BYU Political Affairs Society has hosted several successful events this semester. The goal of each of these events is, of course, to get students involved with not only PAS and with the Political Science department, but also to encourage student involvement in the everyday political issues—issues that affect students and their families both directly and indirectly.

The BYU Political Science Department annual event, Oktoberfest, sponsored and planned by BYUPAS, was a huge success this year. With over 50 students and many professors in attendance, both students and professors alike enjoyed mingling and chatting with one another, all while homemade root beer, bratwursts, and hot dogs were served. An exciting tradition of Oktoberfest, Faculty Feud, was continued at this year’s event, as six professors divided into two teams and did their best to guess the answers to a variety of survey questions students had filled out in the days leading up to the event. The winning team was honored with the infamous Political Science Golden Pretzel.

The National Organization of BYUPAS hosted the first Annual Leaders Luncheon. This luncheon featured Ambassador Robert R. King, U.S. Special Envoy for North Korean Human Rights Issues. It was held between Saturday sessions of General Conference in early October. Ambassador King spoke about his work with North Korea and human rights. He emphasized that one can share the gospel in small and simple ways while working for the government.

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