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## EMPTY PROMISES



Annie Hall | PHOTO EDITOR | [annietaylorhall](#)

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACTORY**, a student housing complex has been delayed again leaving hundreds of students scrambling to find a place to live. The Factory was supposed to open in time for the Fall Semester. This is the second year the construction has been delayed.

### THE FACTORY DELAYS CONSTRUCTION FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

By **Amy Reid**  
SENIOR WRITER

The Factory promised luxury student housing, a video on their site boasting a double-decker hot tub, sand volleyball, six-story parking, the fastest Wi-Fi and more.

The Factory also promised Kassidi Nudd, a junior in sociology and criminal justice, it would be ready for move in on Aug. 27.

"I called Thursday and asked if it would be ready and they promised me it would be," Nudd said. "There is no way it won't be done."

The next day, Aug. 7, The Factory management sent out an email to nearly 300 students, including Nudd, which

said it was unable to fulfill that promise.

"Based on the current reports from the general contractor, we regretfully must inform you that we do not anticipate The Factory to be ready by the projected August 27th opening date," the letter said. "We do anticipate being able to open sometime in the following weeks, but do not have an accurate date that we can give you right now."

Patrick Nelson, the principal at Nelson Brothers Construction, the construction company in charge of The Factory, said the first indication the complex wouldn't be ready in time came in May when the vendor supplying the cabinets and countertops stopped re-

sponding to The Factory. The company, Bridgewater Limited, was one of the many vendors or subcontractors that left the project on no notice.

"Multiple subs just walked out and left us hanging," Nelson said.

The main problem, he said, was getting the manpower for such a large project in a small area in Logan.

"There aren't any major companies in Logan," Nelson said. "We had to get the manpower from Salt Lake and that's where we're hurting."

According to Nelson, with the construction boom in Salt Lake, it is hard to convince any contractors to work in Logan when they can stay in their hometown.

"Would you rather work in Salt Lake or drive 90 miles to Logan for half the pay?" he said.

Despite these roadblocks, Nelson trusted the opinion of his construction manager, Lynn Powell, who originated the move-in date of Aug. 27.

At the beginning of August, the Nelson brothers decided to reevaluate, which resulted in the termination of Powell and the hiring of Ben Ashton as the new construction manager.

"We feel much more confident now about what is being communicated to us from construction companies," Nelson said.

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### STUDENTS STRUGGLE TO FIND HOUSING AFTER FACTORY FALLOUT

By **Mirand Lorenc**  
SENIOR WRITER

School is starting and many students are packing up and moving in to the apartments they signed up for last spring. At least, most of them are.

Around three hundred students suddenly found themselves without a home and with very limited housing options three weeks ago when they received a letter from the Aggie Factory Apartment Complex saying that construction wouldn't be finished by fall semester.

"I felt panicked," said Mikhail Maires, a sophomore in elementary education. "I was in

denial and overall freaking out and rushing, rushing to find places to live."

Many apartments and houses for rent received dozens of calls the day after the email came out as students and their parents tried to find a new place to live. Many of those students were turned away because there were no rooms available.

"The following weeks, no joke, we were getting forty or fifty calls a day from people looking for housing," said, James Broderick, a junior in civil engineering and one of Cambridge Court Apartments landlords. "We've been full

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# LIFE AND DEATH OF CAMPUS

HOW DOES USU DECIDE WHAT STAYS AND WHAT GOES ON CAMPUS.

By **JASON CRUMMITT**  
STAFF WRITER

As Utah State University continues to grow, weather, time and technology date its aging facilities, so it is often out with the old and in with the new.

In recent years USU has seen several large-scale construction projects like the 2005 \$42 million Merrill-Crazier Library expansion and the 2012 \$43 million Agricultural Science building. Also are ongoing projects, including the \$42 million Huntsman Hall and the \$30 million Student Recreation & Wellness Center. While these projects met relative esteem, some do not.

The rivalry between the ever changing landscape of the USU campus and the nostalgia of its historical structures met at a crossroads in 2011 with an old dilapidated white barn.

In 2011, USU's "Art Barn" had just received a \$500,000 grant, much to the excitement of Cynthia Buckingham, director of the Utah Humanities Council.

The Barn, which was built in 1919 as a facility to house USU's horses, eventually became the home to the largest fine arts program in the western United States. Since then it had taken on various other uses, until it was officially condemned in 2008.

The grant would be a glimmer of hope in the "Raise the Barn"

grassroots campaign to save the structure, in hopes of turning it into the new home of the USU Museum of Anthropology. The half-million dollar grant would be just a small stepping-stone for the proposed project.

In all, the campaign sought an additional 7.3 million dollars to update the barn and fill the positions necessary for its upkeep. In a 2011 Herald Journal article about the grant received for the barn Buckingham said, "You have something that's a resource that's not replaceable," she said. "It's a lot better than bulldozing the thing and putting up some newfangled structure that doesn't fit us."

However, early 2015 plans for the "Art Barn" to host the USU Museum of Anthropology were abandoned after funding slowed and officials sought a different location. Over the summer the 96-year-old barn was torn down, and will be replaced by a 13,000-square foot Welcome Center. The Welcome Center will host facilities for Welcome Center, Alumni Relations and USU Advancement and Commercialization. It will also include a USU Credit Union branch on the first floor.

Alyssa Craig, an alum who graduated in 2011, saw several buildings go up and come down while she studied at USU. Freshman year Craig saw the completion of the newest engineering building, as well as

the tearing down of the old Agricultural Science and the building of a new one. She even voted for the creation of the Student Recreation & Wellness Center.

"I heard the "Art Barn" was being torn down and it made me really sad," Craig said. "It depends on the building, but if it has a lot of historical value, put in the effort to give it some sort of function. Give it a new purpose."

According to administrators, intentions are never to tear something down because of its age.

USU's Vice President for Business and Finance Dave Cowley said, "As a general rule we assume that significant buildings are permanent facilities on our USU campuses."

"When possible we look to renovate a building that is nearing the end of its useful life and return it to full productivity. However, depending on the age and condition of the building as well as other factors, we sometimes find that major renovation costs exceed the cost of replacing the building with a new structure. We evaluate the needs and economics of each project and always try to maximize the value of dollars spent for capital facilities," he said.

Despite her reservations about the "Art Barn" Craig admitted to her excitement about the changing campus. "I think it's cool, I think it shows pro-



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THE "ART BARN," located east of the Taggart Student Center, was torn down this summer and will be replaced with a 13,000-square foot welcome center.

gression and it shows the university meeting needs now that it wouldn't have been able to in the past."

Historically USU has always been committed to progression and new facilities and renovations have always been a part of that said Cowley.

"As the university continues to move forward in pursuit of its teaching, research, and public service mission, continued development and redevelopment of facilities is certain to

be a core component of meeting our needs," he said.

In regards to rumors about the replacement of the Student Union building and Field House, Cowley said the process is still in the very early stages of brainstorming and planning. Some options being considered include: replacing the TSC on the same site, building north of the TSC adjacent to the Field House leaving the TSC for other purposes, renovating the Field House and incorporating

that building into a new Student Union building leaving the TSC for other purposes, or replacing the Field House and Military Science Buildings and leaving the TSC for other purposes

"None of those decisions will be made until all of the options have been considered which won't likely happen until the new facility has more certainty of becoming a reality," he said.

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## Slippery slope



USUSA HOSTED A SLIP-N-SLIDE on Old Main Hill Aug. 27 as part of connections week. (LEFT) Parker Daytonlandgren slides down a muddy Old Main Hill as Rachel Modersitzki watches.



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# POLICE BLOTTER

Contact USU Police at 797-1939  
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Anonymous reporting line: 797-5000  
EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

## Tuesday, August 18

- USU Police took a report of a hit and run accident that occurred in the parking lot east of Old Main. The accident is believed to have occurred either Tuesday or Wednesday (8-18/19-2015) between the hours of 0800 and 1700. No witnesses known, no suspect vehicle known.

## Friday, August 21

- USU Police and Fire Personnel responded to a fire alarm at Merrill Hall. Upon arrival, we learned the alarm was accidentally set off by a hair-blow dryer. The detector was cleaned and the alarm was reset. No other action needed.

- USU Police assisted the Logan City Police with an individual that was passed out behind the steering wheel. The individual ended up being intoxicated and was arrested for a DUI.

## Saturday, August 22

- USU Police took a traffic accident report that occurred in the Purple Parking Lot south of Old Main. The

accident involved a vehicle that was backing from a parking stall that collided with a parked vehicle. Very minor damage if any to the vehicles involved. Information was exchanged between owners. No other action needed.

- USU Police responded to Aggie Village at the request of the complainant. The complainant had questions about some friends who were told they needed to leave their apartment today by 5 pm. There had been some mis-communications and the complainants friends were planning on staying in their apartment for fall semester but learned today that there was someone waiting to move in and that they needed to get out. Police spoke with the representative from housing and the complainants friends and a temporary resolution was worked out until they could get their belongings packed and moved out.

## Sunday, August 23

- USU Police assisted the North Park Police Department on a possible domestic. It was determined that the "victim" refused to

cooperate. Officers gathered information and left the scene.

## Monday, August 24

- USU Police responded to the NFS building for an individual that had passed out. The individual just had some dental work done and was not feeling all the way better. The individual was looked at by Paramedics and cleared at the scene. The individual was taken home by a family member.

- USU Police assisted the Logan City Police with an individual that had overdosed on alcohol and NyQuil. The individual was transported to the Logan Regional Hospital by ambulance.

## Tuesday, August 25

- USU Police and Medical Personnel were called to the Health and Wellness Center on a person complaining of head and neck injury. The person was transported to Logan Regional Hospital by medical personnel for further treatment and observation. Police cleared when assistance was no longer needed.

- A USU employee was driving a vehicle past the Logan Golf and County Club when the vehicles windshield was hit by a golf ball. The employee reported the incident to Police and to the County Club. Police are investigating.

- USU Police contacted a student in the Living Learning Community that had an empty can of beer in his room. The student admitted to consuming the beer yesterday in his room. The individual was apprised of state law and university policy concerning alcohol for individuals underage and on campus. The empty can was removed from the room and the student is not facing any criminal charges at this time.

- Complainant contacted USU Police and requested assistance in finding her vehicle key she had dropped on Old Main Hill after exercising. Officers responded and gave the complainant an extra flashlight as we all looked for the key in the grass. The key was located after a short period of time.

- USU Police responded to a report of individuals

drinking alcohol in the LLC. One individual was arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

## Wednesday, August 26

- Police responded to a fire alarm at the Jones Education Building. This alarm was caused by a staff member using an air compressor in the hallway to clean computer keyboards. The compressor overheated causing a small amount of smoke, which tripped the alarm. The alarm was silenced and reset.

- USU POLICE responded to a report of possible drug use in the LLC. Officers met with an individual who reported smelling marijuana in an apartment. Officers questioned the individual who resides in the apartment and were unable to detect any controlled substance.

- USU Police responded to the College of AG building in five minutes to tag a bicycle that appears to be abandoned. A tag was placed to have the bike removed in seven days.

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# NATION AND WORLD

## 10 years after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is vibrant but wary

NEW ORLEANS — David Herzenberg is back in the city he once called home — back to the place that is blighted and dysfunctional and infuriating yet at the same time magical and musical and wonderfully distinctive.

Ten years ago, Hurricane Katrina swamped New Orleans and surrounding areas and forced away hundreds of thousands of residents, Herzenberg among them. Over the resulting decade, he went to Norfolk, Va.; and Charleston, S.C.; and Tacoma, Wash.

He is now hard at work in the Upper Ninth Ward, one of the neighborhoods hit hard when Katrina came ashore and the city's levees failed, flooding 80 percent of New Orleans — with some neighborhoods under 10 or more feet of water. Although precise numbers aren't available, at least 986 Louisiana residents died from drowning, injuries, heart conditions and other causes, nearly half of them 75 or older. More than 1 million people from the region were displaced — sometimes for weeks or months as they decided whether they could salvage their moldy, water-logged homes.

And while the most prominent images of Katrina were from New Orleans, the storm zone was far wider: From suburban areas such as St. Bernard Parish that were also inundated, to Mississippi, where the storm surge simply flattened coastal homes.

But today, in New Orleans, Herzenberg is back, as is the city around him.

For evidence you can ask the mayor, Mitch Landrieu, who talks of an "ascendant city" that has come back unevenly but has



**THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA** near Michael Kovacevic's Point Cadet home in Biloxi, Miss. The peak of Lou Blomberg's home can be seen wedged by a tree in Kovacevic's yard. (Photo courtesy Michael Kovacevic/TNS)

basically come back everywhere. "You see kind of a mishmash," he said in an interview at City Hall, down the street from two of the iconic images of Katrina destruction: the Superdome-turned-evacuation center and the Hyatt Regency hotel with its blown-out windows. "It's not really a tale of two cities. Most of the city — in most of the neighborhoods — is moving back in the right direction."

You can ask health, education, demographic and economic experts. They regularly catalog the progress the city has made, while also documenting some of the very serious problems that remain. Some of those are because of Katrina, but many existed long before the storm chugged its way across the Gulf of Mexico.

Or you can ask the residents. They live in neighborhoods pockmarked with poverty and still-abandoned properties; they drive over cracked, warped and

pothole-filled streets to get to their homes.

But for many, it was a choice they made.

"Initially, I didn't think I was coming back," Herzenberg said on a sweltering August day as he oversaw a small crew of workers on the corner of Alvar and North Derbigny streets. His neighborhood contains both the famed, colorful houses of the post-Katrina Musicians' Village and other, still vacant ones.

Herzenberg evacuated the city Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005, one day before the storm's Monday landfall. He left behind a Mid-City neighborhood and a home he sold during his post-Katrina, cross-country wanderings.

"It's taken me 10 years to get back," he said. "But I am."

The rest of the city is, too — sort of.

Drive around today and you'll find those cracked streets and abandoned houses and vacant

properties. Those things existed before Katrina, meaning the storm is only partly responsible for the decay still very much evident.

The Data Center, a research center that has exhaustively chronicled New Orleans' rebirth, notes that the city's poverty rate has risen to pre-Katrina levels "and is now a crushingly high 27 percent." Violent crime rates are still roughly double national averages, despite a reduction from pre-Katrina levels.

Like the rest of the country, the city is also contending with the hangover of the Great Recession, which officially lasted from December 2007 to June 2009 — coming right as the New Orleans' economy was regaining its footing. The economy stalled here, as it did everywhere, but since then measures of job growth and business startups show an entrepreneurial spirit alive and well.

"Katrina was a major force in New Orleans, but it was not the only force," said Allison Plyer, executive director of The Data Center. "The city was and it is growing much more strongly than it did pre-Katrina. We had a weak economy, pre-Katrina. The city was losing population. The region had very slow population growth. And now the economy is very strong — much stronger than the nation. So our economy was weak compared to the nation pre-Katrina, and now it's strong compared to the nation."

(Overall, the city has regained 79 percent of its pre-Katrina population. The census stood at 485,000 in 2000, dropped to an estimated 230,000 in 2006, and was back to 384,000 by 2014, according to the Data Center. The broader metropolitan area is back to 93 percent of its pre-Katrina, 2000 population of 1.3 million people.

But concerns remain — and

among the biggest are those levees and flood walls that bracket canals throughout the city.

It was those levees and walls that failed. They have since been fortified by \$14.5 billion in federal and state money, and experts say the protection they provide is substantially stronger than it was. But the city needs to be vigilant about maintaining the system.

Asked if she was confident about the levee flood walls that tower above her backyard, Juanita Doyle — who lives in the Lakeview section of New Orleans — said: "Do I get to laugh?"

Elsewhere, in the shadow of the London Avenue Canal levee, Sidney St. Martin remains optimistic about the town he was forced to temporarily leave. But he remains wary about the flood wall directly behind his Warrington Drive home.

(Warrington Drive is still incomplete. Vacant, overgrown lots compete with empty Katrina-damaged homes as well as those that have been rebuilt. On the corner of Warrington and Mirabeau Avenue, a plaque commemorates the levee breach. A few house up, an open-air display shows images of the flood and diagrams of the levee failures; the Levee Exhibit Hall and Garden, as it's called, is run by an organization dedicated to educating the public about Katrina.

St. Martin has a small role in the endeavor: One night a week, he waters the exhibit's flower garden.

As for the repaired levee walls looming behind him: "Am I confident? No," he said. "If they broke, would I be surprised? No."

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## GIRL SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 15 IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

KANO, Nigeria — A girl suicide bomber killed at least 15 people at a bus terminal in northeastern Nigeria, hospital sources and witnesses said Tuesday.

At least 30 others were injured when the girl, estimated to be 11 or 12 years old, detonated explosives strapped to her body in the town of Damaturu, said resident Haruna Ibrahim.

"The girl came into the car park and refused to be searched (by security officials). She later went near one car filled with passengers and detonated herself," a health worker from a nearby hospital told dpa on condition of anonymity.

Damaturu police spokesman Toyin Gbadeshin could only confirm six deaths and three people with critical injuries immediately after the blast.

Last month, three people were killed and at least five injured by a suicide bomber who exploded his car at a security checkpoint in Damaturu.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram, which seeks to establish a state



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with its very strict interpretation of Islamic law, has killed thousands of people since 2009 in similar attacks.

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## STUDENT LIFE

# Bottoms up: Engineers Without Borders provides clean water to La Salitrera



**Photos courtesy of Ryan Dupont**  
**(LEFT) JAMIE TAWDRY (BACK)** washes sand with community women preparing media with her. **(TOP RIGHT)** Jamie doing pre-filtered water testing. **(MIDDLE RIGHT)** Roberto and Nathan drilling the filter tubing. **(BOTTOM RIGHT)** Jamie Vawdrey and Darrianne Willey sieving sand for filters.

By **Katie Lambert**  
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

The Utah State University chapter of Engineers Without Borders build water filters to prevent children in Mexico from developing cancer.

Jamie Vawdrey, an environmental engineering senior, says she is used to solving complicated problems in her textbooks.

But from May 9 to 18, Vawdrey's education went beyond algorithms.

The Utah State University chapter of Engineers Without Borders team spent part of their summer vacation in La Salitrera, Mexico, building water filters for the community,

"It makes me a lot more interested in studying," Vawdrey said. "Up until this point, it has been looking at equations, or we just see these things in our textbooks and

there's really no way to apply it. On this trip, we designed the filters using what we learned in school, and then we were actually able to apply it."

And applying what they learned included building water filters in La Salitrera, because clean water there doesn't come from a tap.

If community members want water they have two options: river water, which is only available four months of the year or well water that's distributed two to three times a week.

Dr. Ryan Dupont, head of the Division of Environmental Engineering at USU and mentor of the Mexico team, said that the river water lacks harmful chemicals, but contains harmful bacteria and the well water contains arsenic, a potentially deadly metalloid. "The long-term exposure

problems (to arsenic) are linked to things like bladder cancer and liver cancer," he said. "At the exposure level that exists in that water, there's no toxic effects, but there are long-term effects."

Consumed for about seven years by locals, the long-term effects of the arsenic-laced well water won't affect the adults in the community nearly as much as it will the 25 to 30 children, he said.

To prevent these long-term effects from manifesting in the children of La Salitrera, the team built water filters using three layers: sand, fine gravel and coarse gravel all encased in concrete cylinders.

The contaminated water passes through the sand, then the fine and coarse gravel. Iron shavings at the bottom also help to bind left over arsenic and the clean water is pushed through a tube.

The sand is sifted and the gravel is washed by the team and community members, but part of the reason the team uses this water filter model is the low-cost of materials.

"All of the material, all the gravel and all the sand that we use, it all comes from the local river bed," Dupont said. "So the only thing they really have to pay for is the concrete."

But the key to the filters' success is a thin layer of biological material that collects on the top of the sand, he said.

"It's called a schmutzdecke," he said. "It's sort of like what happens on the bottom of a river when you get a sand layer at the bottom of a river, you get a biological mat that grows on the top of that sand that does a variety of different things. It helps with remove the biological contamination of the water."

Without the film of biological matter, which can only form if two to three gallons of water is poured three to five times a day to keep the sand saturated, the filter is not nearly as effective, he said.

But pouring gallons of water on filters several times a day is not how some members of the La Salitrera community want to do with their water that only comes a few times a week, as mechanical engineering senior Nathan Stacey learned.

"I learned that ideas don't matter unless you communicate them to others," Stacey said. "In Mexico, we had to communicate with people why they needed these filters. We had to communicate how to correctly put water into the filters everyday because they would just store what water they got in cisterns instead. This made it so the filters

wouldn't work like they should, so we had to show them why it was important to pour water in the filters instead."

Next year, the team will return to La Salitrera to analyze the results from this year's water filters.

"I think the most worthwhile thing was getting to know the people we were helping and to really get to know them and know how it can help," Vawdrey said. "And that was really cool to see that it's not just going to some people that we don't know. That we're not just sending it somewhere foreign without getting to know them."

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# Steamers prove highlight of the HUB Bakery, oatmeal flops



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By **Brenna Kelly**  
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With 34 different flavors, the HUB Bakery's steamer is versatile and easy to take to class.

After biking to campus in the pouring rain, I stopped by the the HUB Bakery. Partly because it was 10 a.m. and I hadn't had breakfast, but mostly because I had been looking forward to trying some new menu items.

I pestered the woman at the counter with a few questions

about options and pricing.

"What's the steamer?" I asked.

he explained that a steamer is similar to hot chocolate – steamed milk, without the chocolate. There are 34 flavors to choose from, including Irish cream, maple spice, strawberry and white chocolate.

"I wouldn't recommend the fruit flavors," she said, and I was grateful for the tip.

I decided on amaretto – flavoring from a sweet, almond-y liquor. I paired it

with a bagel and a cup of maple and brown sugar oatmeal, oatmeal being a relatively new addition to the HUB's menu. They also offered apple cinnamon and original oatmeal.

I have to mention that while I am a big fan of oatmeal, I'm also one of its harshest critics. This particular batch of oatmeal came out of a machine, so it's not the HUB workers' fault that it was exceptionally gunky. It stuck to itself like gum sticks to your shoe – an unappetizing image, but I tried to be hopeful.

The texture was similar to that of instant oatmeal. (For those of you that aren't oatmeal connoisseurs, the graininess of instant oatmeal is never preferred to that of real oats).

I was not displeased with the flavor, at first. Maple and brown sugar are the Ben and Jerry of the oatmeal world. But after six or seven bites, the overbearing sweetness of the brown sugar dominated the subtly of the maple, resulting in a sugar headache.

After I finished, I waited for

the steamer to cool down. After all, the worst way to compliment a sugar headache is with a burnt tongue. I didn't know what to expect with the steamer. From the woman's description, I feared the flavor wouldn't be strong enough — but I was pleasantly surprised.

The amaretto flavored the milk as thoroughly as cocoa flavors hot chocolate, but the steamer didn't have the weightiness of hot chocolate. You could take it to class and not feel groggy. It's not the pick-me-up you'd get from

coffee, but it's equally revitalizing and comforting.

If you have back-to-back classes, I recommend asking for a little less flavoring to avoid a sugar collapse. But a light amaretto or invigorating Irish cream could motivate you to go to that early morning class.

Overall I give the Hub's steamer a B and the oatmeal a D.

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## CHOCOLATE SLIDE SWEEPS AGGIES OFF THEIR FEET



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**STUDENTS GATHERED ON OLD MAIN HILL** for a chocolate water slide on Saturday. The event was organized by Aggie Wishmakers on Campus and Creative Guy Productions to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation.

By **Katie Lambert**  
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

The Chocolate Water Slide, organized by Aggie Wishmakers on Campus and Creative Guy Productions, brought out students for sticky fun and charity awareness on Saturday.

Poised in chocolate-covered readiness, a crowd of sticky students waited for one word to begin their sugary slide down Old Main Hill.

"Go!" a man yelled through a megaphone.

With that, the crowd

surged forward, diving onto the plastic tarps. Water and oil mixed with chocolate syrup slicked the plastic tarps, making slowing down impossible for many students as they careened down the slide.

"It's a little scary," said Nicole Smith, a sophomore in finance and economics. "I'm scared someone is going to run in the back of me, but so far nothing's happened so we're good."

For a dosing of chocolate syrup and a signed waiver, students were swept off

their feet at the Chocolate Water Slide, organized by Aggie Wishmakers on Campus and Creative Guy Productions.

For some, the sticky experience was everything the event's Facebook page said it would be.

"It was awesome," said Shaylee Wilson a freshman in nursing, "It was way better than I thought it would be."

But there was more to the event than chocolate and water.

"We did it to raise aware-

ness for our club on campus," said Aubrey Griffith, a finance and economics junior and president of Wishmakers. "A lot of people don't know what it is."

The club works with Make-A-Wish Foundation, a charity that grants the wishes of children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

Wishmakers began two years ago with USU pre-medical student Cameron Brock, who became involved with Make-A-Wish after he was diagnosed with

cancer while in high school. "He's my best friend," said Evan Folland, a senior in mechanical engineering and a member of Wishmakers. "He got really involved with Make-A-Wish and brought us along. It's a great foundation and I really enjoy what they do and what they stand for. It's just fun to see the wishes of kids granted through you and to help them through the hard times."

Beside raising awareness for the club, the event also raised money at for Make-A-Wish, encouraging participants to donate \$2 to the charity.

"All the proceeds that we get is going to the kids," Griffith said. "All of our tarps were donated and everyone brings their own chocolate, so all we have to do is raise the money and give it to Make-A-Wish."

Last year, the club brought about 300 students to the event. This year nearly 1,000 people planned on attend-

ing, according to the event's Facebook page.

"A lot of people love to do this stuff," Smith said. "So really easy to get the funds for children who need it."

But this is not the only event Wishmakers had a large turn out. Last year, the club organized Wish Upon A Star Night at Blue Square with the help of Creative Guy Productions co-founder Dane Sullivan Cooper, a junior in communications.

Griffith said 300 people originally signed up to attend the event, but more than 800 people showed up. For the slide, Griffith estimated more than 1,200 people came.

"Whenever we throw these events, I want it to be something to remember," Cooper said. "I want the experience of being all sticky and oily with chocolate an experience they'll never forget."

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The Factory has not made any accommodations for students. Nelson said they have checked with hotels, but there are not rooms available for a long enough period of time. Their next step is to reach out to the city and LDS stake president for assistance.

Nelson said the problem is that housing in Logan is tight this year. In other years if this had happened, two weeks would have been enough time to find housing. The only people who knew how tight housing was going to be was the university.

"The university knew they were adding two or 3000 students," Nelson said. "If they would have let the students know, 'Hey, you've got to find your housing now,' we would have obviously been much more sensitive. We could have been much more aggressive in two things: one, letting our residents know that, 'Hey, if we're not done you better have a backup' ... or two, we could have been much more aggressive in finding a backup for them."

After calling around town to find housing, Nudd finally found an option that placed her 10 minutes farther from campus in an unfurnished apartment and with a move-in date that leaves her homeless until mid-September.

"We called and told The Factory and they said they aren't responsible for us," Nudd said.

Some students have opened up their houses and apartments to The Factory's future residents and ex-residents, including Christian Andersen, who lives on the corner near The Factory and has watched the construction process.

"We took in an extra bed in our apartment," Andersen said. "We don't really have a lot of space for it. It's kind of a three-person place."

Andersen's new roommate has asked for a return on his deposit and is using Andersen's apartment as permanent housing, but anyone else that has not asked for a return should be able to move in around Oct. 15, according to Nelson.

Nelson said what people don't realize is that no one is more disappointed that the

company missed the projected date than them, as they are missing out on rent from students that could be used to pay back loans for construction.

This is the second year The Factory has missed a projected opening date.

In 2013, the person in charge of securing the bank loan for construction passed away, which caused the bank to pull the loan and the project ran out of money. However, they were able to find alternate housing for every student that asked them.

This year was different. "I know we've lost a lot of people's trust, but all we can do is work really hard to get everything done and earn people's trust back."

Andersen doesn't believe it will be easy.

"You're going have to do something to get the trust of our campus back," he said. "That building has not been completed twice, and if they don't make reparations I just don't think that we should trust them."

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**STUDENTS**  
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since May. We felt bad saying 'we don't know anyone that's open, sorry.'"

Students flooded the housing market, trying to find any available space they could find before classes started.

"I've heard that housing sent out an email asking those that are living on campus that have private rooms, if they would be willing to share," said Brittany Huntington, a senior in family consumer science education, "I've also heard that they've made study rooms into bedrooms to accommodate students so that USU doesn't have any students not coming here because of housing situations."

The LDS institute had also sent out a letter encouraging students and the community to share their homes and extra space if they were able to, Huntington said.

Because of the sudden shortage of housing, even students who hadn't contracted with Aggie Factory were having a hard time finding rooms to rent. Huntington had started looking for a new apartment to live in around the time the email was sent and found a lot

of competition in the search.

"I honestly feel like it was a race," Huntington said, "There were plenty of times that I would call on a place, like and they would get back to me maybe an hour later and say 'oh we've already filled this spot.' or 'say 'oh like five other girls have already called and one's already coming to look at it and wants it.'"

A lot of the students looking for housing were international students, said Broderick, and other students had even paid Aggie Factory rent for the full year.

"I think they should never have accepted rent payments," Broderick said, "I can understand deposits, but to actually accept rent payment in full when they didn't know that it was going to be open, and obviously it didn't open. I think it was kind of ridiculous, that's my opinion."

Jordan Karren, a freshman in psychology, agrees.

"I thought it was pretty crazy" Karren said, "to give out all that information and to get all those students in and to tell them, 'Yes it'll be done. Yes it'll be done,' and then all of a sudden two weeks before be like, "Oh we're not even close,' like

that's pretty crazy to me. I don't know how someone could do that."

Aggie Factory, or 900 Factory, began construction last year, promising a modern student living design with amenities such as a bowling alley, rock climbing, a movie theater and activities every month along with large rooms and fast wifi.

Scheduled to open fall of 2014, many students had signed up to live in the new apartments, but had received a notice during the summer saying that the buildings wouldn't be finished in time for fall semester.

One year later, and students are finding themselves in a similar situation.

"It's just frustrating to the students and it's like a not funny joke," said Bethany Broderick, a senior in communication studies and landlord for Cambridge Court Apartments, "This has happened multiple times in Aggie Factory, so amongst the apartment community, we're just like 'are you serious?' Like again this has happened. Again."

No date has been set yet for the complex to be finished.

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# SUNSHINE STATE STARS

By **Thomas Sorenson**  
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"Speed kills," the late Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis is credited as saying. "Everything else in the game can be taught, but speed is a gift from God."

Davis' mindset revolutionized the sport of football and pushed the evolution of the game into what we see today. If a team wants to compete at a high level, speed is not a luxury. It's a necessity.

For the Utah State Aggies, that skillset comes from 2,000 miles away.

"Our primary focus is to go get some skill positions, some speed out of Florida," said Jovon Bouknight, the wide receivers' coach and Florida recruiter for Utah State. "That's what they're known for in that state and that's

what we're trying to get."

The Utah State football team has 10 players on the roster from Florida - more than nearby states Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada combined.

"There's more division one players that come out of Texas, California and Florida than anywhere else in the country," said Luke Wells, the recruiting coordinator for the team.

Although Florida (along with Texas and California) is heavily recruited by programs across the nation, there are still players available who fit what Utah State is looking for.

"There's some schools and some guys that get overlooked and passed on," Bouknight said.

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**LAJUAN HUNT LEADS HIS TEAMMATES** out of the locker room for a game during last fall's football season. Hunt is one of a few players who came from Florida to play at USU.

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## Fantasy 2015: Studs, Duds, and Players to Watch

The most wonderful time of the year is finally here. I'm not talking about the beginning of a new semester, the pretty fall colors, or even college football. I'm talking about fantasy football. One of the most important and stressful times of any fantasy manager's season is the draft. Let's take a moment to remember that while the draft is vital to ensuring a good start for your team, it's only the beginning. How many of us drafted Adrian Peterson or Ray Rice in the first round last year? How many of us drafted the man they call OBJ (Odell Beckham Jr., come on people)? That being said here are my studs, duds, undervalued and overvalued players to watch in this year's draft.

### STUD: C.J. Anderson

Over the last couple of weeks I have seen Anderson move from a second round pick to a first round pick on the ESPN mock draft servers. A lot of managers are starting to see Anderson's upside, and for good reason. Over Denver's last 8 games, Anderson had over 1,000 all-purpose yards and added 10 touchdowns. More importantly, he earned the starting position. This year, with Gary Kubiak at the helm of the offense, we can expect Denver to run much more (don't draft Manning high). The Broncos will also be looking for a red zone threat after the departure of Julius Thomas to Jacksonville, so there is plenty scoring upside to Anderson. My prediction: C.J. will finish as a top 5

fantasy back this year.

Other Studs: Adrian Peterson, Drew Brees, Antonio Brown

### DUD: Julius Thomas

Don't get me wrong, Thomas is an excellent athlete; but if you draft him in the third or fourth round and expect him to put up similar numbers to last year; you, my friend, will be sorely disappointed. First off, Thomas is moving from Payton Manning as a quarterback to Blake Bortles. Need I say more? Additionally, the Jaguars have not traditionally been fond of throwing the ball to their TEs (only six teams threw the ball to their TEs less last year). Julius Thomas will come nowhere close to his scoring production from last year. My prediction: Don't draft him.

Other Duds: Jimmy Graham, Jonathan Stewart, Colin Kaepernick

### UNDERRATED: Big Ben Roethlisberger

Big Ben is coming off his best fantasy seasons in seven years. Who could forget the 12 TDs he had in a two week stretch last year against Baltimore and Indianapolis? Big Ben has stayed healthy the past two seasons, and has completely mastered Todd Haley's offense. More importantly, Roethlisberger is surrounded by a good O-line, and two of the most explosive offensive weapons in the league (Antonio Brown, Le'Veon Bell) what's more; Big Ben knows how to use them. My advice: Roethlisberger tends

Colby May



turns to sold

to slip in most drafts, wait on a QB and take him late.

Other Underrated players: Josh Hill, Joseph Randle, Justin Forsett

### OVERRATED: Demarco Murray

No disrespect to Murray, but holding him up to last year's stats is unrealistic. First and foremost, Murray will no longer be running behind Dallas's dominant O-line, he will also no longer have Tony Romo and Dez Bryant to distract opposing defenses. My biggest concern, however, is the fact that excluding last year's historic season, Murray has never played a full season (including his college days). Murray is good back, if you draft him make sure your expectations are realistic. My prediction: If Murray stays healthy, his season will be very similar LeSean McCoy's season last year. Expect decent, not elite, numbers.

Other Overrated players: Melvin Gordon, DeSean Jackson, LeGarrette Blount

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# Houston, we have a victory



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**JESSICA BROOKSBY FIGHTS FOR A BALL** during Utah State's 2-0 win over Houston at Chuck and Gloria Bell Field on Sunday. The Aggies lost on Friday at UVU and with Sunday's win improve to 3-1 on the season. Aggies now go on a three game road trip.

By **Joe Baraiolo**  
STAFF WRITER

Utah State women's soccer improved to 3-1-0 on the season with a 2-0 win over Houston Sunday afternoon at Chuck and Gloria Bell Field in Logan.

Utah State took an early lead with a fifth minute goal by junior Jayne Robinson. Robinson put away a rebound after Sophomore Wesley Hamblin took a shot that ricocheted off the crossbar.

Utah State increased its lead when junior midfielder Katie

Flynn connected with junior forward Jessica Brooksby who headed the ball in. Brooksby's goal put the Aggies up 2-0 in the 67th minute.

"Katie Flynn had a great individual effort getting down on the end line," Brooksby said. "I was lucky enough to

get on the end of it."

The Aggies will next be tested on the road as they leave Utah for the first time this season. The road stand will be three games long and USU will take first take on Iowa in Missoula, Montana then Gonzaga in Spokane, Wash-

ington before closing out the trip against in-state rival BYU in Provo.

"We've been scoring some goals at home, but at home it's comfortable. We've got great fans, and great energy," said Aggie Head Coach Heather Cairns. "When you're on the

road, you have to manufacture that a little bit."

After the road stand Utah State returns to Chuck and Gloria Bell Field Sept. 13 to take on Idaho State.

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**DEVONTE ROBINSON (3)** celebrates with his teammates following a touchdown at Romney Stadium last season.

## PIPELINE

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The success of the program the past three years has made potential recruits listen more intently when Utah State contacts them.

"People see us on TV, they see the wins," Wells said. "People saw the BYU win on TV, so I think we're getting to the point where we're more nationally recognized."

Even on the other side of the country, the wins have made an impact.

"The fact that we're winning and that we keep recruiting good players from Florida, it obviously helps," Bouknight said. "Now that we're on the map, we can start going after those more attractive play-

ers."

Coming from Florida to the mountains of northern Utah can be a difficult transition for a young player, though. Having teammates with a similar background makes the transition easier.

"The more [Florida players] we add to our roster the more comfortable they feel once they get to camp," Bouknight said.

Even the weather is a big change for many of the players.

"This is actually the first time I've ever seen snow," said sophomore running back LaJuan Hunt.

Hunt first heard about Utah State when one of his high school teammates was recruited by the Aggies. Senior

wide receiver Devonte Robinson attended a community college before coming to Logan. Regardless of the path to Utah State, the Florida players connect with each other once they arrived on campus.

"I think all Florida boys, we just have that connection, just being from Florida," Hunt said. "Every new Florida guy, we always hit it off."

That relationship isn't limited to players who are on the roster now.

"I like to think that I'm paving the way for future guys to come through and do the same thing that I'm doing," Hunt said.

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# Women's basketball team returns from Mexico



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(LEFT) JERRY FINKBEINER ASSISTS WITH A CLINIC for children during the women basketball team's trip to Mexico. (RIGHT) Finkbeiner coaches his team during a game in a tournament held in Mexico. The team returned from the trip on Saturday.

By **Logan Jones**  
STAFF WRITER

Coach Finkbeiner looked tired.

He sat in his office Tuesday, a few shades darker after a week in the Mexico sun, already working out logistics for the coming semester.

"One reason I like Mexico is it's only an hour difference in time zones," Finkbeiner said.

The Utah State Women's Basketball team's seven-day trip to Mexico was by all accounts a massive success. In addition to playing four games together

and running several clinics for local children, the young squad bonded with team chemistry specialist Kandy Newton to get a leg up on the coming season.

"More than half our team came to Utah State this summer," Finkbeiner said. "So that was that initial case of 'who are you?' But once you get on the road in the same bus, on the airplane, in the hotel, you really have to come together or you do have problems."

Finkbeiner said USU first basketball's trip went as

smoothly as any of his many excursions to foreign countries in his time as head coach at Oral Roberts University.

"In that short period of time we got lots of experience," Finkbeiner said. "The girls got better and better at playing together."

The Aggies' schedule was packed full of early mornings and hours of travel, but the busy itinerary didn't distract incoming freshman Rachel Brewster from the trip's many positives.

"The week actually went real-

ly long," Brewster said. "We were getting up so early and getting back so late, but we're glad it went so long. The clinics were really good. All the little kids were so happy we were there, we loved it. They'd walk by us twice to make sure they got photos with us."

Both on and off the court, Brewster feels Mexico aided in bringing a team with nine brand new faces together quickly.

"We have a better idea of how everyone plays," Brewster said. "We have a better knowledge

of each other in general as people."

Brewster added the team had about a week to recover before the start of its fall weightlifting regimen.

"I think they matured a lot this week," Finkbeiner said. "I really like this team's character and how they carry themselves."

Now with a clearer image of what the coming season holds for his new-look team, Finkbeiner hopes his players remember the trip as more than just a basketball experience, but a

cultural one, as well. According to Brewster, many of Mexico's highlights included the children at the basketball clinics, the game experience and the food. However, the week's best memory may not have been related to basketball at all.

"It was just a good life experience," Brewster said. "Probably me and most of the other girls would say swimming with the dolphins was the best part of the trip."

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# OPINION

## Don't force the college experience

This isn't an advice column. In fact, if there's one thing you get out of reading this, it's that you're a college kid now, and it's probably time to start listening to yourself a little bit.

Let me backtrack — welcome to Utah State. You're about to spend the next couple of years surrounded by a group of people pursuing a variety of lifelong dreams and working to better themselves, and that's a cool thing. There are so many positives to being in this special phase of your life, at a university as unique as this one. So in an effort to help you get as much out of this college experience as you can, I'm begging you — don't force it.

There's this popular notion that college is as much about "the college experience" as it is about a degree, as if there's a bucket list of necessary college experiences one must enjoy or else they missed out. There isn't. The fear of missing out on stuff phase of your life ended the day you graduated high school, when you almost immediately realized high school maybe wasn't that big of a deal.

There isn't a four-year plan for squeezing every drop of fun out of your college years — and if you try, you're going to spend a lot of time not actually having any fun at all.

The college experience is what happens to you when you start

learning about yourself. I get that sort of sounds abstract, but honestly it's tough to make memorable experiences without discovering what exactly it is you want. As much as I hate the phrase "you do you," it applies here.

You may step into your first class positive that exercise science is your life's calling, and walk down Old Main four years later with a Marketing degree. Your priorities might shift from looking for a cute makeout buddy to just finding someone who shares your taste in music. That's easier said than done, by the way.

You may be one of those students who goes all-out for the Howl every year. You could be one of the crazies that camps outside of the Spectrum for Aggie basketball's opening game, even if it's just the preseason. Nothing wrong with that — every school needs those fans. The point is, the college experience isn't about checking off things you haven't done in order to feel like you got the most out of your time here.

You're going to get whatever you go for, whether that means grades or a busy social life or a degree in a competitive major. But don't stress out about missing things. Life's going to happen to you while you pursue those things you came to USU for in the first place.

So take the time to figure



things out about yourself. Things are going to change for you in the next four years. You'll make new friends, foolishly cut class for a Beto's burrito, and possibly take a friend to the emergency room for accidentally microwaving a fork. The point is, it's all going to happen in time.

The maturation process is weird that way.

Don't worry about what you may be missing out on, and don't search aimlessly for a college experience you think everyone else is having — figure out what it is you want and do it. You can change it anytime.

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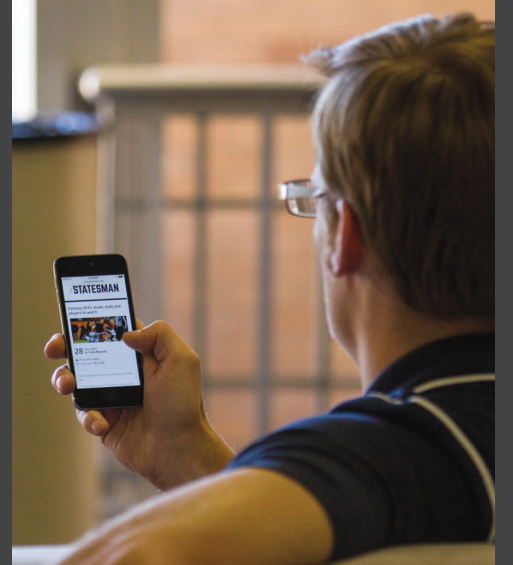
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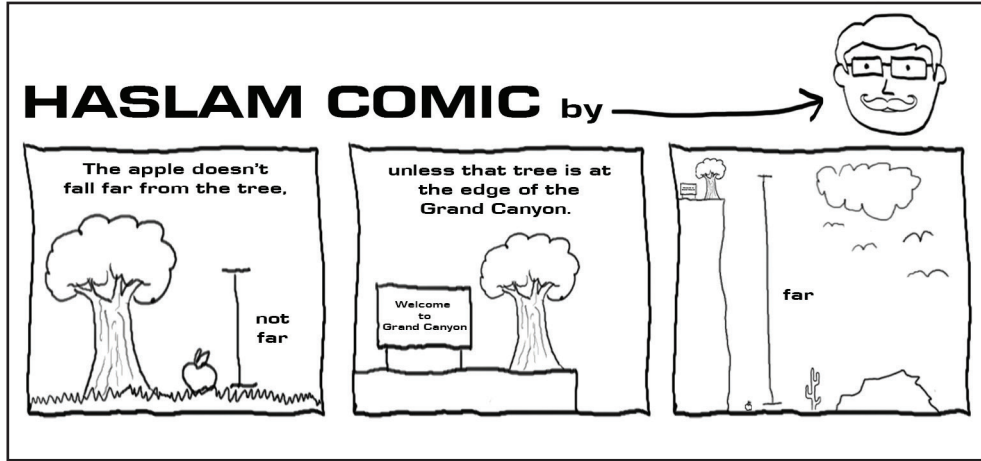
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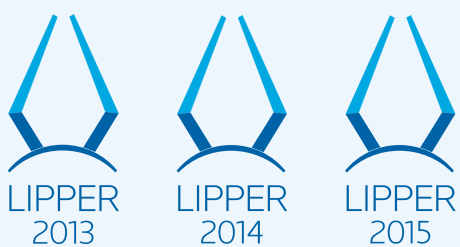
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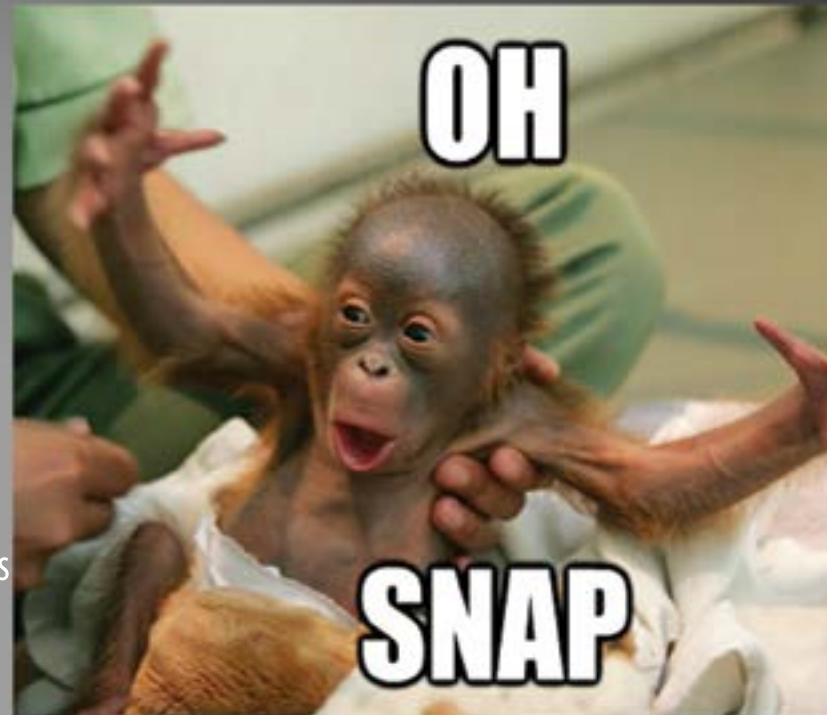
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