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Students walk by a "Compassion is contagious" banner hung on the Harold B. Lee Library. The banner is part of a student-led campaign to encourage fellow students to follow COVID-19 protocols.

BYU officials say COVID situation on the mend



Preston Crawley

COVID-19 cases in the campus community are starting to decrease, according to BYU officials.

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

BYU seems to have a better handle on the COVID-19 pandemic after Utah County students made headlines for being the driving force behind the state's positive case surge.

The school is currently reporting 158 active cases as of Oct. 10, down from a high of 470 cases on Sept. 25 and 175 cases last week.

BYU Risk Management Managing Director Branden Wilson sent an email to students and staff Oct. 7 praising the shift towards fewer cases.

"The trends we're seeing at BYU are encouraging," Wilson said. "This decline in cases is real, and the decline is not a result of a decrease in testing or a decrease in receiving reported test results."

The email comes about two weeks after BYU President Kevin J. Worthen and UVU President Astrid S. Tuminez sent a letter to students warning that if COVID cases did not go down, further safety restrictions, including an early return to online classes, would be necessary.

Wilson said the response to this admonition was effective. "We are grateful to each of you for your positive response. It is vital that we maintain these efforts and behaviors to prevent another spike and to continue the decrease in active cases."

Dr. Keith Willmore, the medical director of BYU's Student Health Center, has seen this improvement firsthand. He said the rate of positive coronavirus tests has dropped from about 25% to 10% even though the center hasn't diminished the number of tests it administers.

"I think we had this surge at the beginning just because we had so many people coming in all over the country," Willmore said. "But now people are really being careful and I think it's working, so I think some kudos to the student body and to our employees are well deserved."

BYU uses social media to battle the Rona

By EMMA GADESKI

BYU is working in conjunction with students in the School of Communications AdLab to encourage safe behavior, but not everyone is on board.

This semester, University Communications is using social media platforms to communicate what's coming from leadership and explain why guidelines are important. An example of this social media strategy is the AdLab's "Compassion is Contagious" campaign.

The campaign focuses on Christlike love and service rather than fear and guilt, advertising students explained in an Instagram takeover on BYU's account. Signage all over campus reminds students how to stay safe from coronavirus. Since the start of the semester, a rise in cases has led the university to give more direct warnings on social media.

"In the AdLab, we're taught to kind of flip every problem on its head and think out of the box," said Hope Knudson, one of the advertising students who helped create the campaign.

Knudson said her group wanted to find a way to make a global pandemic promote kindness, love and unity instead of fear. The students asked themselves why people wear masks, and she said all of the reasons came down to compassion.

Cal Haynes, an advertising junior from Mesa, Arizona, then came up with the slogan "Compassion is Contagious."

"It's kind of a play on words," Knudson said, explaining how "compassion" contrasts with the negative connotations of "contagious." The goal was to make people less bitter about following COVID-19 guidelines.

While Knudson said she thinks people were pleasantly surprised by the campaign, those who weren't made it known.

Some comments on the Instagram takeover claimed the campaign was shaming and manipulative, with one user even calling it "disgusting propaganda."

"Few voices are very loud voices," she said. "I'm sure there were a lot of people who loved it, but people who didn't love it were very vocal about it."

The social media backlash was hard on the students, especially those who came up with the idea. "It kind of put a target on our backs," Knudson said, adding that she feels there will be some negativity with any Instagram takeover.

Even though the students tried to make the campaign non-political or controversial, there was still opposition. "No matter what, you're never going to please everyone," she said.

Jon McBride, BYU director of digital communications, said University Communications worked with the AdLab students to create and execute the campaign. The BYU Academic Vice President's Office had wanted a campaign focused on campus safety and aimed at BYU students. McBride said social media employees are working to make sure this COVID-19 messaging is effective.

One of University Communications's goals is to answer the question of why students should change their behavior, McBride said. The ultimate goal should be students motivated by compassion.

"I don't think it's a secret that we've gotten more pushback than we expected," McBride said. "We've pivoted a little bit to also talk very clearly about enforcement and discipline."

BYU President Kevin J. Worthen and

UVU President Astrid S. Tuminez sent out a joint letter on Sept. 22. The letter expressed concern over rising cases and demanded a change in behavior, warning that dramatic action might be necessary. When BYU shared the letter on Instagram, students commented on their frustrations at restrictions.

McBride usually responds to Instagram comments, collaborating with full-time employees in the office. "Obviously, there's a lot of nuance in responding to comments right now," he said. "It's more of an art than a science, I think."

Employees do not respond to every comment. "We do have some criteria that we have to weigh before responding to every single angry comment. A lot of times those comments don't get responses just because there's not a productive conversation that's going to come from it," McBride said.

Despite the backlash, there are still students in support of the outreach. Employees often respond to positive student comments so that other people see them.

"Peer-to-peer communication is so important," McBride said. A student saying why they wear a mask and follow the rules is more powerful than the Instagram account saying the same thing over and over, he added.

BYU nursing student Ella Duce was featured in a #MyViewFromBYU spotlight after her Tweet went viral.

"IF I GET ONE MORE FREAKING ZIT ON MY CHIN FROM WEARING MY MASK IM GONNA continue wearing my mask because I care more about people than a couple blemishes on my face," the Tweet says.

In the spotlight, Duce said she finds masks inconvenient and frustrating,

but sees them as a way to respect human life. "Whether you believe that it works or not, it doesn't matter. It's about showing the people around you that you respect them and you're willing to make a couple sacrifices."

Duce said that as a healthy 20-year-old, she wants to be going to parties and socializing. However, that part of her life can wait. "Right now what matters is loving and caring for other people and doing what we've been asked to keep everyone safe and healthy."

Julia Gehring, a senior from Washington majoring in geography, said she thinks BYU is doing the best they can with outreach, but there is only so much they can do. "I think it's worked to an extent. The thing is, people who are going to wear masks and be careful were already going to do that regardless of Instagram and outreach."

Gehring said she doesn't think BYU will be able to stay open until Thanksgiving. "I think it would be irresponsible. With our exponential growth in cases, it seems like every day I hear about more people being quarantined," she said. "I totally understand the desire BYU had to have an on-campus experience, but it's been very stressful."

"It's been hard to watch, for sure," McBride said. "We wish things could have gone better here and people could have bought in earlier and we weren't on the brink of closing the campus, as President Worthen said."

McBride said University Communications is also focusing on students who are taking the pandemic seriously, with messages helping them stay socially connected while physically distanced. "At this point, we're just trying to do what we can."

See Page 8 to learn more about other COVID-19 social media campaigns

BYU students reflect on 'much needed' COVID relief funds

By JOSH CARTER

Emma Mecham, a pre-media arts major from Firth, Idaho, was unsure whether she'd have the means to register for Fall Semester. The pandemic had just hit, her on-campus job status was up in the air and she already had a sizable amount of medical expenses from earlier in the year to worry about.

Mecham, like many students, wondered if she should just move home and plan on deferring her enrollment for a while. However, as soon as BYU announced its plan to distribute COVID relief funds in May, Meham became hopeful and ultimately decided to continue attending school.

"The funds were definitely really helpful," Meham said. "I don't know if I would have been able to come to school this semester if I hadn't received those. They were much needed and honestly really, really helpful."

Additional students who received such funding, which the school distributed in July, used the money to



Preston Crawley

BYU COVID relief funds, distributed in July, enabled a number of students to cover a variety of academic and living expenses. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

cover a variety of academic and living expenses. Student responses to a Daily Universe social media survey indicated they used the funds to pay for rent, tuition, groceries, health insurance, hospital bills and other medical-related expenses.

Although BYU did not disclose how many students received the relief funds or the total amount of money distributed, university spokeswoman Carri Jenkins told the Daily Universe that "the vast number of students who applied received assistance."

Alexa Archer, a special education major from South Jordan, Utah, used the relief funds she received to help cover her rent and tuition. Archer lost her job at the BYU Ticket Office soon after the pandemic hit and was unable to find work elsewhere.

Archer noted it was somewhat stressful having to wait nearly two months from BYU's initial announcement to receive the funds, especially after watching her brother receive money from UVU in May. Archer was relieved to see the funds eventually come through which, like Meham, enabled her to return to school this fall.

"I wasn't able to register for Fall Semester until I paid tuition, which did kind of take a while," Archer said. "But it was really nice actually seeing the funds come through because I was able to enroll in another semester and not get behind in classes or anything."

While Archer noted she received enough money from BYU to get through the uncertainty, she admitted that she knows of students who would have benefited from another round of relief funds.

"I know that for other students who are in less fortunate situations, another round of funding would be really helpful for them," Archer said. "Especially if the semester goes online again and students lose their jobs and have to worry about rent, more funds would be really helpful."

BYU does not have any current plans to distribute additional COVID relief funding to students. However, Jenkins told the Daily Universe that "students who need assistance should now explore options at financialaid.byu.edu or contact an Enrollment Services professional at 801-422-4104."

BYU is one of four universities owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that turned down CARES Act COVID relief money in May. BYU was initially offered over \$32 million in federal funding but rejected it soon after, noting it had never applied or asked for such resources. Instead, BYU urged the U.S. Department of Education to reallocate the money to other schools throughout the country and chose to use private funds to aid its students.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Women in Computer Science Club creates a space for support and opportunity for students



Cheyenne So

Members of the Women in Computer Science club gathered a few weeks ago via Zoom for their opening social and will continue to meet to create a supportive environment for women in STEM.

By ALLISON MCARTHUR

The Women in Computer Science (WiCS) club on campus strives to facilitate a supportive environment for students while still networking and creating opportunities for students this semester.

WiCS vice president Jackie Hu said the tech industry is demanding for everyone, but BYU is especially competitive. Hu finds, however, that clubs like WiCS provide a space for minorities. She said the benefit of being part of WiCS is “having a community of support and constant source of inspiration when you are struggling in hard classes or feel like an imposter.”

Computer science professor and new academic adviser of WiCS Xinru Page explained how when working through school, she turned to her female professors and mentors because of the similar communication styles that she experienced

among women. She preferred having a mentor with whom she felt comfortable, especially in a field where “you feel like you’re different,” Page said.

The club brings women together who are studying computer science but also provides many opportunities for them to connect to companies outside of BYU to learn about the industry.

“This club is a great vehicle to connect its members with folks who are doing work out in the industry but also for the members themselves to try and connect, support one another and build friendships,” Page said.

The club continues to connect virtually with events planned throughout Fall Semester, according to WiCS co-president Cheyenne So. She explained two main events WiCS will host and a monthly social for members.

The club’s first event will be a collaboration with Dartmouth College where they will host a skill-a-thon. This event will include

alumni and professors teaching workshops for students to gain skills in almost any area of computer science at any level.

In November, the club will be hosting a Women’s Panel with three to four women from the industry. The event will allow students to ask questions about the experiences these women have had in the field.

The club will also host a social hour once a month, which will allow students to get to know other women in the major outside of their class time, building a supportive environment and strengthening relationships.

Son said all of events WiCS has hosted and will host allow members to gain networking experience for their futures, as they often are sponsored by companies such as Microsoft, Qualtrics, SimpleNexus and Lucid.

The club will continue to be a place of support and opportunity despite not being able to gather physically, as all of these events will be held virtually.

COLLEGE OF LIFE SCIENCES

Professor discovers new variety of wildflower



Penstemon wildflower discovered by Mikel Stevens

A BYU professor discovered a new variety of wildflower this year, leading to opportunities for plant research and development in the Provo area. Mikel Stevens, who teaches plant and wildlife sciences, was just above Soldier Summit in the Wasatch Mountains when he found a never-before-identified variety of penstemon. The distinctive pink coloring, lack of seeds, and drought tolerance of the wildflower make it a unique plant to study. Stevens hopes to patent the flower and help develop more drought-resistant plants that will thrive in Utah County.

“If I were to put numbers on this, I would put the chance of finding it as one in millions,” Stevens said.

MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Alum creates company to help employees connect socially after relocating



Carly MacLennan

A recent BYU graduate has created a company helping employees make social connections as they relocate for work. Entrepreneur Carly MacLennan (MBA ’20) started SocialHire after realizing how many companies lose employees to homesickness, inability to adapt to a new area, or because they feel socially distant from their coworkers. Since launching SocialHire, MacLennan has already been recognized as a runner-up in the New Venture Challenge at BYU Marriott’s Rollins Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology and was invited to learn at the Founders Launchpad this summer.

IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dean earns Utah Entrepreneur of the Year award



Michael Jensen

The dean of the BYU Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering earned a Utah Entrepreneur of the Year award from Ernst & Young. Dean Michael Jensen and former BYU faculty member David Arnold were recognized by this prestigious program for co-founding Wavetronix, a company designed to make roads safer and more efficient

with radar technology. Other nominees for the award included well-known companies including Homie, Cotopaxi, and Pluralsight One. Jensen and Arnold will now have the chance to compete for a National Entrepreneur of the Year award, the winners of which will be announced Nov. 19. Jensen hopes to continue to use his entrepreneurial skills to not only benefit the world but more specifically to lead BYU students to great heights.

“Being entrepreneurial isn’t just about starting a company,” Jensen said. “It is about being creative, resilient, and using engineering skills to solve problems beyond technical hurdles. I hope our students take advantage of the college’s programs designed to help them develop these skills.”

COLLEGE OF LIFE SCIENCES

Grant funds BYU dragonfly evolution research



The National Science Foundation gave a \$2.3 million grant distributed across five institutions, including BYU, to study the evolutionary aspects of dragonflies.

Because of the grant, BYU biology professor Seth Bybee’s lab has increased funds to conduct research on dragonfly color patterns, gene sequences and speciation. His lab travels around the world to catch and study dragonflies. Bybee said over the years his lab has visited every continent except for Antarctica and over 40 countries.

Voting from college: How to turn in your ballot from out-of-state



Associated Press

Mail-in ballots are shown in a sorting tray in King County, Washington. Students can still vote in their home state while attending BYU.

By KAELA CLEARY

BYU students from all 50 states can submit an absentee ballot to their home state to participate in November’s general election, all while still residing in Utah.

If a student is living in a different state than where they are registered to vote, the government allows all students to mail in their ballot to their home state.

The student must be registered to vote in their home state and request their ballot be mailed to their college address. Each state has its own registration deadline for mail-in voting.

“If you need your ballot

sent somewhere other than your usual address, contact your local election office at least one month before the election so you have time to receive the ballot,” Vote.org says.

Each state has varying absentee voting instructions, and this year also has some different rules because of the coronavirus pandemic.

In some states, all registered voters will be mailed an absentee ballot because of COVID-19. For example, California will mail all voters a mail-in ballot before the general election by an executive order from its governor to protect public health.

Registered voters in Washington, Utah, Colorado,

Hawaii and Oregon will also automatically receive an absentee ballot.

Residents of other states have to apply for an absentee vote, which can be done online. For example, registered voters in Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming have to apply for an absentee ballot online. To apply, students have to say why they need a mail-in ballot, and as a result, the state will send a mail-in ballot.

Deadlines for mail-in ballots for each of the 50 states vary, but most ballots must be received in the home state by the evening of Nov. 3. Students should plan to send ballots well in advance so ballots are received and counted.

TODAY

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Bishop Gérald Caussé

Presiding Bishop, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Gérald Caussé was serving as a General Authority Seventy and as a counselor in the Europe Area Presidency when he accepted the call to be a counselor in the Presiding Bishopric at the April 2012 general conference. In October 2015, he became the 15th presiding bishop in the Church’s history. His Church service includes elders quorum president, bishop’s counselor, stake president’s counselor, stake president, and Area Seventy.

Bishop Caussé received a master’s degree in business from ESSEC, and his career has been in the food industry, where he has worked with several supermarket chains and food distribution companies. He was the managing director of Pomona, a food distribution company in France.

Bishop Caussé was born in Bordeaux, France. He and his wife, Valérie Lucienne Babin, are the parents of five children.

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October 20,
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First Presidency encourages members to vote

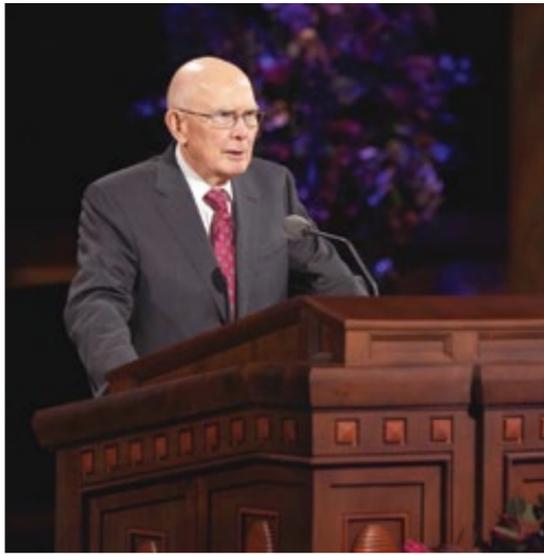
By KENZIE HOLBROOK

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints urged Church members to vote in the upcoming election in a letter the First Presidency customarily sends to Church members in the United States during an election season.

“Citizens of the United States have the privilege and duty of electing office holders and influencing public policy,” the letter says. “Participation in the political process affects their communities and nation today and in the future. We urge Latter-day Saints to be active citizens by registering, exercising their right to vote, and engaging in civic affairs.”

While the Church has no stance on who to vote for, it encourages members to seek candidates who embody principles compatible with the gospel. Leaders also encourage members to become educated and informed on current issues and political candidates.

“Along with the options available to you through the Internet, debates, and other sources, the Church occasionally posts information about particular moral issues on which it has taken a position at www.Newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org,” the letter says.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

President Dallin H. Oaks, first counselor in the First Presidency, speaks at General Conference on Oct. 3. The First Presidency recently encouraged members to vote.

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In General Conference on Oct. 3, President Dallin H. Oaks, first counselor in the First Presidency, gave a talk addressing the importance of loving our enemies.

“In a democratic government we will always have differences over proposed candidates and policies,” President Oaks said. “However, as followers of Christ we must forgo the anger

and hatred with which political choices are debated or denounced in many settings.”

President Oaks also mentioned the 12th Article of Faith, which states, “We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.” He said this does not mean members agree with all that is done to force the law.

“It means that we obey the current law and use peaceful means to change it,” President Oaks said. “It also means that we peacefully accept the results of elections.”

Elder William K. Jackson, a General Authority Seventy, also spoke of political unrest in General Conference on Oct. 3. He said, “Many of our world’s problems are a direct result of clashes between those of differing ideas and customs arising from their culture.”

Elder Jackson invited members to live the culture of Christ rather than the culture of the world. “In the culture of Christ, there is perspective—and eternal focus and direction.”

Provo gyms remain open despite COVID precautions

By MARTHA HARRIS

Many gyms in Provo have remained open despite Provo’s status changing from low risk to moderate risk for COVID-19.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert moved Provo and Orem to the orange (moderate risk) phase from the yellow (low risk) phase during a press conference on Sept. 22.

Utah Department of Health Executive Director Richard G. Saunders said sporting events and school extracurricular activities would remain in the yellow phase, but spectators would not be allowed to attend. Fitness centers and gyms, however, were not exempted and moved to the orange phase like everything else in Orem and Provo.

According to Utah’s phased guidelines for COVID-19, in the orange phase gyms are encouraged to stay closed but aren’t required to. If they are open, people have to keep 10 feet between themselves and others they don’t live with. Gyms are also directed to limit the number of people and clean more often; however, the guidelines do not offer specifics.

Tyler Plewe, director of the Utah County Health Department’s environmental health program, said since people aren’t required to wear masks while they are working out, the key will be limiting the number of people in gyms and social distancing.

The Provo Recreation Center is one of the gyms in Provo that has remained open. The center has posted a full list of guidelines it has implemented with the change to orange.

Provo Recreation Center Operations Coordinator Mariah Shirley said additional staff has been scheduled throughout the day. She said while they are asking members to wipe down each piece of equipment they



Ashley Irwin

BYU Student Wellness announced that with Provo’s move to the orange phase, BYU’s fitness center and gyms would be closed until further notice. Most other gyms in Provo have remained open. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.

touch, the additional staff is there to make sure that actually happens. The extra custodians scheduled are focused on disinfecting areas that members might be touching a lot, like door handles or handrails.

“We know the restriction modifications are a little bit frustrating for some people,” Shirley said. “But we’ve seen a pretty good community effort to make sure that things are going well, so we’re not super concerned.”

Shirley said the rec center is not currently limiting the number of people that come in each day, but that staff members are monitoring those numbers. She said they have a number in mind that if they reach, they’ll start restricting people. But currently, she said, they aren’t reaching that capacity.

Shirley said they have decided to keep the center open because “it is not just a gym facility that we have here. There are a lot of amenities here that end up being considered essential to families around the area.” Some of those amenities include showers and locker rooms, a meal program for seniors and

a child watch program. Representatives from VASA Fitness and Generator CrossFit in Provo both declined to comment for this story. Both facilities are currently open and neither facility has made a public announcement about any updated guidelines since Provo moved back to the orange phase.

BYU Student Wellness announced that with Provo’s move to the orange phase, BYU’s fitness center and gyms would close until further notice. Director of Student Wellness and Facilities Nathan Ormsby said they didn’t have the resources and weren’t prepared to properly follow all of the guidelines required by the state.

“We wanted to show the students and communicate to them that this is a critical time to see a behavior change and that if we keep doing the same things, the numbers could continue to increase,” Ormsby said.

Ormsby said they don’t have a specific case threshold for when the facilities will reopen, but they will follow guidance from the department of health and BYU.



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Hannah Miner

Tyler Allgeier breaks off a run against UTSA on Oct. 10. Allgeier had over 100 yards rushing and the game-winning touchdown in the game. The Cougars beat UTSA 27-20.

BYU outlasts UTSA to win 27-20 and remain undefeated on the season

By ANDREW CALL and CALEB TURNER

BYU outlasted the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners Oct. 10 to win 27-20 and improve to 4-0 for the first time since 2014.

The Cougars are now ranked No. 14 after the win.

"I was proud of our team - we competed," BYU head coach Kalani Sitake said. "I'm very excited about the opportunity to learn from this and get back on the field in less than a week."

Tyler Allgeier secured the victory with a six-yard run into the endzone with 2:18 remaining in the fourth quarter. The touchdown capped off a dominant game from the sophomore running back, who finished averaging 6.1 yards-per-carry for a total of 116 yards.

Turnovers were the story early on for both teams. Junior wide receiver Neil Pau'u fumbled the ball 10 yards outside the endzone on the Cougars' first drive

of the game. The BYU defense was able to regain possession, however, thanks to an interception by senior Troy Warner on the BYU nine-yard line, his second of the season.

Following a turnover on downs, the Roadrunners were the first on the board with a 39-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter, marking the first time the Cougars have trailed this season.

"It felt frustrating at first, because we've shown that we can move it really well (this season)," wide receiver Dax Milne said of the early-game struggles. "That stuff happens and we'll learn from it."

The three-point deficit didn't last long, however, as the BYU offense came storming back with two consecutive touchdowns to give the Cougars a 14-3 lead heading into halftime.

The Cougars first got on the board when Pau'u toed the line to catch a four-yard pass from Zach Wilson in the back of the endzone, redeeming himself from his fumble early on in the game.

With 4:44 remaining in the half, Lopini Katoa had an 11-yard reception for a touchdown, giving him his third

touchdown of the season.

The Cougars came into the contest ranked No. 1 in total offense and total defense in the nation and didn't disappoint in the first half, producing 300 total yards of offense and only allowing 101 yards from the Roadrunners.

UTSA closed the gap to start the second half with a 36 yard field goal, bringing the score to 14-6.

With Wilson's 52-yard pass to junior Gunner Romney with 2:55 left in the third quarter, he passed Virgil Carter for 14th all time on BYU's passing yards list with 5,168 yards. The pass set up a four-yard touchdown run for the junior quarterback to give BYU a 21-6 lead.

The Roadrunners responded with a touchdown of their own at the start of the fourth quarter, with Zakhari Franklin catching a 32-yard pass over the outstretched arms of Troy Warner.

The BYU defense made a big stop midway through the fourth quarter when Gabe Summers had the first sack of his career. The eight-yard loss forced a punt by UTSA with 8:29 left in the game.

Allgeier's six-yard rushing

touchdown capped off a 12-play, 80-yard drive that took more than six minutes off the clock and gave BYU a 27-13 lead with 2:18 remaining, following a missed PAT from Justen Smith.

"Everyone was able to lean on the veterans, focus up and make plays," Milne said on the game-winning drive.

The Roadrunners didn't give up, driving down the field quickly in four plays and scoring a touchdown to bring the game within seven points with 1:17 remaining.

With limited time on the clock, UTSA attempted an onside kick, which was recovered by BYU at the 49-yard line, and allowed the team to run out the clock to secure the fourth consecutive victory.

Despite the victory, players and coaches recognized the mistakes that were made and the opportunity to return to an elite form in the future.

"When you don't play to your potential it gets to you," said linebacker Isaiah Kaufusi, who led the team in tackles with nine. "You think of what you could've done better."

Wilson continued his stellar play

at quarterback, completing 22 of 30 passes and finishing with 292 yards, two touchdowns through the air, and one on the ground.

Outside of Wilson, BYU's offense had several big contributors in the game, including Milne with 102 receiving yards and Gunner Romney, who averaged 20 yards-per-catch for a total of 80 yards.

Before the game, BYU Football released a video offering a message of hope for those struggling with mental health as part of World Mental Health Day.

Kyle Griffiths, Tristen Hoge, Uriah Leiataua and Chaz Ah You were featured in the video for the Cougars, speaking to those who are currently experiencing mental health difficulties.

"Reach out Cougars. Better days are ahead," Leiataua says in the video. "Life has meaning through the struggle."

BYU will look to continue its undefeated season at Houston Oct. 16. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30p.m. and will broadcast nationally on ESPN.

WCC announces 2020-2021 conference schedules for men's and women's basketball



BYU Photo

Paisley Johnson takes a layup against Pepperdine in the Marriott Center. The conference schedules for BYU Men's and Women's Basketball were released this week.

By CAMERON MUH

The West Coast Conference released the men's and women's basketball schedules for conference play Oct. 8.

Both BYU basketball teams will begin their seasons during the final week of 2020, with the women playing host to San Francisco on Monday, Dec. 28, and the men starting Thursday, Dec. 31, on the road at Pepperdine.

Women's basketball

The women's team starts its conference slate playing five games in 13 days, including three matchups on the road. Following a second home game against Santa Clara on Wednesday, Dec. 30, the Cougars go on the road against San Diego, LMU, and Pepperdine on Jan. 4,

Jan. 7, and Jan. 9, respectively.

BYU women's basketball then hosts Saint Mary's on Jan. 14, and Pacific on Jan. 16, before hitting the road for matchups against Portland on Jan. 21, and Gonzaga on Jan. 23. San Diego, Pepperdine, and LMU come to town for home games on Feb. 4, Feb. 6, and Feb. 11. The team will travel to Moraga for a road game at St. Mary's before playing Gonzaga at home on Feb. 20.

Senior Night at the Marriott Center will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, against Portland, before closing out the regular season at Santa Clara and San Francisco on Thursday, Feb. 25, and Saturday, Feb. 27.

Men's basketball

The men's team will play its first conference home game on Jan. 7 against Pacific. The 16-game conference schedule features a

home-and-home series against Gonzaga, Pacific, Pepperdine, Portland, Saint Mary's, San Diego and San Francisco. It also includes a game at LMU on Feb. 20 and a home matchup against Santa Clara on Feb. 25.

The Cougars' conference schedule is set to conclude with a senior-night matchup against Gonzaga at the Marriott Center on Saturday, Feb. 27. BYU upset the No. 2-ranked Zags 91-78 last season in Provo, setting up an enticing rematch between the two teams.

The West Coast Conference hopes to celebrate its 13th year in Las Vegas with the 2021 West Coast Conference Basketball Tournaments scheduled to be played at the Orleans Arena from Mar. 4-9, 2021.

Non-conference schedules for both teams, as well as broadcast plans for conference games will be announced at a later date.



Addie Blacker

BYU Women's Volleyball celebrates after a point in the 2019 season. The team set two world records over the weekend in serving a volleyball into a basketball hoop.

BYU women's volleyball breaks serving-into-hoop world record

By ANDREW CALL

BYU women's Volleyball players Tayler Hifo and Erin Livingston both set world records for the longest serve into a basketball hoop on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Smith Fieldhouse.

Hifo, a junior, set the record for the longest overhand serve at 48 feet. Livingston, a freshman, set the record for the longest underhand serve at 50 feet.

The event was a surprise for the players from the coaches. After seeing the BYU women's cross country team break a world record in the basketball mile, the women's volleyball coaches felt inspired to have their players break a record of their own.

"They surprised us after conditioning (at practice)," Livingston said. "They were like, 'we're gonna try to set a world record,' and so we all lined up and tried it. It was super fun."

No preparation was done prior to the record attempt. The court was measured and marked off with tape, and then the athletes took turns serving the ball into the basketball hoop. The entire roster participated in trying to break the record.

The underhand serve was

attempted first. Livingston guessed it took her about eight tries before seeing the ball go through the hoop. The players then decided to try the overhand serve, which proved to be much tougher.

"It was hard for people," Hifo said. "We were getting close but no one was really getting it. So our coaches were like, 'this is the last round, everyone gets one more try.' And I was the last person in the last round."

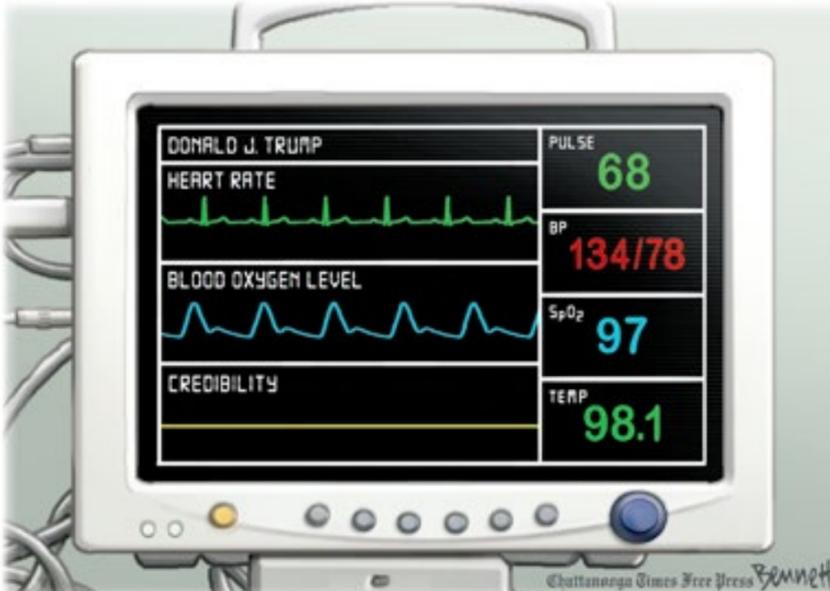
With her teammates intensely watching the final attempt, Hifo eyed the world record line on the court, dribbled the ball, and calmly sunk the serve.

"It was awesome," Hifo said. "I just felt really confident. But I had a lot of pressure. We only had one more ball. After the ball went through the hoop, I was like, 'no way.'"

The team has been practicing as normal through the global pandemic, with small team activities to keep things fresh.

"We do little fun things as a team, but no other world records for now," Livingston said with a laugh.

The NCAA recently confirmed that the postponed fall season will now be taking place in the spring. Hifo, Livingston and the rest of the team eagerly await the return of their season, set to start on Jan. 22, 2021.



WEEKLY QUESTION

Daily Universe editors post a question on Instagram each week asking readers their view on a specific topic. Here's what they had to say. Responses are unedited.

Note: This question was asked before Monday's announcement confirming the university's plan to have an in-person Winter Semester.

Should Winter Semester be held in person?

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| It should remain how it currently is
@CECILEEJANE | Yes! Cancelling winter would just be taking a huge step backward in our progress!
@MAD_CROOK |
| I think it should be 100% online until mid February, then return to a blended style of learning
@HAN.SWAN3 | Yes, but I need a for sure answer so I can plan out my housing
@ASHLEY_AVERY |
| All classes should still offer a zoom option. We don't know everybody's circumstances!
@REAGAN.RISK | It's certainly too early to tell. Registration should be delayed until a trend is shown.
@BPAX.14 |
| Yes, we should be cautious still but we can't be afraid of it until there's a vaccine
@OLIVIA.EGGLESTON | Yes please my grades are struggling bc of online school
@ABBLEDABLESCHMABLE |
| I want us to be safe, but I also struggle with online classes so much. I need them to be in person!
@VONNIERAE95_ | Yes but only if we continue with safety precautions
@KENNEDY_MADRID_MENA |
| No! It's projected to get much worse all winter; it won't be any safer then
@LINCOLN.N.BAY | No. The likelihood of a vaccine being released before then is low. BYU would be a big outlier
@BROCKPATE |

READERS FORUM

An extroverts plea enduring a pandemic

In my world there are no strangers, just friends I have not met yet. I identify with the 49.3 percent of the United States general population that would consider themselves extroverts. However, in this COVID world, the window for random interactions with new people, interactions that extroverts need, has been shut and it must be reopened. My heart craves pre-pandemic life — a life where FHE was a weekly norm and where students would camp out to get into the ROC section at a football game. A world where meeting new people was about getting to know them, not worrying about whether or not they have COVID. Though this struggle might seem insignificant in comparison to people dying and losing their jobs, the loss that extroverts are struggling to articulate is still deeply felt. I know there is currently not much to be done to change the present circumstances, but we can be socially distanced without being socially disconnected. We may have to cover our mouths, but we do not have to cover our eyes. Acknowledging a stranger's presence with a simple wave, head nod, or making eye contact can make all the difference.

—Elisa Huhem
Cedar Hills, Utah

BYU's beard ban

Written out on BYU's website is the Honor Code — standards to keep us on God's path. One clause of the dress and grooming standards states that beards are prohibited. As a male, I believe that this beard ban should be overturned because it was created following the hippie era and does not apply today. The prohibition of beards was part of a 1970s crusade to stop the ideals of the counterculture movement. BYU administration views beards as a symbol of rebellion against authority, so they are completely forbidden. President Dallin H. Oaks said that it was intended to respond "to conditions and attitudes in our own society." We do not live in the '70s anymore. Beards no longer signify anything but a means to feel comfortable as yourself. BYU wants male students to be clean-cut, but ironically, mustaches continue to be allowed. Neither has a negative connotation and the only difference is the location of the hair. Nevertheless, beards are still prohibited. Instead of judging others for how they choose to present themselves, let's come together to bring about this necessary change. Through petitioning and contacting BYU administrators, we can reform the Honor Code in order to reflect the ideals of our society and what we students believe in.

—Truman Galmeister
Laguna Niguel, California

Tweet Beat

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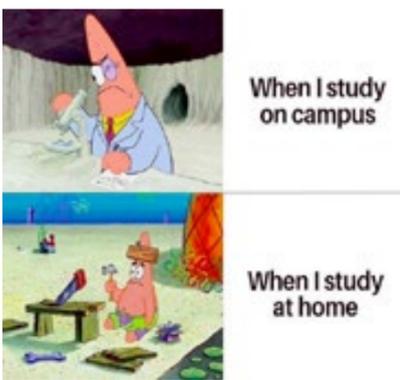
Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut. Leave comments at universe.byu.edu or @UniverseBYU

- @davidhatched**
My favorite part of BYU being ranked this high and all the national media talk is watching Utah fans lose their minds. It's a tradition like no other.
- @poetickate**
instagram captions be like "get someone who loves you like this"

so... someone who will hold my hand in a field?
- @julia_ghoulia**
broke: having a Halloween display name in October

woke: having a Halloween display name all year
- @Steve_Hatch**
Good news: I tested negative for Covid-19. Bad news: I live in Utah County so its just a matter of time...

- @whatitdObabey**
trying to make friends in provo is hard cause i don't know who is a decent human being and who will get me kicked out of school
 - @straightsass**
all of my friends have had corona except me and at this point i kinda feel left out
 - @ElizaLahti**
This guy walked in to our office today asking how to put on an event at BYU, and when we told him he probably won't get approved he goes: "SOCIAL EVENTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY" and I just.?
 - @LexiLolBye**
Things I need to buy :
1. New watch band
2. New phone case
3. Literally anything important
What I buy :
McDonalds everyday
 - @kohlmandean**
bishop found my twitter... and called me to be the ward technology specialist.
 - @NeaHughes**
My friend just said, "I know he's not seeing another girl because my hair is all over his apartment." LOL
- Tweets are unedited.



TFW the October Surprise is the doctor saying, "Sorry, sir, but you've tested positive for coronavirus"



Looking at somebody during an exam like



When did we learn this



OPINION OUTPOST

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

Civil debate but lacks substance

If nothing else, Wednesday's vice presidential debate at the University of Utah made debates watchable again. If that ends up being Salt Lake City's debate legacy, it is one to be cherished. Admittedly, the bar for a good debate was low in the wake of the first presidential encounter between President Donald Trump and Vice President Joe Biden, which was marred by constant

interruptions, insults and no coherent explanation of policy positions.

Wednesday night's debate was civil, but sadly lacked direct responses from the candidates to specific questions.

—Editorial Board
The Deseret News

Get rid of moderators

In Wednesday's debate, Mr. Pence was right to make his own points rather than debate Ms. Page's economic misinformation, but when a moderator drops a loaded question or bases a question on a false premise, it stacks the debate. That's one reason we favor doing away with moderators

and having microphones that give each candidate two minutes to speak. The candidates can use their time as they see fit before the microphone goes dead when the time runs out. The questions would come from the candidates and their campaigns, not some outside party who may have her own agenda.

—Editorial Board
The Wall Street Journal

Cancel in-person debates

With the coronavirus continuing to spread through the White House and among others close to Mr. Trump, the risk of infecting debate participants and staff is high. The

involved media outlets and the Commission on Presidential Debates need to immediately shift the events to a virtual format. It would be irresponsible for the show to go on as planned.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Root out racism

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were instructed ... by many of the faith's leaders to lead out in eliminating the attitudes and the actions of racism and prejudice. Recognizing and valuing

diversity will foster friendship, build trust and provide a path toward progress.

We invite everyone to ... link and lock arms with fellow citizens in a march toward equality, unity, justice and peace.

—Editorial Board
The Deseret News

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

- All letters should be submitted by email to universe.ideas@gmail.com. The topic of the letter should be included in the subject line.
- Letters should also include the author's name, hometown (for students), campus position (for faculty and staff) and phone number. Anonymous letters will not be published.
- Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity or style.

Opinion editor Kenzie Holbrook can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

Utah social media campaigns attempt to change COVID-19 behavior



William Hook/Unsplash

The Utah Department of Health and BYU students with Y Digital have created social media campaigns to help encourage students to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

By EMMA GADESKI

As coronavirus cases rise in Utah County, social media might hold a solution. The Utah Department of Health and Y Digital students introduced campaigns encouraging young adults to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

Ronalert

The Utah Department of Health is using the tagline “Ronalert!” in its social media campaign to push young adults to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Jenny Johnson, the department’s public information officer, said the health department developed the campaign in response to the surge of coronavirus cases in 15- to 24-year-olds in Utah County and South Salt Lake.

It held informal focus groups with college-aged students to figure out what platforms they use — like TikTok, Snapchat

and Instagram. Since people refer to the virus as “the Rona,” the department incorporated that into the campaign.

“My friend told me about this guy who heard from a girl who said some other girl had to go into quarantine because she made out with a random guy who had the Rona. Don’t take any chances,” the campaign website reads.

“We hope that ‘Ronalert!’ helps cut through the weeds and makes it easy to understand what you need to do in a fun, light-hearted way,” Johnson said.

Join the Maskerade

BYU students at Y Digital are working with Provo and Orem to call on fellow students to “Join the Maskerade.”

“It’s a campaign for students, by students,” said BYU senior and account assistant Darnel Apelu.

The campaign began with a press conference on Oct. 1 at the Provo City Library.

“Join the Maskerade” has

students take a pledge to wear a mask. The campaign will then randomly select students to win prizes, including \$50 gift cards to local Provo businesses, the campaign website reads.

Apelu said the campaign is using paid social advertising to help their content reach its target audience — college students.

Aubree Smith, a BYU senior and account executive from Connecticut, said the campaign will be putting out “really fun and energetic ads.”

“It’s all about this idea of rewarding good behavior instead of having anyone feel shamed, pressured or forced,” she said. “It’s all about just the positivity.”

Madison Mingus, another account assistant and BYU senior from Austin, Texas, said the team is anticipating opposition to the message. “We’ve already come up with some witty and funny ways that we can respond to people,” she said, adding that the campaign is just being casual and sharing a message in a positive, fun and humorous way.

Police urge stronger precautions fighting community crime

By GABRIELLE SHIOZAWA

Increases in Provo crime rates have compelled Utah County law enforcement to urge residents to take stronger precautions.

A comparison of Provo crimes per 1,000 residents from 2015 to 2020 shows an increase from 7.2 crimes in September 2015 to 16.4 in September 2020.

Provo Police Sgt. Nisha King attributes much of the rise in crime to Provo’s trusting culture. Many Utah County residents leave doors and cars unlocked and belongings unattended, leading to what King calls “crimes of opportunity,” or chances for easy theft and burglary.

“I don’t want to say we have a dangerous community, but we do have a trusting community, and people need to be have more cautiously,” King said. “Students, please secure your homes. It’s good to be trusting, but let’s not let criminals take advantage of homes left unlocked, keys left in cars, and bikes left unchained.”

Theft reports have climbed, with some variation, from 30 incidents in September 2015 to 75 in September 2020. Provo police recently made an arrest in connection with a number of walk-in burglaries in a Provo neighborhood where people left their doors unlocked. Bicycles are often stolen from bike racks and parking garages after being left unchained. Other high-lighted cases include theft of laptops, golf clubs, snowboards and skis.

“You’ve got to take precautions,” King said. “Leaving property behind, unless you have someone watching it, is not advised.”

The Provo Police Department has instigated



Addie Blacker

BYU and Provo police are asking residents to be more cautious to avoid theft and other crimes. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.



a “9 p.m. Routine” on social media reminding residents to remove valuables from their cars, lock their car doors, lock their garage door, turn on outside lights, and lock house doors and windows.

Recent cases of sexual assault also highlight the reality of Provo criminality. A high school girl assaulted on a date with a college student, a woman taken advantage of at a friend’s apartment, and a woman attacked while walking alone at night are a few eye-opening examples of how unexpected and shocking these incidents can be.

“If you walk anywhere at night, walk in well-lit, heavily traveled areas or walk with a buddy,” BYU Police Lt. Rich Christianson said. Christianson urged students to use the BYU SafeWalk app when out alone and to call the police if they see anything suspicious.

While Provo crime is climbing, BYU crimes have been on the decline. Other than “a rogue criminal or two,”

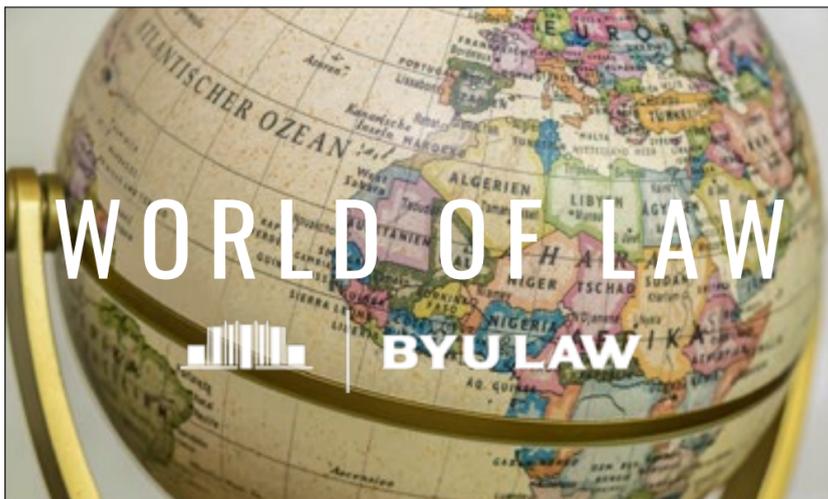
Christianson said numbers are low this year, especially since there are fewer students on campus due to COVID-19.

Still, Christianson encourages wariness among students. Beyond locking dorm rooms and not leaving personal items unattended, Christianson asked students to “be aware of your surroundings at all times.”

“If you see something out of place, say something,” Christianson said. “We need all of the eyes and ears we can assemble to help us reduce crime.”

While victim-blaming is discouraged, there are many ways students and area residents can increase precautions and help keep themselves and others from being harmed.

“Students need to understand that Provo City has a crime problem, just like anywhere in the country,” Christianson said. “You are in charge of your personal safety. Stay vigilant and stay safe.”



October 22, 2020

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Corporate Lawyers: Role, Purpose and Impact

Professor William Clayton

4:00 – 5:00 PM via Zoom

Professor Clayton joined the BYU Law faculty in July 2018. Prior to entering legal academia, he worked as a corporate attorney at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York City, and he was the Executive Director of the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law. His research interests are in the areas of investment funds, contracts, corporate governance, and securities law, and he teaches courses on contracts, business organizations, and corporate finance. Professor Clayton holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, an M.B.A. from Stanford Graduate School of Business, and a B.A. from Stanford University.



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Police Beat

Provo

BURGLARY

Oct. 3 – A suspect was taken into custody at the scene after a man came home to find a burglar in his house near 700 North and 2120 West. The suspect had other property on him suspected to be related to other burglaries. Drugs were also found at the scene.

Oct. 6 – A suspect was arrested on charges of retail theft and burglary at The Home Depot at 1550 S. University Ave.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Oct. 5 – A male suspect was charged with rape, kidnapping and domestic violence in the presence of a child near 1100 East and 960 South.

Oct. 8 – Forcible sexual abuse was reported at a residence near 900 West and 1150 South.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Oct. 4 – An automobile was reported stolen near 100 West and 700 North.

Oct. 8 – A motorcycle was reported stolen from a residence near 1800 South on Oregon Avenue.

THEFT

Oct. 3 – A license plate was reported stolen from The Boulders at 750 S. 650 West.

Oct. 4 – Property theft was reported near 1700 North and 2050 West.

Oct. 4 – Vehicle parts were reported stolen from a parking garage near 1600 North on Grandview Lane.

Oct. 5 – A bicycle was reported stolen and the chain cut near 1200 North on Freedom Boulevard.

Oct. 5 – Property theft was reported at a residence near 2100 West and Center Street.

Oct. 5 – Property theft was reported near 2800 North and 760 East.

Oct. 6 – Property theft was reported near 1900 North and 360 East.

Oct. 7 – Property theft was reported at a residence near 800 North and 2200 West.

Oct. 7 – A bicycle was reported stolen near 400 West and 1720 North.

Oct. 7 – A purse was reported stolen near 1400 South on University Avenue.

Oct. 7 – Property theft was reported at a residence near 2400 West and 960 North.

Oct. 8 – Property theft was reported at a supermarket near 1700 North on State Street.

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ASSAULT

Oct. 3 – A man reported being punched in the face, unprovoked, by a male stranger at Y Mountain Trailhead.

TRESPASSING

Oct. 5 – A male suspect running on the bleachers at Lavell Edwards Stadium ignored requests made by staff to leave the stadium.

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