the first round of the NCAA women's tournament on March. 23 in Stanford, California.

Despite shooting just 26 percent from the 3-point line, turning the ball over 16 times and allowing Auburn to snatch up 21 offensive rebounds, a 45-point second half propelled the Cougars to victory.

"Once we were able to pull ahead, we had more confidence that we were going to be able to pull this one through," BYU guard Paisley Johnson said. "That was a big turning point. We're able to connect really well on our fast-break lay-ins and make those, even with a whole bunch of contact."

The Cougars played solid defense, holding the Tigers to 32 percent shooting from the field with seven blocks, four coming from center Sara Hamson in her fifth straight game with at least four blocks.

"Sometimes they got around (the zone), but then Sara (Hamson), at 6'7 was there with her long wingspan to contest those shots," Johnson said. "If she didn't block them, she definitely disrupted their play."

BYU's guards carried the offense. Brenna Chase enjoyed a career night high of 19 points, seven assists and three blocks. The victory was her 22nd straight game with a 3-pointer.

"I think you saw a player that didn't panic with the pressure," BYU head coach Jeff Judkins said of Chase. "The last three games Brenna has played really good for us and she has to... Tonight was not Paisley's night, but Brenna and Caitlyn (Alldredge) stepped it up and that's why this team has been so successful."

Shaylee Gonzales scored 17 points with nine rebounds while Alldredge added a career-high 14 points, shooting 60 percent on the night. Johnson added 8 points and three boards.

Auburn stepped on the gas pedal and gave BYU a scare in the final quarter. The Cougars were leading by 15 with 8:24 to play, but an 11-1 run brought the Tigers within 4 points with just two minutes remaining. However, a pair of free throws by Chase followed by a Gonzales layup sealed BYU's win.

"We executed 100 percent, and we ran plays that we threw up and executed, and we started pushing in the press and finding the gaps," Alldredge said. "Being the big that has to take it out a lot, I don't get that opportunity (to score), but when they were missing their boards and we were able to run



Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo

Shaylee Gonzales splits the defenders in the Cougars' 73-64 first round win against Auburn.

I was able to be up there and be like a guard again and get some of those layups."

The Cougars move on to the round of 32 to play No. 2 seeded Stanford March 25 at 9 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time for

a chance to advance to the Sweet Sixteen. The game will be broadcast on ESPN2.

Organizations build, sell houses to fund BYU Athletics scholarships

By EMILEE ERICKSON

The Utah Valley Home Builders Association and the Cougar Club created a project called the Cougar House to help fund an endowed scholarship for BYU Athletics.

The two groups work together, to build a house and use its sale profits to add to the continuing athletic scholarship fund. The project has raised over \$1.5 million for BYU since it first began in 2001.

Everything involved in the project — materials, labor, property and time — is donated. The home is built and eventually sold to raise scholarship funds for BYU athletes, particularly those in construction management majors.

“Cougar Houses are typically designed and decorated by one of the UVHBA interior designer members if not sold before completion of the home,” said Amber Hutchings, event director at Utah Valley Home Builders Association.

The first Cougar House was built in Springville in 2001, and several other Cougar Houses



Lisa Flinders

From left, Casey Cloward of Raykon Construction, Lane Wilkes of PureHaven Homes, Steve Caldwell of the UVHBA, Cosmo the Cougar, Jeff Southard of South Haven Homes and Mike Middleton of the BYU Cougar Club break ground on the 10th Cougar House.

have been built throughout Utah Valley.

“It is no different than building a normal home,” said UVHBA

Public Relations Director Lisa Flinders. “The only difference is we have several members donating their time and labor so more proceeds can be donated to BYU.”

It generally takes between six to nine months to build each Cougar House. UVHBA and the Cougar Club are currently building the 10th Cougar House, which broke ground in January. Some Cougar Houses have

previously been featured in the Utah Valley Parade of Homes. A committee of Utah Valley Home Builders Association members meets regularly to discuss the progress of the build, donations, construction schedule, cost and more.

“We have a number of trades and specialists involved in the project. Our members range from architects, bankers, interior designer, framers, etc.,” Flinders said. “They all pool their resources together and work side by side to make this happen.”

It’s a long process, but the first step is to get the lot or a portion of the lot donated. UVHBA then

meets as a committee to get the plans drawn and donated.

After the plans are made, the builders receive a permit to start construction on the house. The whole process takes a little over a year.

Current UVHBA board member Mitch McCuiston and Cougar Club Director Mike Middleton developed the project. McCuiston currently serves as a mission president in Kansas City.

“I don’t know of another Home Builders Association in the nation that does anything like this,” Caldwell said. “This is a great organization that is involved in the community.”

Jimmer returns to NBA

By AARON FITZNER & JOSH CARTER

Former BYU star Jimmer Fredette has signed a deal with the Phoenix Suns, according to Fredette’s Instagram.

Fredette recently finished his third season in China with the Shanghai Sharks, where he had been averaging 36.9 points per game. Fredette was named the Chinese CBA International MVP after averaging 37.6 points per game in the 2016-17 season.

Fredette was drafted 10th overall in the 2011 NBA draft by the Milwaukee Bucks, who subsequently traded him to the Sacramento Kings where he played until 2014. Fredette then had short stints with the Chicago Bulls, New Orleans Pelicans and New York Knicks before heading to China in 2016.

Though he had a realistic chance of being drafted after his junior season in 2009-10, Fredette elected to come back to BYU for his fourth and final season. He finished his senior season as the NCAA Division I leading scorer, averaging 28.9 points per game on 45 percent shooting.

During his senior season in 2011, BYU experienced “Jimmer Mania” as chatter among the nation focussed on the elite college shooter. NBA superstar Kevin Durant even tweeted about the BYU hoopster after Fredette dropped 43 points on an undefeated San Diego State squad that was led by now NBA star Kawhi Leonard.

Fredette received more than 10 national and conference awards during his final season. His list of awards included being named to the AP First Team, SI.com First Team, Foxsports.com First Team, USBWA First Team and State Farm Coaches’ First Team. The 6-foot-2 guard’s most noble accolade of the season came when he was named the NCAA Division I men’s player of the year in 2011.

Fredette’s college success never transitioned into NBA success, as he averaged only 6 points and 13.4 minutes through 235 NBA games. The Glen Falls, New York, native last played NBA basketball in the 2015-16 season with his time being split between the New Orleans Pelicans and the New York Knicks. The Pelicans signed Fredette on a non-guaranteed contract and released him four games into the season. After signing a 10-day contract with the Knicks, he was released.

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Simple Bites

Ingredients	For 1	For 2	4 or more
eggs	1-2	3-4	6
milk	1 tbs	2 tbs	1/4 cup
salt	pinch	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp
pepper	pinch	1/8 tsp	1/4 tsp
bacon	1 slice	2 slices	4 slices
diced onion	1 tsp	2 tsp	1 tbs
diced bell pepper	1 tsp	2 tsp	1 tbs
fresh spinach	1/2 cup	1 cup	2 cups
olive oil	1 tsp	2 tsp	2 tbs
grated cheese	2 tbs	1/4 cup	1/2 cup

Directions
 Beat eggs in bowl with milk and seasoning until completely blended and frothy, set aside.
 Cook bacon and cut into small pieces.
 Chop asparagus into small pieces.
 In a small or medium sized oven-safe frying pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add bacon, onion and peppers and cook, stirring occasionally, for about three minutes. Add spinach and cook until spinach is wilted, about one minute.
 Pour egg mixture over cooked bacon veggie mix.
 Sprinkle grated cheese over top.
 Place pan in oven and bake at 350 degrees about 15 minutes or until egg is completely set.
 Remove and cool slightly.

Other frittata suggestions
 1. Sausage, mushroom, onion, olives.
 2. Ham, onion, pepper.
 3. Bacon, tomato, onion, asparagus.
 Be creative. You can’t mess this up. Try different cheeses like Gouda, Muenster, sharp cheddar, pepper jack or other flavorful cheeses to add a smoky, spicy or nutty flavor.

For individual frittatas
 Using a muffin tin, spray with a non-stick cooking spray or lightly grease sides and bottom with olive oil or butter.
 Add about a tablespoon of the meat and veggie mixture to each section of the muffin tin.
 Pour egg mixture over filling about 3/4 of the way up.
 Divide cheese evenly and sprinkle on top.
 Bake about eight minutes and check for doneness.
 Make mini frittatas ahead and freeze. Microwave for one minute for a quick, healthy on-the-go breakfast.

Gymnastics raises the beam



Hannah Miner

Cougar gymnasts come together before taking to the bars during the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference Championships March 22. BYU finished third behind Boise State University and Southern Utah University.

This week:

UNIVERSE PLUS Scan the album covers with the Universe Plus app to hear a sample of each song.

MIXTAPE

“Cool Again”
 Shoffy
Cool Again

In 2016, Shoffy was working as a financial analyst in Beverly Hills by day and producing music on the side. He quickly realized he was making more money producing music than working as a financial analyst and quit his job and began working full-time as a musician. Best known for his 2016 hit “Takes My Body Higher,” “Cool Again” is Shoffy’s latest release and builds on his electro R&B style.

James Arthur has followed up his 2012 win on Britain’s “X Factor” with multiple online hits and is currently the 11th most listened to artist on Spotify. Arthur’s song “Empty Space” is a heartbreaking apology about losing someone you love and the struggle that ensues to replace the void they leave in your life. Poignant lyrics, accentuated by distinct vocals makes “Empty Space” a hit.

“Empty Space”
 James Arthur
Empty Space

Activists seek pet sale changes

By TESSA LARA WESTLUND

Utah animal rights advocates are looking for ways to change laws on the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in a commercial storefront and have found success in some cities.

Protesters gathered on 800 North in Vineyard on Jan. 19, where they hoped to take a stand against Puppy Barn. Many of the protesters were owners of dogs that had been infected by parvovirus — a highly contagious disease in dogs that can cause vomiting, severe bloody diarrhea, fever and weight loss. It is often fatal, especially in puppies.

Karlee Bursach said parvovirus affected her puppy Eevee, which she got from Puppy Barn. The puppy was treated by a vet and has since recovered.

“We took our puppy to the vet four days after we brought her home, and she had parvo,” Bursach said. “They don’t offer to help pay for medical expenses.”

This isn’t the first time Puppy Barn has been accused of selling puppies infected with parvo.

Betsy Hernandez said she bought a puppy on discount from Puppy Barn and noticed the puppy was walking funny and stopped eating after three days. In the end, she lost the dog to an unknown illness.

“The poor thing could hardly walk. I just wanted to save her,” Hernandez said.

Puppy Barn is currently operating with a license in Saratoga Springs and has not responded to The Daily Universe’s request for comment.

Many of the protesters said they had one goal: ensuring the puppies sold at Puppy Barn received proper medical care.

While Utah does not have a statewide ban prohibiting the sale of puppies and other animals in a commercial store, there are a handful of cities that do. These include Salt Lake City,



Hannah Miner

Sarah Tyau holds sign to protest the new Puppy Barn location in Vineyard on Jan. 19. Protestors argue the store sells puppies infected with parvovirus

Millcreek, Emigration, Copperton, Kearns, Magna, White City, Sandy, Midvale and Murray.

These cities all have a law prohibiting the sale of live dogs, cats or rabbits in a commercial storefront, making stores like Puppy Barn unable to obtain business licenses. Stores in these cities can only sell animals at a commercial storefront if the animals are obtained by a county shelter, non-profit animal rescue, humane society or an animal control group.

A similar ordinance was presented at a March 5 Provo City Council meeting. The ordinance would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits at commercial storefronts in Provo. Like Sandy, Provo would require the animals come from a rescue,

county shelter or a humane society and require a certificate of past history for the animals.

The ordinance would exempt breeders who sell directly to the customer. Violation of the proposed ordinance would result in a class C misdemeanor.

The Provo City Council contacted local pet stores in Provo, received positive feedback and discussed adopting a similar ordinance on March 19. Ultimately, council members voted to table the ordinance and will not discuss implementing it again until they have reasonable cause to do so.

Sandy City Council member Kris Nicholl said the goal of these laws is to discourage the use of puppy mills by making potential pet owners contact

reputable licensed breeders. The lawmakers behind the bills also hope to increase adoptions from shelters, which decreases the stray population.

Protests like the one on Jan. 19 are one way the public can get the attention of legislative representatives. Nicholl said showing passion for these issues is the best way to catch a lawmaker’s eyes. According to Nicholl, the passion animal advocate groups showed in Sandy helped pass a bill that prohibits the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits from a commercial breeder.

Nicholl worked on presenting the policy to the planning commission in Sandy and said the process took about six weeks to complete.

She also recounted someone asking whether she ever saw a successful business that sells animals from unknown breeders at a commercial storefront in Sandy. She told them absolutely not; “Not with the way people feel about animal welfare in our city; our culture has changed.”

“We took our puppy to the vet four days after we brought her home, and she had parvo.”

Karlee Bursach
Puppy Barn customer

Campus News



David Habben



From left: Sayavedra, Hardle, Woodward, Raj



Kevin John

COLLEGE OF Fine Arts and Communications

BYU design professor **David Habben** wrote and illustrated a children’s book now available for purchase. Written under the pseudonym **HABBENINK**, “Mr. Sherman’s Cloud” shows little kids how to turn around stormy days. A publisher reached out to Habben after seeing one of his illustrations and pitched the book idea. “It’s the phone call every artist hopes to get as often as they can,” Habben said. “It feels great.” Habben’s illustrations offer a mix of realistic and abstract art. He said he hopes the book’s message will come across to young readers who have bad days. “I hope people get the sense that they can overcome a bad day and get a better perspective,” Habben commented. “I want them to connect with the book in a way that helps them feel positive and make progress in their own lives.”

BYU communications professor **Kevin John** will present next month’s Faith + Works lecture about viewing the world through both secular and spiritual eyes. Through several research projects focused on health communication, John has often found conflict between research community viewpoints and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. John will examine how to resolve these conflicts between secular and spiritual learning and find balance between these different viewpoints. The lecture will take place on April 4 at 11 a.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall.

MARRIOTT SCHOOL of Business

Fernanda Sayavedra, Elise Hardle, Paige Woodward and Reenu Raj from the BYU Marriott School of Business won \$10,000 in the Texas Christian

University supply chain case competition, beating 14 other teams from esteemed colleges. The competition presented an issue regarding same-day delivery in a large city. The team had 24 hours to come up with a solution and presentation on how to solve the problem. After less than two hours of sleep, team members presented their solution to a panel of supply-chain executives from major corporations, then were vetted into the final four. After their win, team captain Elise Hardle said, “After working so hard and being so tired, finding out we won was definitely a payoff.”

J. REUBEN CLARK Law School

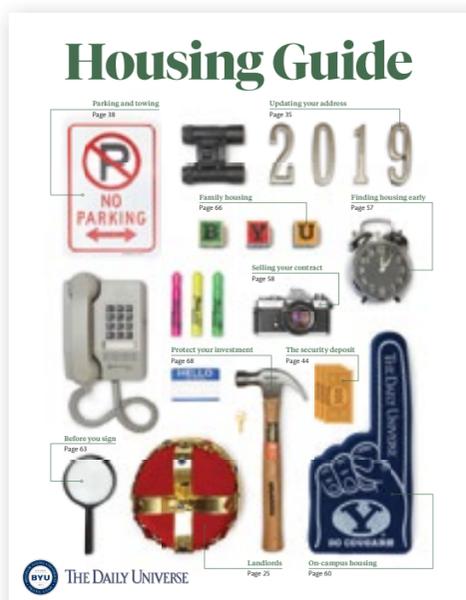
The J. Reuben Clark Law School has been ranked the 39th best law school in the country, two spots up from last year, by the 2020 U.S. News & World Report. The rankings rely on scores given by peers, lawyers and judges of the school, followed by the program’s selectivity and student success after the program. The report also ranks Marriott School of Business No. 32 with the No. 2 accounting program. BYU was ranked the No. 3 college with the least amount of graduating debt and No. 11 for best value. BYU is ranked No. 66 overall.

HAROLD B. LEE Library

The BYU Library is displaying research posters by over 50 undergraduate life sciences students for the remainder of March and throughout April. The research includes varying topics under the College of Life Sciences. The posters are hung on the library’s second level in the family history library hallway. The students will attend Q&A sessions regarding their posters followed by an award presentation on Thursday, March 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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