



SWIM & DIVE

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Welcome

This is a first edition newsletter created by several swimming alumni and the BYU Alumni Association.

BYU ALUMNI

UPDATE ON RICHARDS BUILDING POOLS

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Alumni who attended the swim reunion last summer saw Coach John Brooks discuss the need for a new pool. The current facility is over 50 years old and needs to be replaced. Coach Brooks showed us some architectural drawings of a new 50-meter pool that extended the pool complex westward into the current parking lot. Because of the cost and the scope of the project and that it would require expanding the building beyond its current footprint, BYU has recently announced different plans for a major remodel of the pools that remain within the existing building.

As with most sports programs, facilities play an important part in attracting athletes and coaching them to their potential. In swimming, year-round training in long-course pools is very valuable for aspiring world-class athletes. While facilities represent only a part of the formula for a successful program, they are nevertheless an important ingredient. As the much-needed remodel and enhancements were considered, several alumni gathered together to investigate the potential of a major fundraising campaign to support a larger construction project. Because of the urgent need to upgrade the pool, a decision has been made to move forward with the current option that can be completed this year. It is encouraging to see a strong group of alumni engaged in promoting the vitality and sustainability of this program, and showing deep support for current and future athletes.

The new plan does not alter the four walls or ceiling in the Richards Building, which reduces the costs significantly. All three pools will be dug up and replaced by new pools. The shallow six-lane warm-down pool will remain basically the same size and depth. The competition pool and the diving pool will be merged into one large pool, with a moveable floating bulkhead separating the competition eight-lane

pool from the deeper diving area. The pool will be 42 yards long by 25 yards wide, and allow for 16 practice swim lanes when no divers are present.

The pool serves many purposes and is used by the entire university community, including BYU Athletics, academic classes, and intramurals. A new team locker room/team room will be part of the remodel as well. The construction will start in late March of this year, and be completed near the end of the year. The swim and dive team will be practicing off-campus during this time. For more information, visit <http://news.byu.edu/news/update-richards-building-pool>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 15-18 MPSF Swimming Championships
Monterey Park, CA
East L.A. College Swim Stadium
- Feb. 15-18 MPSF Diving Championships
Pasadena, CA
Rose Bowl Aquatic Center
- Mar. 6-8 Zone E Diving Championships
Flagstaff, AZ
Douglas J. Wall Aquatic Center
- Mar. 15-18 NCAA Women's Championships
Indiana University Natatorium
- Mar. 22-25 NCAA Men's Championships
Indiana University Natatorium

2015-16 WOMEN'S SWIM AND DIVE RECAP

Sophomore Anna Dahl posted four first-place finishes this year and impressed with some strong swimming at the MPSF Championship. She earned first place and set a new school record in the 100 breast, earning her All-MPSF First Team. She was also named First-Team in the 200 breast.

Ellie Thornbrue had a standout freshman campaign, earning All-MPSF First-Team for performances in the 500 free and 100 fly at the MPSF championship meet. She finished the season with eight first-place finishes.

Senior diver Ali Tippetts-Kottcamp had a great end to a collegiate career, posting nine top-3 performances on the season. At the MPSF Championship meet, she earned First-Team honors on 3-meter and platform. Tippetts-Kottcamp was named MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week this season for her performance at the Air Force Diving Invite.

Sophomore Lillian Moore, who earned 12 top-3 finishes on the season, was also named All-MPSF First-Team in the 200 fly at the MPSF Championship meet.

Senior Zerlynn Tiang was named MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week and Collegeswimming.com Swimmer-of-the-Week in November after four top-three times against Oregon State.

Freshman newcomer Kelly Hatanaka was named MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week after her first collegiate performance at the Colorado Mesa Invite. She was named All-MPSF First-Team in the 400 IM and 200 back.

The women's team had 20 athletes named to the MPSF All-Academic team.

US OLYMPIC TRIALS IN OMAHA

BYU Participants

June 26

Prelims-400 IM: Hayden Palmer-disqualified
(previous qualifying time 4:26.30)
Prelims-100 Fly: 119th Ellie Thornbrue--1:02.19
(previous qualifying time 1:01.13)
Prelims-100 Breast: 110th Stephen Richards--1:04.46
(previous qualifying time 1:01.31)

June 27

Prelims-100 Back: 7th-Jake Taylor, 54.50
(previous qualifying time 54.60)
Prelims-100 Back: 37th-Preston Jenkins 56.06
(previous qualifying time 56.53)
Semifinals-100 Back: 7th-Jake Taylor, 54.07

June 28

Finals-100 Back: 7th tie-Jake Taylor, 54.72

June 29

Prelims-100 Free-48th Payton Sorenson, 50.47
(previous qualifying time 50.22)

June 30

Prelims-200 Back: 16th (Jake Taylor, 2:00.31
(previous qualifying time 2:00.74)
Prelims-200 Back: 44th Preston Jenkins, 2:02.98
(previous qualifying time 2:02.54)
Semifinals-200 Back-11th Jake Taylor, 1:59.83

July 1

Prelims-50 Free-10th Payton Sorenson, 22.29
(previous qualifying time 22.83)
Prelims-50 Free-139th Connor Stirling, 23.65
(previous qualifying time 23.13)
Semifinals-50 Free-13th Payton Sorenson, 22.37

2015-16 MEN'S SWIM AND DIVE RECAP

BYU men's swim and dive won the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship for a third year in a row, while the women's team finished strong in fourth place.

Senior captain Jake Taylor led the men's team, earning two First-Team All-American citations in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke at the NCAA championships. He also earned Second-Team All-American in the 200 individual medley. Taylor was named National Swimmer-of-the-Week by Collegeswimming.com and was also nominated as MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week twice during the season. At the MPSF Championships, he swam to seven All-MPSF First-Team performances and was a part of three relay teams that broke championship meet and school records (400 freestyle, 200 medley, 800 free). He also broke three individual school records at the championship meet (200 IM, 50 back and 200 free). For his incredible performances, Taylor was named MPSF Swimmer of the Year for the second year in a row. At the conclusion of his collegiate career, he holds four individual BYU records and is a part of relay teams that hold four school records as well.

In his first season back from a mission, Sophomore Payton Sorenson earned a trip to the NCAA Championships, where he was named Second-Team All-American in the 50 free. At the MPSF Championships, Sorenson swam to five First-Team All-MPSF performances. He was a part of two relay teams that broke MPSF championship and BYU records at the meet (400 free and 200 medley). He also broke a school record in the 50 free and another school and championship meet record in the 100 free at the championships. Sorenson was named MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week twice during the season.

Kevin Dreesen earned his first trip to the NCAA Championships after a strong season. He earned three First-Team All-MPSF performances, including a new school record in the 3-meter dive and two first-place finishes at the championship meet. Dreesen was also named MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week for his performances at the Air Force Invite. **(Cont on page 4)**

BYU TEAM RECORDS

EVENT	WOMEN			MEN		
	NAME	YEAR	TIME	NAME	TIME	YEAR
50 FREE	ALEESHA MILLER	2009	22.66	PAYTON SORENSON	19.22	2016
100 FREE	LEILANI ROBERTS	2009	49.21	PAYTON SORENSON	42.86	2016
200 FREE	NATASHA MENEZES	2009	1.47.44	JAKE TAYLOR	1.35.03	2016
500 FREE	NATASHA MENEZES	2009	4.47.54	ARUNAS SAVICKAS	4.21.39	200
1000 FREE	NATASHA MENEZES	2009	9.58.23	JOHN KENDRICK	9.18.24	2009
1650 FREE	CHERRILL HAWS	1996	16.29.19	JOHN KENDRICK	15.21.66	2009
100 BACK	HAILEY CAMPBELL	2014	53.20	JACOB TAYLOR	45.34	2015
200 BACK	HAILEY CAMPBELL	2012	1.55.46	JACOB TAYLOR	1.39.42	2016
100 BREAST	ANNA DAHL	2016	1.01.34	LEVI JENSEN	54.15	2015
200 BREAST	HIROKO NAGASKAI	1991	2.13.09	BYRON SHEFCHIK	1.56.70	1998
100 FLY	ANGELA PRICE	2007	53.26	JORGE AZEVEDO	47.11	2008
200 FLY	RACHEL GRANT	2011	1.57.19	HAYDEN PALMER	1.45.91	2014
200 IM	SARA BALDWIN	2011	1.58.67	JACOB TAYLOR	1.42.82	2016
400 IM	RACHEL GRANT	2011	4.10.77	HAYDEN PALMER	3.45.38	2013
200 FR RELAY	BALDWIN, K. WELCH, A. MILLER	2011	1.31.05	J.FLECHER, P. SORENSON, G BEAMAN, B, MURRAY	1.18.30	2013
400 FR RELAY	L. ROBERTS, N. MENEZES, K. FERRELL, A. MILLER	2009	3.18.80	J. TAYLOR, P. JENKENS, C. STIRLING, P. SORENSON	2.53.11	2016
800 FR RELAY	M. MENEZES, N. MENEZES	2008	7.18.90	J. TAYLOR, C. STIRLING, P. JENKINS, L. VENTURE	6.26.20	2016
200 MED RELAY	C. SMITH, S BALDWIN, K. WELCH, A. MILLER	2011	1.40.23	J. TAYLOR, S. RICHARDS, R. NG, P. SORENSON	1.26.51	2016
400 MED RELAY	C. SMITH, S BALDWIN, K. WELCH, A. MILLER	2011	3.39.61	D. ARMSTRONG, B. MURRAY	3.12.37	2013

CELEBRATIONS IN 2016



Watch for more information about our next reunion.

BYU swim and dive alumni pose during their reunion on campus. Some described the event as being 40 years overdue. Front row, left to right: Kathy McGregor, Bret Favero, Tim Powers, Corey Killpack, Gary Reynolds, Lyle Christofferson, Jim Tingey, Kevin Leichner. Second row: Fred Axelgard, Skip Brooks, John Brooks, Lance Gordon, Jim Jefferies, Walt Cryer, Melissa Springer, Sheri DeCarlo, Shari Skabelund, Third Row: Sara Lemmons, Steve Baker, Fred Mabey, space, space, space, Lynn Christofferson, Wally Andelin, Chris Smith, John Sorich. Last row: Jake Taylor, Ron Lockwood, Derek Church, Bruce Bowsby, David White, Cary Boyle, Dave Cox, Mike Baxter, Darcy Andelin. Photo courtesy: Crystal Marx



Payton Sorenson broke his 50 free record in Austin, TX. His new time is 19.22.

2015-16 SWIM AND DIVE RECAP (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

With a seventh-place finish in the 1-meter dive at the Zone E Diving Championships, Dreesen earned his first trip to the NCAA Championships where he finished 32nd in the event. Preston Jenkins, another recently returned missionary, recorded six All-MPSF First-Team performances at the MPSF Championship meet. He was part of teams that set school and championship records in the 400 free and 800 free relays.

Junior Rainer Ng was named MPSF/Turbo Athlete of the Week in October after setting a pool record in the 200 fly at the Colorado Mesa Invite. He was also named All-MPSF First-Team as part of the 200 medley relay team that set an MPSF championship and school record.

Senior captain Stephen Richards had a standout final season, earning First-Team All-MPSF three times and helping the 200 medley relay team set a championship and new school record at the MPSF Championships. He totalled 13 first-place finishes during his senior season.

Freshman Connor Stirling also had a stellar first season for the Cougars. Stirling was named All-MPSF First-Team in three

events, including the 400 free and 800 free relays where he helped set school and MPSF championship meet records. He had nine first-place finishes on the season.

Luis Ventura, Matt Denkers, Dallin Johnson and Ryan Sorensen were also named All-MPSF First-Team for performances at the MPSF Championships.

After leading the men's team to the three-peat as MPSF champions, head coach John Brooks was named MPSF Swim Coach of the Year for the second season in a row. He helped 20 BYU swimmers to All-MPSF performances this season. Head diving coach Tyce Routson, in his first season at BYU, led six divers to All-MPSF performances, and was named the MPSF Diving Coach of the Year.

The men's team ended the season No. 21 in the country after the NCAA Championships.

Fourteen athletes from the men's team were named to the MPSF All-Academic team.



2016-17 OUTLOOK

The Men's team is looking to win their fourth consecutive conference championship, while the women's team is striving to become more competitive.

"We're looking forward to a great season," said BYU head swim and dive coach John Brooks. "We have a good mix of regular teams and new opponents on the schedule. It is always exciting to start a season with new athletes joining the returning swimmers and divers.

During the holiday break, the team travelled to Southern California and trained in La Jolla.

The championships for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) will be held February 15-18 in Los Angeles. The season culminates with the NCAA Championships in March.

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