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## Bringing down the house



**LUND HALL WAS TORN DOWN** Wednesday to make room for additions to the nearby Business building. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

## Aggie Blue Bikes to sell beach cruisers

BY TAVIN STUCKI  
news editor

Students looking for a reliable and inexpensive way to get around town will have a new place to look Thursday at the Aggie Blue Bikes sale.

Dave Griffin, an Aggie Blue Bikes shop manager, said the shop has sold one or two bikes here and there, but Thursday's sale will be the first time a larger-scale sale will be put on.

"The bikes we're selling are old bikes people have donated," Griffin said. "Our whole aim is to get people on bikes more often."

Stephanie Tomlin, program coordinator for the

student sustainability office and Aggie Blue Bikes, said about 40 bicycles at Thursday's sale will be "project bikes" that buyers will have to fix before they will be suitable for use.

"They will need work," she said. "There's no ifs, ands, but. They definitely need work, but for \$35 you could get a decent bike that if you put in an additional \$40 into, you'll have a bike that will last you infinitely longer than if you just go buy a new bike."

In addition to the project bikes for sale, Aggie Blue Bikes will put six beach cruisers on the market — ones that have previously

been available to students for one-day checkouts.

"We've got so many we can't turn them all into blue bikes," Griffin said.

Griffin said Thursday's sale won't detract from the quantity of bicycles available for student checkout, even though Aggie Blue Bikes has seen a sharp increase in the number of bikes stolen from the program in recent months.

In 2012, Griffin said there were 11 Aggie Blue Bikes reported stolen. Three have been stolen in 2013.

Sgt. Travis Dunn of the USU Police Department

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**FRESHMAN KORI WILLIAMSON FIXES HER BIKE** at the Aggie Blue Bikes shop last semester. Statesman file photo

## Fundamentals of Engineering test stresses students



**ENGINEERING STUDENTS PREPARE** for the Fundamentals of Engineering test Wednesday. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

BY PAUL CHRISTIANSEN  
staff writer

As most students begin preparation for their upcoming spring semester finals, students in the USU College of Engineering have to take on an entirely different kind of test — the Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

The FE, a competency exam required of engineering majors, is offered twice every school year — in October and April — and is a necessary step students must take in order to get professionally licensed in their career field. Those students close to finishing an undergraduate degree will take the eight-hour exam on Saturday.

"There are two reasons why USU engineering students take the FE exam," said Christine Hailey, a senior associate dean and a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering. "It's the first step toward licensure as a professional engineer. For some

programs, such as the bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, the students must pass the FE in order to graduate. On the other hand, few students in electrical engineering or computer engineering will take the FE exam because professional licensure is not as important to these disciplines."

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing professional licensure for engineers and surveyors, develops, administers and scores the examinations — including the FE — used for engineering and surveying licensing in the United States.

"After a student has passed the FE they must work for a licensed professional engineer for four years," Hailey said. "Then she or he takes another exam — the Professional Examination — and must pass it in order to be licensed as a professional engineer. You can identify a professional engi-

neer because they use the initial PE in their signature."

Some students have been studying for several weeks, attending bi-weekly study sessions held by engineering professors and faculty.

"It's a lot of studying and reviewing your old classes and homework," said Kurt Marchant, a senior studying civil engineering. "You don't necessarily have to pass it to graduate but essentially you have to pass it to get a job."

Michael Brown, a junior studying civil engineering, said he has been cramming for a while.

"There's a lot to the preparation process," he said. "It's a lot of just going to the study sessions, looking over the handbook that they give you, understanding everything that's in the handbook and whatnot."

The FE exam contains 180 multiple-choice questions and is split into two

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# Controversy at Continental: Tenants worry over planned rent increase for renovations

BY PAUL CHRISTIANSEN  
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Tenants living at the Continental Apartments were recently caught in what the management of the complex is calling a misunderstanding.

Tenants of the complex, located at 729 E. 900 North in Logan, received a notice detailing improvements the new managers plan to make to the facilities in the future, including the addition of a hot tub, a theater room and a clubhouse, as well as upgrades to individual units. Apartment manager Stacy Hess said it shouldn't be unexpected these improvements will lead to an increase in rent.

But tenants took the notice to mean their rent would increase in spite of a previously signed contract that guaranteed a lower rate. Renters automatically assume the worst and are running with it instead of actually getting with the source of the information, according to Hess.

"I think there was a miscommunication," Hess said. "I think everybody who has gotten notices from us, they're kind of tunnel-visioned if you will, so immediately when they see the notices they are just thinking the negative and not thinking everything through."

Hess, who managed the Meadow View apartments for six years prior to taking over duties for Continental, said she isn't looking to inconvenience any tenants — neither current nor future — but wants to make it clear the only way accommodations can be made is if everyone involved comes to an agreement.

"We definitely want to come in and do some changes to Continental and take it to the next level," Hess said. "With that, obviously, there is going to be an increase in rent. We completely understand that, you know, people have signed contracts and we will do everything we can to try and accommodate and meet middle ground for everyone involved. The people who have signed a contract, we have every intention of working with them."

Feedback from all tenants is important, Hess said, because direct communication between management and tenants will give her the opportunity to calm any worries renters might have.

Still, Hess is confident these proposed changes are the right decision.

"Half of the students there are excited about the change and are fine with an increase in rent," she said. "It's not that they either increase the rent or they are out. It has nothing to do with that and



**CARS LINE THE PARKING LOT** at Continental Apartments. Complex owners are planning improvements for the property in the near future to help attract more tenants. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

I think that that's a lot of what these people are thinking."

Any feedback, complaints or questions from tenants will be presented to the owners of the Continental Apartments, Hess said, but it is most important for tenants and management to find com-

mon ground on this issue so confusion can be remedied.

"We totally understand the feedback that we've gotten and people that have actually taken the time to come talk to

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## Chalk one up for Earth Week



**ART JUNIOR PAIGE GARDNER** touches up her sidewalk masterpiece near the University Inn on Wednesday. The sidewalk art competition was part of Earth Week. "I love doing chalk art," Gardner said. "When they said we were having one, I was like, 'Yes.'" DELAYNE LOCKE photo

## Awards fly at athlete banquet

BY JERA WOOD  
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USU's Student Athletic Advisory Committee is donating this year's funds from their annual "Students Athlete Award Banquet Honoring the Best of the Best" to Relay for Life. This year's annual Athlete Award Banquet was held Wednesday in the TSC Ballroom.

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee donates the admissions toward a charitable cause every year.

"This year is a little different," said Amelia Montoya, a senior gymnast. "We are doing Relay for Life as student athletes so we are bringing everyone together, whereas before we did it separately, like each team did it. And I think that's this year we are doing it a little different just to show that we are family, like a whole Aggie family."

USU holds Relay for Life in the Fieldhouse every year to raise funds for cancer research, said Cami Montgomery, a senior soccer player.

"Relay for life is close to everyone's hearts because it is for cancer," Montoya said.

Besides making the charitable donations by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee possible, the banquet is also used to highlight athletes who have excelled in their sport.

"Sometimes people just think it's like an easy thing we do, but we put so much time and effort and it's really like a hard thing for us to do," Montoya said. "So I think it just shows all the hard work we have done over the years by just giving a thanks to those student athletes who stand out."

There were awards in 14 different categories given in the banquet, each winner selected through a series of nominations.

The awards began with Male Walk On of the Year Award, presented to football's Cam Webb. The Female Walk On of the Year was soccer's Jackie Tillotson. Male Newcomer of the Year was football's Kyler Fackrell. Female Newcomer of the Year Award was volleyball's Elle Brainard.

Graduate Assistant Trainer of the



**USU SOCCER'S CAMI MONTGOMERY** speaks at the Ustar banquet Wednesday in the TSC Ballroom. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

Year Award was presented to Laura Parry. Mike Williams was presented with an award for all of his work with Danny Berger's incident in December. Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year Award was presented to Micah Cloward. Fan of the Year was presented to Big Blue, Jordan Rampersad.

Best Individual Performance was presented to football's Kerwynn Williams. Best Team Performance of the Year Award was presented to the football team for the Utah game. Best Upset of the Year Award went to the soccer team for their game against Denver in the WAC Tournament. The Best Overall Season Award was presented to the football team. The Female Athlete of the Year Award was presented to soccer keeper Ashlyn Mulford. The Male Athlete of the Year Award went to quarterback Chuckie Keeton.

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**AGGIE BLUE BIKES' STEPHANIE TOMLIN** helps freshman Kori Williamson fix her bicycle in the Aggie Blue Bikes shop last semester. Aggie Blue Bikes aims to sell about 40 bikes Thursday at the shop. *Statesman file photo*

## BIKES: Sale scheduled for theft-plagued ABB

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said between 55 bicycles were reported stolen campus wide in 2012 and 60 in 2011, though these weren't necessarily from Aggie Blue Bikes.

Because of the thefts, Aggie Blue Bikes has implemented a new bicycle lock policy. Since mid-February, renters have been required to use a U-lock or cable lock at least 10 millimeters in diameter to secure their bicycle.

"No one with a U-lock has gotten a bike stolen," Griffin said. "U-locks are pretty hard to circumnavigate."

"The bike was either left for a long period of time — around two weeks — or not

locked properly," Griffin said of the bikes stolen. "Many times the bike would be gone and the chain left still locked on the rack."

It may be too early to tell if the new policy is working to deter theft because it has been in effect for a short time. Either way, buyers at Thursday's sale are encouraged to secure their new bicycles properly.

Griffin said shoppers shouldn't worry about purchasing a low-quality bicycle that won't ever be good enough to ride. He said if the shop had the room and the manpower, Aggie Blue Bikes employees would flip the bicycles and rent them out to

students.

"We're understaffed," he said, adding he is happy for the amount of volunteer help the shop receives. "Basically what it comes down to is space is at a premium on this part of campus."

Money is the biggest factor because the shop is provided to Aggie Blue Bikes at no cost known, Tomlin said. Taking on an additional employee would cost the program upwards of \$5,000.

"We've just been there for long enough now," Tomlin said. "I guess you could say we just got grandfathered in."

Bicycle prices will vary depending on the quality of the bike and what parts are

already in working order.

Tomlin said the beach cruisers will be sold for \$120 each and the project bikes will be priced anywhere between \$20-\$200, but most commonly around \$40.

"The bikes that we have are ones that will last you," Tomlin said. "They are made to last."

The sale will last from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during normal business hours at the Aggie Blue Bike shop in between the Fieldhouse and Aggie Terrace parking garage.

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## ENGINEER: Students cram for difficult test

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sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, Hailey said. The morning session is comprised of 120 questions and is the same for every student who takes it that day. The afternoon session corresponds specifically with each engineering undergraduate major. Those students taking the FE have to register beforehand for the correct afternoon session.

The NCEES advises students to remember the FE is a closed-book exam, but each student will be provided with a copy of the FE Supplied-Reference Handbook, a material containing the basic reference material needed for the exam.

The NCEES typically releases exam results to licensing boards eight to 10 weeks after students take the exam. Students will be notified of their results either through postal mail from the

state licensing board or via their online My NCEES account.

Based on NCEES data from the October 2012 test results, the FE has a 72 percent pass rate among first-time takers. But this statistic doesn't seem daunting to many students.

"I'll just be glad to have it done," Marchant said.

Hailey said USU students are lucky to have the opportunity to take the exam on their own campus.

"On April 20, people will be taking the FE exam across the country," Hailey said. "We are fortunate to be able to offer the exam on the USU campus through our testing services. In many instances, people have to travel to a city where the exam is being offered."

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## HOUSING: Apartment mixup a miscommunication

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me," Hess said. "It's just more getting that feedback so that we can all say, 'OK, if people are more in this area, then maybe we won't do all the improvements but we'll do some of them so that it is equal across the board for everybody involved.'"

Many tenants feel the notice they received was confusing. David Cottle, a junior majoring in psychology, said it

wasn't made clear who would be affected by the rent hike.

"I was mad when I thought it was being raised across the board," Cottle said. "But after the situation was clear, I was fine. It was just poor communication and tenants overreacting mostly."

Hess agreed the information wasn't conveyed in a clear manner. She said much of the information could have been made clear if students had contacted her before tenant-dispersed emails began cir-

culating, causing a "rivalry" between tenants and management.

"I think they are kind of going a step too far in the fact that they should have come to me first and should have talked and got all the details — because they don't have all the details," Hess said.

Hess said management plans to finish the improvements to at least one unit at Continental before spring semester ends so everybody there can go and take a look at

what the upgrades are going to be.

Some residents are still confused, but Hess is trying to do what she can to mend the situation.

"They're honoring the contracts and only people signing up now are at the higher price," Cottle said. "The manager came around and talked to the apartments and explained a few days ago."

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## PoliceBlotter

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### Wednesday, April 3

- USU Police responded to the townhouses on a welfare check. While police were gathering information on the individual in question, his father made contact with the individual and learned everything was OK. No further action was taken.
- USU Police disposed of 40 pounds of prescription medication that had been left in the drug drop box.
- USU Police responded to a found property incident. An iPod was found and turned in. A report was filed with USU Police.
- USU Police received a report of a lost

wallet at the Eccles Conference Center. A lost property report was filed with USU Police.

### Thursday, April 4

- USU Police received an intrusion alarm at the Logan Cache Airport, ADL hangar. It was a false alarm.
- USU Police responded to Aggie Village on a call of a resident with severe stomachache pains. Paramedics transported the patient to Logan Regional Hospital.
- Police responded to the west side of the Janet Quinney Lawson building on a motorist assist. An individual had a flat tire and could not get her wheel off the

axle. The wheel was rusted to the axle, so another student used his compressor to pump up the tire so she could drive to a tire shop. A report was filed with USU Police.

- USU Police responded to Aggie Village in three minutes for a report of some graffiti on a generator. Photographs were taken and the graffiti was cleaned off.
- USU Police responded to an emergency phone alarm at the LLC. Officers determined everything to be OK and filed a report.

Compiled by Tavin Stucki

## Briefs

Campus & Community

### College of Ag changes name

The College of Agriculture opened a new building in the fall and continued the "new" trend on Wednesday night.

During the United by the Land celebration, the college officials announced a new name for the college. The College of Agriculture is now the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Noelle Cockett, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Science, said the name change was a long time coming. The college has broadened the programs available to students.

"We need to better depict through the name of the college what our breath was," Cockett said.

The department of landscape architecture and environmental planning moved into the college in 2010. Then in 2011, several programs from USU Eastern moved into the college. The school of veterinary medicine was also added to the College of Agriculture. All these new additions prompted the name change.

"We wanted something that would recognize our legacy in agriculture and certainly make sure people knew that our roots were still there," Cockett said. "We were still very, very connected with that area but also identify those other connections we have added over the past few years."

The conversations of changing the college name began last summer after the different programs had joined. The college looked at other schools across the nation to see what names they were using.

They then came up with a list of 70 terms and surveyed students on which of the terms best depicted what they do at the college. After the initial surveys, officials came up with draft names and had students, faculty and outside stakeholders weigh in.

"There were definitely some favorites but this particular name kept raising to the top of everyone's selection," Cockett said. "It was a very involved and really getting a lot of feedback from students, faculty and stakeholders on how to best depict our college."

### 'Final Star' is last symphony concert

Utah State University's Department of Music presents "The Final Star," the last USU Symphonic Band concert of the academic year, Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall of the Chase Fine Arts Center.

Music of the stars will be performed, including "Star Above, Shine Brightly" by Brian Balmages, "Toward a Northern Star" by Gary Gilroy and "Shooting Stars" by Richard Saucedo, among other works. Also performing in the concert are the Brass Choir and Trombone Ensemble, two chamber ensembles in the Department of Music.

Conducted by Greg Wheeler, assistant professor in the Caine College of the Arts, the USU Symphonic Band is composed of 70 students across campus from all academic majors. With no pre-requisite for admission and an audition for chair placement, the band allows students to continue their band participation while also pursuing a degree in the program of their choice.

"The Final Star" on Tuesday, April 16, is free and open to the public. For more information visit the Caine College of the Arts Box Office in room 139-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center, call 435-797-8022 or see the college's Production Services website ([arts.usu.edu](http://arts.usu.edu)).

### ClarifyCorrect

In the April 4 issue, an editor wrote a headline that did not reflect the views of a columnist. The headline, "Gay marriage: I don't agree, but it's your choice," does not represent the views of columnist Peter Daines, who supports gay marriage.

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## LOOKING AT LOGAN

*Longtime residents reflect on city changes through the years*

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Reflecting on time can be a way to assess how much has changed. Over the past 60 years, Logan has seen much change, including a population jump from almost 17,000 in 1950 to around 50,000 now. With this growth has come changes to the scenery of the communities as well. Long-time Logan residents reflected both good and bad shifts they've seen in the past 60 years.

### Real estate rising

In 1959, Jack Nixon, a prominent real estate developer, moved to Logan to raise a family and run the Zanavoo Lodge in Logan Canyon.

"When we bought Zanavoo in 1959, it was a two-lane road going to Bear Lake," Nixon said. "It was actually very windy and curvey, and it take you probably a good solid hour to get you from Logan to Bear Lake. I sold them a piece of property to widen it clear back in 1961, so they started it way back then."

Nixon said the project of widening the road would have cost about \$2 million. The widening of the road in Logan Canyon, as well as the road through Sardine Canyon and the road coming south from Idaho all helped to stimulate traffic into Cache Valley and was the major catalyst for the growth in Logan and Cache Valley.

"They have certainly enhanced the traffic capabilities in and out of Cache Valley, which has certainly stimulated the commerce," Nixon said.

Nixon said the population growth of Cache Valley after the road expansions has been far more than 200 percent.

"Everything has gone up primarily because of the desirability of the community," Nixon said. "Along with that, the shopping has largely enhanced. We used to just have a grocery store across the street from (Fresh Market on 400 North) and there were just houses right across the street as recently as 1966, so 47 years ago — three great big nice homes. Then Smith Food King came in and bought those houses. Dee Smith, the originator of that company, bought the property for a service station on the corner and a grocery store."

A similar situation happened along Main Street, Nixon said.



**MAIN STREET IN** the 1950s was busy. Most of the businesses in this picture have changed or left. Photo courtesy of USU Special Collections

"I remember 30 years ago when where Papa Kelsey's is, that was a grain field, and a fellow by the name of Pete Peterson built a Spudnut Shop there," he said. "He bought that property for \$26,000, and today it worth many times that. The same thing where Smith's Marketplace is on 700 North and Main, there was a 10-acre spot there. I remember when that was grain, and that sold for \$75,000 because I was the agent that handled the sale. That piece of property now, if it didn't have a building on it, that 10-acre piece probably would sell for \$20 a square foot, so you're looking at about \$18 million."

The growth of property value in Logan gives an idea of how much the demand for space both commercially and residentially has increased, Nixon said.

"The entrance to Logan 25 years ago was the bridge, right where the Riverwoods is now," Nixon said. "Riverwoods was a sand and gravel for LaGrande Johnson headquarters. That's where they had their shop. What it is today shows what happens when demand comes."

The north end of Logan went as far as where Shaffer Bakery is located on 1000 North and Main Street but 25 years ago it was a nursery, according to Nixon. Just north of there in the same location of Sam's Club and Shopko, there was a drive-in movie theater. There

used to be farmland for cattle grazing where the North Logan Walmart currently stands.

### A change of storefront

Shari Badger, owner and president of Lee's Marketplace, is a Cache Valley native and with the exception of 10 years when she and her husband Lee lived in Reno, Nevada and Chico California, has lived in the valley for most of her life.

"The other day we found an old Logan High yearbook from 1958," Badger said. "My father owned a service station when I was going up on the corner of 500 North and Main. There was an ad in there with the front of the gas station. Then we started looking at some of the ads and some of the things that were in: the Kater Shop, and Sweet Brier, things I used to remember on Main Street."

She said Main Street has undergone a major transition in the past 50 years.

"I grew up here, so I remember going up Main Street and seeing all the stores," she said. "I remember Low Cost because they had the toys and that was the place to go when you were growing up. There was Grand Central, and that is where Smith's Marketplace is. When Lee and I came back in 1980, 1400 North, there was the mall there, and there was the hospital."

During their time living in Nevada and California, Lee



**DOUGLAS OPTICAL** was a store on Main Street throughout the 1960s. Photo courtesy of USU Special Collections.

and Shari became accustomed to working in the retail and grocery business. When they came back to Cache Valley, they acquired a local grocery store in Smithfield called Jack and Bob's. Badger said the store was about the size of their produce department now, but it had always been their dream to build a store in Logan.

"We had talked about building on 1400 North for a long time," Badger said. "We wanted the corner where Lowe's is, and it was tied up in a family trust. So the next option was to come up to 600 East We were kind of concerned about the location, so Lee and I sat, I can't

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**A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT** shops line the south end of Main Street. Some, such as The Bluebird, have stood for many years. MICKELLE YEATES photo



# Moms balance school and child-rearing

BY KELLICE BRADLEY  
staff writer

While working toward a degree, some women at USU live a separate life aside from the regular college experience of social bustle.

"I went to the Fieldhouse and it was so funny to see the environment change," said Chloe Baker, a music therapy major. "It's so funny to see how girls are different from me because you can tell they are flirty and checking out the boys, and then I go there just to work out because I have a child and husband at home. My mindset and focus is on things completely different than theirs."

Baker is a 19-year-old mom who married right after she completed her first semester at USU. One and a half months later, she and her husband found out they were expecting their first baby, a boy named Brody.

"I feel like I had to grow up really fast, for sure," Baker said. "Getting married is one thing, but when you have a kid, it takes your focus away from each other and puts it on the child."

Baker's school schedule had to readjust dramatically to conform to the lifestyle of a parent.

"I'm only at school for an hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and then I'm here for three hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays," she said. "There's no way I could do it any other way. There's no way I could be up here all day."

Although Baker and her husband carry the responsi-

bilities of parenting in their lives, she doesn't believe in quitting.

"I still want to finish, so I have to take really light semesters," she said. "I'm just gone in the mornings and my baby sleeps half the time so he doesn't even know I'm gone, and then I spend the day with him."

Finding the time to study is Baker's greatest challenge.

"I have to study and write my papers when he takes naps and my husband and I just have to kind of switch off, like on the weekends he'll take him for a few hours so I can get stuff done," she said.

Jill Ochsenbein, a public relations major, agrees managing time is the greatest challenge of running a household and being a mom.

"Best time of day is when everybody goes to bed," Ochsenbein said. "When my family is doing stuff, I want to do what they are doing, so I stay up late because it's the best time to concentrate."

However, not everyone thinks night is the best time to study.

"I try to do most of it during the day so I can make sure the home is taken care of at the end of the day," said Kayli Nielsen, a family consumer and human development major. She has a baby girl named Rachel.

"The best time is when Rachel is taking a nap, like late morning. When she's awake, she needs a lot of attention," Neilson said.

Baker said children need love and attention when they are awake.

"When Brody's awake, I

just try to play with him," she said. "I never try to like, distract him to where I can do homework; I'm always with him."

All three women believe there are great benefits for choosing to be a mom while still enrolled in school.

"When I was single, I was always preoccupied with my social life," Ochsenbein said. "When you're married, your social life is good. I'm getting way better grades being married than when I was single."

"You realize that when you're a mom, B's and C's still get degrees," Nielsen said.

"A lot of people ask me if I regret not finishing school before I started my family, but I don't because it's brought me so much happiness," Baker said. "Sometimes I think, 'I wonder what it would be like if I didn't get married so fast and I wonder who I would be hanging out with and what parties I would be going to,' but that stuff seems so petty and so silly, I guess. Just because when you have a child, you just feel this love that you have never felt before. I definitely love it and it's really important to me."

Baker believes starting a family while still in school gives stability and eliminates most drama single students have to deal with.

"I'm really proud of my life," she said. "It was so unexpected and just so fast, but I just feel really grounded and I just feel like I definitely know where my life is headed."

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**KAYLI NIELSEN IS LEARNING** to balance motherhood with school. She takes online classes so she can care of her 15-month-old daughter. *MICKELLE YEATES photo*

# Business professor makes student success priority

BY STACEY WORSTER  
staff writer

From his career beginnings working as a technical engineer to raising a family and going back to school for his MBA, Dan Holland's life has been full of unexpected turns. However, students won't find him complaining.

Holland was recently named the Huntsman School of Business Teacher of the Year, and is an assistant entrepreneurship professor in the Huntsman School of Business.

"I got my undergrad at BYU in electrical engineering and then worked mainly with software development at various companies. It wasn't what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, so I headed back to BYU to get my MBA," Holland said. "My career path changed rapidly and went all different directions until I found what I was passionate about. It was a fun process and I try to instill in my students that they have the privilege to try different things until they find their niche."

Holland has worked on various different research projects in the business field and said he enjoys his job thoroughly. He likes teaching, but he also likes hands-on work.

"Half of my job is teaching and the other half is research and service," Holland said. "I do a lot of entrepreneurship decision making is what I focus on, and why entrepreneurs persist with the decisions they make."

Holland said teaching is his favorite part of his job because he loves to engage students in course material and spark ideas to generate future businesses.

"I love teaching. It is a passion of mine," he said. "Although the research is also very interesting to me, teaching provides immedi-



**DAN HOLLAND HOLDS** his Huntsman School of Business Teacher of the Year award. *MICKELLE YEATES photo*

ate feedback while research does not. I particularly love working with students. I like to try to use a little creativity with my teaching style, keeping it interesting and exciting has always been a goal of mine."

Steven Espinoza, a senior majoring in business marketing and entrepreneurship is an undergraduate teaching fellow for Holland.

"He brings to life the topics that he is teaching, I will never forget the first time sitting in class as a student and he walked in the room with women shoes, a mohawk, piercings, an unusual suit coat and shorts. The lesson being taught was on stereotypes and he put the point across extremely well," Espinoza said.

Espinoza said he spends a lot of time working alongside Holland as has opportunities to teach on given days.

"I wouldn't put myself in the category of a teachers assistant due to the fact that Dan honestly cares about every student and encourages me to work very closely with them to make the most of their experi-

ence," Espinoza said.

Holland earning the Teacher of the Year award makes sense, Espinoza said.

"Based on the feedback I receive from students and relay back to him, every semester has been different in some sort of way due to the desires his students want to learn about," he said.

Chad Albrecht is a professor in the Huntsman School of Business and has

worked with Holland for six years. Between many different research studies, early morning study sessions with students and being office neighbors they have developed a great friendship, he said.

"Dan has always put his students first," Albrecht said. "He will drop whatever he is doing to help out his students. He is always interested in what his stu-


dents are looking to draw from the class and he will go to extreme measures to relay the lessons they want. He has shaved his head, dyed his hair and dressed in bizarre clothes. He truly cares about his students."

The lower-division business classes are available to all students and can be an exciting and beneficial to learning the skills needed to not only run a busi-

ness someday, but to be a part of a business, Holland said.

"Truly seek for your passion," Holland said. "We are so lucky to have so many opportunities to test out to see if it is what we want to do. Learn as much as you can, be passionate, and go out and change the world."

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# Skip 'Evil Dead' and stick with the original

**Sam McConkie**

**"Evil Dead"**

**Grade: C-**

**Movie Review**



**JANE LEVY PLAYS CURSED** teenager Mia in TriStar Pictures' horror, "Evil Dead." The movie is a remake of the 1981 cult classic. MCT photo

Warning: This review may contain mild spoilers, but seeing as it's basically a torture-porn flick, you probably know what is going to happen anyway.

Many of you probably know just how much I disdain remakes. They sometimes resemble the film they are based on in name only and generally sidestep the elements that made the original film good in favor of CGI and gimmicky plot elements. Sadly, this trend has accelerated in the last fifteen years and there is no sign of it slowing down.

Regardless, I had somewhat high hopes for the "Evil Dead" remake. The original film's director and star, Sam Raimi and Bruce Campbell respectively, had a strong hand in this project. With the creative consultation and budget this film had in its favor, I even started to loosen up and have a bit of fun when the film began in earnest. For a moment, I thought it could actually be a legitimately interesting homage to the original trilogy.

Needless to say, my hopes were dashed pretty fast — maybe that's my own fault. Instead of an entertaining horror romp, what I got was an overly cliched and mostly tired effort with only a handful of highlights. Unlike Raimi's original films, there is little charm in "Evil Dead," and it's often strikingly unpleasant as well.

Mia (Jane Levy), a

recovering drug addict, heads up to her family's rural cabin for detoxification. Her brother David (Shiloh Fernandez) and their friends brace themselves for a potentially long and stressful weekend in which all of them will stand by to help her break the bad habit. They know nothing of the events that previously happened inside of the cabin, but soon they detect an overpowering smell.

Eric (Lou Taylor Pucci) discovers the Book of the Dead in the cellar, wrapped tightly in barbed wire and a black trash bag. Rather than leave it alone, he opens the book and begins to read certain passages that awaken a dark presence in the woods. Mia soon grows incredibly restless and unpredictable. She then ventures

out, desperately trying to leave the now suffocating atmosphere of the cabin.

After a mysterious and mortifying episode in the woods, Mia becomes possessed by an evil spirit and starts abusing herself and the group, to the point where they must lock her in the cellar. Afraid and confused, everybody begins to realize the book from earlier has sparked the unspeakable horrors among them. They must survive until dawn and thwart the spirits awakened by the book or face a hellish fate.

Aside from Bruce Campbell, groovy acting isn't what the "Evil Dead" films are known for. Nonetheless, some of the performances in this remake truly stink. Only Shiloh Fernandez manages to evoke a

degree of concern and plausibility as the hapless and deeply concerned David. He sells the role just well enough that I didn't laugh at any of his dialogue or his plight later on. Sadly, the rest of the cast either falls totally flat or much worse.

Jane Levy's portrayal of Mia typically comes off as limited to poor. I'll concede she runs into a lot more trouble than most of the other characters, but her presence is underwhelming and she only does something truly awesome near the end of the film. She just isn't developed enough to deliver many memorable bits.

The rest of the characters turn out to be either unbearably stupid or an excuse to set up a gross special effect later on. David is dating Natalie (Elizabeth Blackmore),

but this is completely glossed over for most of the runtime. When she inevitably succumbs to the evil presence in the cabin, it's next to impossible to feel sorry for her or anybody else she harms seeing as we don't know much about her. Almost everybody retains a cardboard cut-out feel to their respective characters, and that's a bloody shame.

As for the blood and gore effects, I'll admit even I was a bit shocked by the sheer volume of carnage on display. And it certainly wouldn't be much of a stretch to call this remake the bloodiest movie ever made. Gross out gags come one after another at a rapid clip, and some of them are surprisingly neat. A "deadite" licks a knife in one part and... well, you get the idea. Disgusting as this may

sound, the bloody bits are the closest this film comes to resembling any form of art.

Try as it may to be relevant and scary, "Evil Dead" pales in comparison to its source material. The higher production values unnecessarily become a liability rather than a strength — where's the charm and creativity? — and the film comes off as a derivative horror yarn. There is nary a legitimate scare to be found, and when it starts to get good, it's simply a matter of too little, too late.

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## LOGAN: City has lost small town feel

From page 4

tell you how many different times, on the corner where that Mountain West Credit Union is, across from Lowe's. We sat there on that corner and we counted how many cars were coming down 1400 North, you know, and when we got up to 200 to 300, we thought we were doing great. Now, how many cars stop at that light? Unreal, kind of, what happened after this store came. The whole of 1400 North is busier than 400 North."

### Reviving the arts

Michael Ballam, the managing director of the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theater Company, grew up in Cache Valley with fond memories of the Capitol Theater on the south end of Logan, today the Ellen Eccles Theater.

"My affair with the Capitol began when I performed on her stage at the age of five in 1956," Ballam said. "These were her final days operating as Cache County's premiere live/film theatre. It had been the home of the Pantages Vaudeville Circuit as well as UAC (now USU) Opera productions. In 1958 Patience Thatcher built a huge wall, acting as a fortress, sealing off the stage from the audience and mount-

ing a permanent screen there. It had been on a fly batten (pulley system) in order that it could be lifted out of the way to enable the stage to be used. It would be 30 years before the stage would be used again."

After a number of years, Ballam would come back again and restore the theater to what it is today.

### A younger view

Logan has changed a lot from the not-so-distant past. Landon Kohler, a senior majoring in public relations, was born and raised in Logan.

"I grew up on Cliffside and went to Logan High School," Kohler said. "There has been a lot of new homes going up all over the place, and it seems like we are getting new restaurants and businesses every month. It's certainly not the same little town."

As a Cache Valley native, Kohler is not sure if the growth is all good due to places filled with childhood memories being destroyed.

"I think it offers people in Logan a lot more opportunity, but at the same time it's sad to see all the places I use to adventure around at as a kid get demolished for new houses," he said. "My backyard on Cliffside was a huge lot with hills and we'd ride for days, but then they put up a ton of

houses."

Outdoor activities have always been a big part of staying entertained while growing up in Logan.

"In high school we would drive out to Hyrum Dam and jump off big toe at midnight," Kohler said. "Those are some of my favorite summer memories."

Damian Peterson, a recent graduate in finance, has lived in Logan for the last 25 years. He has noticed growth in both population size and commercial growth.

"I grew up behind Shopko until I was about ten and then moved next to the fairgrounds," Peterson said, "It's definitely grown a lot in my lifetime. When I was younger, it was so much less populated and commercialized. As time has passed, lots of new housing developments have come in. There have been so many new stores and commercial developments as well. The growth has been unreal."

He said he has enjoyed watching the town change and he sees the growth as positive.

"I haven't really contributed to the change, mostly just watched it grow and flourish," Peterson said. "I think it's positive. Some would say it's negative because they like the small town feel, because of the growth the economy here is better, and there are more job

opportunities."

Currently, Logan is a good size, Peterson said.

"I think Logan has the best of both worlds," Peterson said. "It still has a small town feel with mountains and outdoors stuff close by, but it also is getting bigger and has more commercialized things like stores. In my eyes, it's not too big and it's not too small."

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
USU vs. UT Arlington, noon  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
USU vs. NMSU 10:00 a.m.

### Women's Tennis

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**  
USU at UTEP, 2:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
USU at NMSU, 2:00 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
USU vs. Denver, 10:00 a.m.,  
Las Cruces, N.M.

## Sports Briefs

### Basketball third in rebounding

The Utah State men's basketball team finished the season ranked third in the country with a plus-9.1 rebounding margin over its opponents.

The Aggies out-rebounded the opposition in 27 games this season, including 15 consecutive games to end the season.

USU led the conference in the category, as well as rebounding defense after allowing 28.1 per game.

### Football to hold final scrimmage

The Utah State football team will hold its final spring scrimmage on Thursday, at 3:20 p.m. at Romney Stadium.

Head coach Matt Wells will oversee a 100-play sequence which will run the squads through various game situations.

The team will conclude practices and drills on April 20th prior to the annual Blue and White game at 2 p.m.

### Track travels to Sacramento

Utah State's men and women's track and field teams head to California for the Mondo Mid-Major Challenge hosted by Sacramento State at Hornet Stadium.

Events run Thursday through Saturday, April 11-13, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Aggies will then return home for their only home meet of the season on April 19-20.

Complied from staff and media reports

## GYMNASTICS



SENIOR AMELIA MONTOYA IS CONGRATULATED BY TEAMMATES after completing a routine during a USU home meet at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

## Making the grade: Gymnasts soar

BY DANIELLE MANLEY  
staff writer

She's a college athlete, a student and a receiver of the Academic All-WAC award.

Amanda Watamaniuk is more than just a gymnast on the USU team: She's a top student in the athletic department, and so are all 15 of her teammates.

There may be a rumor floating around college campuses that student-athletes devote all of their time to their sport and consequently have little time for studies and homework.

The USU gymnastics team is a group of girls that consistently contradicts this rumor.

"Everyone I know this year has been trying really hard," Watamaniuk said.

"Coaches stress grades. We're here for gymnastics, but we're also here to go to school and we have to leave with something. We take getting good grades serious."

The Academic All-WAC is an award given to student athletes who achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher and participate in at least 50 percent of the year's contests.

A 3.0 wasn't good enough for the gymnasts. They decided to raise the bar for themselves.

"The team sets a 3.5," Richards said. "They understand they have to get good grades or they'll get left behind. I think it's difficult for them, but they know how to study."

In addition to setting a team goal, the returning gymnasts offer support to the incoming freshman

making the transition from high school to college.

Watamaniuk, a senior headed to physical therapy school next fall, said the upperclassmen helped her with tips and tricks when she was a freshman.

The freshman who come on to the team are required to complete six hours of study hall each week.

"We kind of get in the habit of studying every night," sophomore Sarah Landes said. "It gets harder later on. You're not required to do it. It takes a lot of self-discipline."

Landes is double-majoring in exercise science and business marketing and holds a cumulative GPA of 3.8.

In addition to her outstanding performance in academics, Landes is also a top performer for the team

and consistently places in the all-around competitions.

Although the girls travel for meets, they use much of their in-between time to study. They learned to study during every available time they had — on the bus, in the hotel rooms and late at night after practice.

Though it may be a struggle to keep up their good grades, head coach Jeff Richards knows the strict level of discipline has been ingrained in the girls from early on.

"You take a fall in gymnastics, it's not just a little fall," Richards said. "You're hitting the equipment hard and you're hurt — it's not for the weak. They know the determination it takes. It's in them, the drive is there. They've been able to

figure that out at a young age. It carries over to their academics."

But with diligence and success, sacrifices have to be made.

Because of the time spent studying, practicing and being on the road for competitions, the girls have little free time for a social life.

Watamaniuk said she stays home on Friday nights to complete her homework and saves Saturday for a day to see her friends.

"You just try to squeeze it in there," Watamaniuk said. "That's kind of hard your freshman year. You don't get as much of a social life as regular college students. It comes down to your priorities."

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## SOFTBALL

## USU loses in-state battle to BYU



MEMBERS OF THE USU SOFTBALL TEAM huddle during a game at LeRee and LeGrande Johnson Field earlier this season. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

Utah State softball (8-30) came up short against in-state rival BYU on Wednesday, as the Cougars used a four-run fifth inning to secure a 5-0 win here at LeRee and LeGrand Johnson Field.

In a game where both teams produced five-hits, timely hitting proved to be the difference. In the top of the fifth inning, Brigham Young capitalized when Madisen Robb drove a pitch down the left field line and out of the park for a three-run home run. Robb's blast put the game out of reach for the home team, as BYU extended its lead to a 5-0 advantage.

Leading the offense for USU was senior infielder Christine Thomsen, who

went 2-for-3 from the plate. The other Aggies who tallied hits were junior outfielder Rachael Hunasker, sophomore outfielder Hailey Froton and freshman infielder Libby Pederson who knocked a double down the left field line.

Senior pitcher Mandy Harmon worked four and a third innings and surrendered all five of the Cougars runs. Hannah Howell earned the win for BYU.

Utah State will travel north to Seattle to continue Western Athletic Conference action as it takes on Seattle in a three-game weekend series. This weekend's meeting with the Redhawks will kick off with a doubleheader on Friday, April 12. First pitch of the series is set to be delivered at 2 p.m.



# State your case: *What is the toughest individual position to play in all of sports?*



## LAST WEEK'S WINNER

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM  
sports editor

Hardest position in all of sports? Head referee/official/umpire/judge.

Why? It's a lose-lose situation. Think about it: An official is out there to govern a bunch of hot shots that think they're the greatest thing since sliced bread in an absolutely impossible situation because there's no such thing as a good call.

You call it one way, Team A and all of their fans hate you. Call it the other, Team B and company throw a fit.

The head officials have it the worst. They have to make the toughest calls that result in the biggest backlash from fans, coaches, players and their own supervisors. It doesn't matter how perfect of a game they officiate, if a single controversial call is made in the late moments of a game, they become the scapegoats for the losing team and its fans.

Two words: Replacement refs. It's all the proof you need. Officials wanted more for the crap they go through, so administration threw a bunch of newbies in and look what happened.

The country went nuts — even more so than normal — and people caught a glimpse of how hard the referees have it, even if they all quickly forgot.

The regular refs — emphasis on regular because the replacements were real officials too — came back and everyone was happy as a clown.

It applies across the board in every sport. Not only is it the toughest position in all of sports, it's the most under-rated, under-valued and under-appreciated job too.

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## NEW CHALLENGER

BY SEAN O'SULLIVAN  
staff writer

As a hockey goalie, you have one job: keep the 1-by-3 inch puck outside of a 4-by-6 foot net. It seems simple enough, until you actually think about it.

First of all, the puck can travel up to 110 mph. Then, you have to factor in that the goalie might not even see this 110-mph shot. There are players who earn their paycheck by screening the goalie.

And the player screening the goalie also falls into the goalie sometimes. Try stopping that 110-mph shot while a 200-pound man falls on you.

Oh, and there are deflections. The hand-eye coordination of NHL players is so incredible, they can deflect these 110-mph shots at the last second. The goalie's reflexes have to be elite.

Outside of actually making a save, the goalie has to see the play develop. The goalie has to be aware of every other player's position on the ice, just like a quarterback in football — except in hockey, players are skating much faster than football players can run. Stopping a back-door play depends on recognizing that the opposing player is coming up for the play.

Tracking the puck itself is difficult, too. The play moves so fast. Passing is crisp, and players can camp out behind the net, creating many passing options that the goalie needs to cover. There's a huge mental side to playing goalie as well as the physical side.

Goalies have to be strong. Goalies need to push off and slide six feet across in less than a second to make the save. The goalie also needs to be flexible enough to do the splits many times a night.

It takes a special athlete to be a hockey goalie.

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## NEW CHALLENGER

BY ERIC JUNGBLUT  
copy editor

St. Louis Missouri, October 27, 2011. It's Game 6 of the 107th World Series, featuring the hometown Cardinals and the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers lead the series 3-2: A win tonight means they clinch their first World Series title in team history.

After a high-scoring affair, the game reaches the ninth inning with the Rangers on top 9-7. The Cards manage a run, but soon find themselves only one strike away from handing the series to the Rangers.

Busch Stadium is roaring with decibels comparable to that of a 747 taking off, and in the middle of all the chaos is Neftali Feliz, closer for the Rangers, trying to bring home the title with one final pitch, the weight of millions of fans on his shoulders.

No pressure, right? Feliz would give up a hit to Albert Pujols, allowing the Cardinals tie the game and force extra innings. The Cards would eventually win the game, force Game 7 and clinch the series.

While not the most physically taxing position in sports — although it does take a tremendous amount of athleticism — the position of pitcher is the toughest based almost solely on the mental toll it takes.

Pitchers condition constantly to fine-tune their craft. They have to use all their strength to fire a small white ball into a 2-foot-by-2-foot strike zone with enough speed and curvature to get the batter to foul out, fly out, ground out or strike out. Oh, and they do this more than 100 times per game, on average.

Pitching also takes an incredible amount of discipline and control. One bad slip of the wrist, and the ball is sailing over the right field fence.

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# Human sports fans beat robots during March Madness

**Steve Kent**

**Becoming converted**



if somebody was seriously injured, started a fistfight or hit a spectator in the head with a ball.

Over the course of the academic year, the sports fans in my office may have labeled me as an “unpatriotic communist” for some innocent, factual observations about how boring baseball is. I tried to defend myself with logic, which turned out to be a mistake.

So several weeks ago, I thought I’d help ease some of the tension by entering the office March Madness pool. When I told our sports editor I wanted to fill out a bracket, he laughed out loud. To his credit, he agreed to let me play.

You’d think a little actual knowledge of March Madness would rub off on a newsman like me due to the media’s laser-like focus on the tournament every year. But all I knew was that something named Butler

had won recently — a lot of people were excited about that when it happened — and some parts of a bracket had names like the Sweet 16 and the Fantastic Four. The basketball fans in the office, however, knew a frightening number of facts about the NCAA. I’d overhear facts like, “A school with 15 letters in its name has never beat a school with 13,” and, “It’s been 300 years since a religious school has burned another team’s player for suspected witchcraft.”

Like any good college student, I decided to cover up my ignorance with technology. I Googled “March Madness bracket generator” and found pickmybracket.com. The site — created by students of a school owned by a certain Utah-based church — automatically fills out a bracket based on statistics, school attributes and some kind

of computer magic. The site asked me to pick a stat I’d like to emphasize, so I picked assists because I’ve always been taught that sharing is good. Then it asked me to pick a random factor to emphasize, so I picked SAT scores because I’m an idiot. The site then spit out a bracket with Harvard as the champion. Even I knew that was wrong. I tried again, emphasizing coed hotness, and got a bracket with Indiana on top. That sounded great because I’d seen a poster for a movie about basketball in Indiana. And if basketball can make a whole state proud of being “Hoosiers,” which sounds more like an insult than a mascot, then Indiana basketball must be good.

A few days into the tournament, acquaintances started tweeting about how the first round shredded their brackets. Those

poor souls should have trusted technology like I did, I thought. Then I had our sports editor show me how my bracket was doing, with the aid of highlighters. He marked my good picks in yellow and my bad picks in pink. I was pleased with how yellow my bracket looked, until he explained how my bad picks filter down the bracket. He marked all the games I’d lost in advance in pink. It wasn’t pretty, unless you like pink.

Then my wife had a baby, and the closest I got to basketball for a couple of weeks was throwing soggy diapers into the trash. March Madness caught my attention again on Monday, when the basketball fans in the office turned on the TV. I was shocked to learn that Indiana wasn’t even in the game. It shouldn’t have been a shock, considering that Indiana lost to

Syracuse in the Sweet 16 — but remember the sports amnesia I mentioned in the first paragraph? I don’t.

So technology has failed me yet again. I only had two teams in the Great Eight and none in the Fantastic Four, which is not stellar, but better than some of the sports staff did. I did better than two of the six of them, to be specific, with 490 of 1920 points. I don’t think 25 percent is a passing grade in any class. At least I have time to improve my study skills before finals

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## GOLF



**THE UTAH STATE GOLF TEAM** has two tournaments remaining this season. The BYU Cougar Classic and the WAC Championships. *File photo*

# Higham leads USU

BY CONNOR COMEAU  
staff writer

The Utah State golf team finished up play on Tuesday at the Cowboy Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz. The team finished the tournament 22nd out of 24 teams with a 54-over 614. The Aggies have one

more event before finishing the season with the WAC championship, which will take place from April 30-May 1.

Junior Tanner Higham finished the final round with a 2-over 72, ending the tournament with a 9-over 149, finishing tied for 40th. Freshman Seokwon Jeon finished tied for 100th with a 18-over 158, shooting a 2-over 72 in the final round.

After the WAC championship, the team will get ready for the move to the Mountain West

Conference, which will take effect July 1.

“We feel like we have a good team and that we can compete in the conference,” said head coach Dean Johansen. “It will be very competitive with more good teams. Overall, we feel like the move will benefit us greatly.”

The Aggies will head to Provo to compete in the BYU Cougar Classic on April 26.

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## Renters need to be wary and proactive

Property owners and apartment managers juggling multiple projects too often drop the concerns of their tenants. But busy college students worrying about finances let apartment managers off the hook too often.

When apartment hunting off campus, the first thing college students on a budget notice is the rent. Most renters will do a walk-through inspection of an apartment, of course, but a monthly rent in the neighborhood of \$200 a month — not unheard of in Logan — will cover up more flaws than a double coat paint on the walls.

After spending a couple of months in an apartment, however, renters may notice areas in dire need of improvement. A leaky faucet, a broken major appliance or even a tattered screen door in the summer will need to be fixed eventually, but finding the time to dig up the apartment manager's contact info and letting him or her know can be a pain. If the renter is only paying a couple hundred dollars a month, their concerns may be neglected for longer than projects in higher-rent properties.

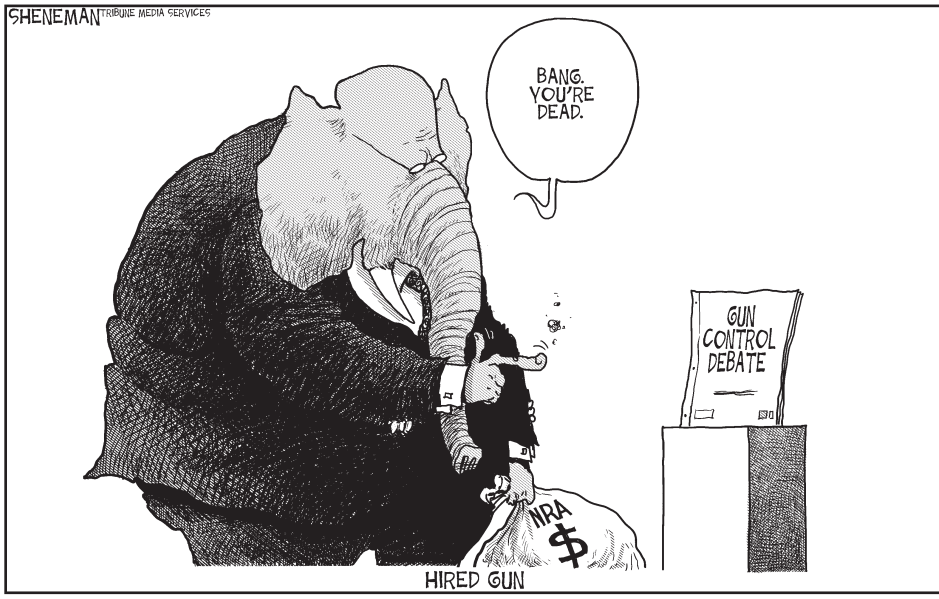
A standard rental agreement, as well as the laws in most municipalities, prohibit renters from undertaking major repairs on their own. So if a tenant's refrigerator is broken and the property manager loses the work order in a disorganized shuffle of papers, the fridge won't get fixed. Sure, many managers and owners could stand to be more organized, but wishing won't make it happen. Student renters need to be persistent, and they need to be proactive.

If you don't have a copy of your rental agreement, you need one. If you haven't read yours recently, read it. And perhaps more importantly, look up the tenant/landlord ordinances in your community. For Logan, it's the Logan City Tenant/Landlord Responsibilities Ordinance, available online if you search loganutah.org. If you don't know the rules, your landlord may inadvertently or intentionally take advantage of you.

So read up. Logan's ordinances mean landlords have the legal responsibility to repair certain appliances and fixtures — and if they fail to do so within a set length of time, tenants can take action and deduct the cost from the next month's rent, if they do it according to the law.

Be smart. Be proactive. Know your rights. Landlords can't change contract terms once you've signed without your consent, and they can't break the law — even if your rent is pretty cheap.

**Our View**  
An Editorial Opinion



## Forum Letters

### A call to action for old garden

To the editor:

As part of the annual LAEP Week activities, students in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning will be undertaking a service project on Wednesday, April 10, to kick-off of the restoration of the USU Passive Recreation Garden, or as we more commonly refer to it, Laval's Garden.

Laval's Garden is located in the small valley below the Living Learning Center and the LDS Institute, where 600 North dead-ends, north of the west parking terrace. The garden was originally created by the founder of LAEP, Laval Morris, and some LAEP students, between

1959-1961. The design featured pathways on three terraced levels, connected by red sandstone stairs. A water feature tumbled from an upper source to a lower pool, dropping over a 10-12 foot rock cascade. The area was planted with largely native plants, and served as an important learning lab for LAEP students for many years, as well as a popular student gathering space.

Today, the garden is sadly neglected and overgrown by invasive Siberian elm and other weed shrubs and trees. The many students who use the pathway and stairs up the hill on their way to classes from apartments below are aware of the "romantic ruins" buried in the brush, but know nothing of its former beauty and history. Construction of the Living Learning Center

some five to six years ago severed the remaining water system, starving the site of any remaining irrigation. Hopefully, all of that is about to change.

As part of the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of LAEP in the fall of 2014, we hope to be able to welcome our alumni back to at least a partially restored semblance of Laval's Garden. USU Landscape Operations and Maintenance has agreed to participate in the project, through the restoration of water and irrigation to the area, repair of the water feature, and a phased planting process. Our role is to help get the ball rolling by assisting with the clearing and grubbing of the lower garden area (phase one).

Michael Timmons

## GOP obstructing Obama appointees

The following editorial appeared in Wednesday's Washington Post:

Last month Senate Republicans unjustifiably blocked an up-or-down confirmation vote on Caitlin J. Halligan, nominated by President Obama to fill one of four empty spots on one of the country's top courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Despite her impeccable credentials and the support of conservative legal luminaries, only a single Republican voted to break a GOP filibuster.

How far will this unwarranted obstruction extend?

Wednesday, Washington Post blog-

ger Jonathan Bernstein notes, the country might very well find out. The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on the president's other nominee for the D.C. Circuit, Principal Deputy Solicitor General Sri Srinivasan, whose gold-plated legal resume is outmatched only by the glowing terms conservative advocates such as Theodore B. Olson, Kenneth W. Starr and Paul Clement used in their endorsements of his nomination. Mr. Srinivasan clerked for the Reagan-appointed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; he served with distinction in both the President George W. Bush and Obama Justice Departments. In his current job, his name has been inscribed on some top-rate briefs the government submitted to the Supreme Court.

In advance of the confirmation hearing, the Obama administration has been making

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### Nat'l View

A look at what others are saying

# Should the US legalize marijuana use?

Mike McPhie

From the left



For the first time in history, a significant majority of the American public is expressing support for the legalization of marijuana. Recent polls show 52-56 percent support and the implementation has already begun with legislation in states like Washington and Colorado. With rapidly-growing support, legalization seems inevitable and

there are strong arguments which back the public sentiment.

First, consider the current policy in the U.S. Every year, the government spends more than \$12 billion in drug enforcement. Add the amount it takes to prosecute and incarcerate offenders. The number of marijuana arrests far exceeds the number of violent crimes and more than half of the overcrowded prison system is filled with drug offenders. More than 40,000 inmates are serving time for pot possession, costing more than \$1 billion annually.

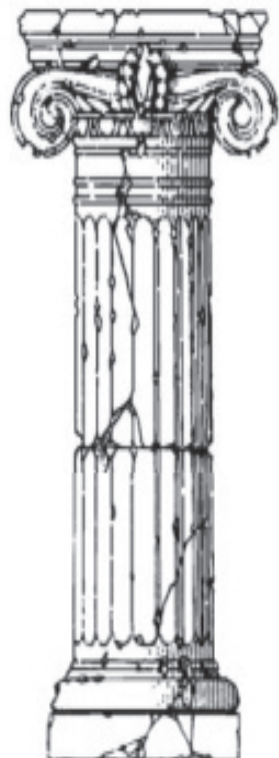
While so much time and money goes into prohibition, it is estimated around 50 percent of Americans under the age of 50 have smoked marijuana and more than 15 million citizens admit to regular use. It is clear that the enforcement is essentially ineffective to the point that use of the drug could be better regulated if it were legalized.

On the other hand, there are extensive benefits to decriminalization. Instead of spending billions of dollars hunting down minor criminals who pose little danger to society, legal marijuana would allow federal and state governments to safely regulate and tax the substance, generat-

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### A Column Divided

Two students take two angles on one political issue



Casey Saxton

From the right



Like so many social issues taking the forefront in American politics today, marijuana certainly has a seat at that table. We just saw the legalization of pot in Colorado and Washington during the last election cycle and a Pew Research Center poll released a few days ago shows 52 percent

of Americans favor its legalization. I question the poll's accuracy, but I certainly don't question the fact that public opinion about marijuana has become increasingly liberal over the last decade.

Personally, I don't support the legalization of marijuana. Not only do studies show marijuana use has negative health and behavioral side effects, I think it's also really gross — just look what it does to people's teeth. I absolutely subscribe to the idea that marijuana is a gateway drug. In fact, a recent survey by Yale University School of Medicine provides some evidence to support this idea.

Federal law currently prohibits marijuana to be bought, sold, possessed or used, and the states that have recently legalized the sale and use of pot are in direct contradiction to the federal law. Obviously that federal law isn't being strictly enforced at the moment, a move that may bring some problems to the states in the future that have legalized marijuana use.

The pro-pot crowd, including some Democrats

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# RIGHT: Marijuana harms health

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and most Libertarians, can get quite passionate about pot smoking and have several compelling arguments to support their case. Regardless of the pros or cons of marijuana legalization, perhaps the most compelling is the potential social cost marijuana use could have on our country.

Should marijuana ever be legalized in our country, it will bring with it huge social costs. More people will use the drug, which means more people will be affected by its negative health and behavioral side effects. Medical costs would rise significantly due to the decriminalization of pot; our healthcare system is strained and even broken as it is. Just look at the social cost tobacco has on society today; do we really want

to increase the immense healthcare and social burden taxpayers already bear by decriminalizing marijuana? I don't think so.

Marijuana advocates often assume if pot were to be legalized, everyone would act as "responsible" users and overall use of the drug would drop. Dream on if that's your best argument. Decriminalization of pot will increase use of the drug, and by extension, abuse of the drug.

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# LEFT: Studies show benefits of legalization

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ing millions of dollars in revenue. Like alcohol and tobacco, laws should be passed to enforce responsible usage, while allowing individuals to make their own decisions about the substance. In fact, apart from the legal status, little is likely to change. A study published in the Journal of Public Health states that "the evidence indicates that the decriminalization of marijuana had little or no impact on rates of use."

From a medical perspective, it is puzzling why marijuana is illegal in the first place. Unlike the health risks of tobacco and the incapacitating effects of excessive alcohol, marijuana is relatively safe. While countless prescription drugs are advertised with side-effects ranging from heart failure to suicide, the impact of marijuana has been labeled "moderately safe" with only minor and very few long-term effects, not to mention the actual medical benefits. The American Medical Association has noted the successful use of marijuana in treating glaucoma,

asthma, anxiety and in chemotherapy treatment.

The public support for legalization shouldn't, as some have suggested, be seen as a decline in morals, but a rise in responsibility. It is not the role of government to dictate the lifestyle of citizens with criminal consequences for those who don't cooperate. So long as individuals aren't endangering others, it is their prerogative to live their own lives.

The prohibition of marijuana has been an expensive failure. Drugs are still being taken as readily as ever and money has been wasted. Is legalization an endorsement for everyone to smoke pot? No, but it puts the decision in the hands of those responsible for their own health and lifestyle.

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# GOP: Both parties will regret obstruction

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public and private appeals on Mr. Srinivasan's behalf. Much has been made of the political stakes. Judges on the D.C. Circuit regularly ascend to the Supreme Court. Unlike his predecessors, Mr. Obama did not get any of his nominees onto the powerful appeals court in his first term. During that time, the D.C. Circuit's one-vote conservative majority repudiated some of the president's policies.

But it would be a counterproductive mistake for lawmakers to confuse consideration of Mr.

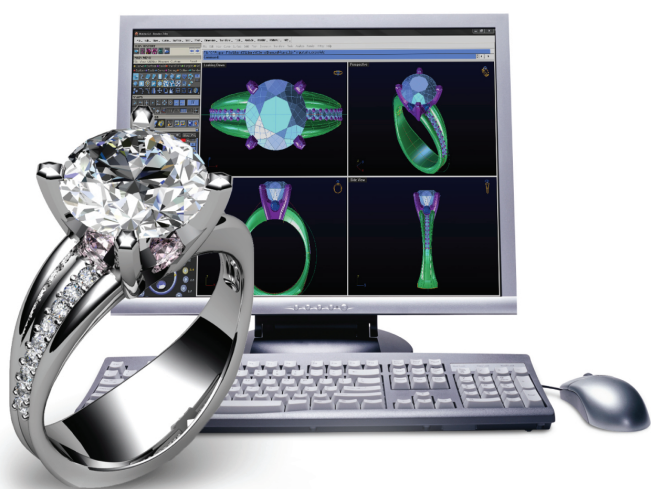
Srinivasan's nomination with a vote on the Obama years or policies. It's not. It's about the institutional interest that both parties have in allowing presidents to staff the government and judiciary with well-qualified nominees of their choice, a norm that senators of both parties have eroded, we hope not irreparably.

"That the Senate has since 1993 denied confirmation to three of every 10 circuit nominees reflects a new (and unfortunate) normal," Brookings Institution's Russell Wheeler wrote in a recent analysis. The fili-

bustering of D.C. Circuit nominees in particular did not begin with Ms. Halligan. During Mr. Bush's first term, Democrats denied the well-qualified Miguel A. Estrada a spot on the court, to which Republicans reacted with understandable outrage.

It's Republicans who are doing the obstructing now, and, no matter who started it, it has to stop. If it does not, a frustrated majority party will at some point give in to temptation and strip the minority of its senatorial prerogatives — a result that both parties will rue in time.

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Today is Thursday, April 11, 2013. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Kyle Todd, a sophomore majoring in ecology from Buffalo, Wyo.

Almanac

On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13, the third lunar landing mission, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert, and Fred W. Haise. The spacecraft's destination was the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon.

Weather

High: 53° Low: 31° Skies: Rain and snow showers in the morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Humidity: 74 percent



# The USU Back Burner

## Thursday April 11

- Aggie Blue Bikes Sale, ABB Shop 10-5 p.m.
- Movie: Life Cycles, TSC Auditorium 7 p.m.
- The Joy of Depression Workshop, TSC 310B 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- Group Meditation, TSC 335 12-1 p.m.
- Undergraduate Awards, TSC Sunburst Lounge 12-1 p.m.
- Organic Agriculture: Strengths and Limitations, ENG 103 4 p.m.
- Lobby Open House, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art 5-6 ;30 p.m.
- Pre-Auditions for "Tarzan," Morgan Theatre 6-8 p.m.
- USU Yarncraft Guild, TSC Juniper Lounge 7-9 p.m.
- Free Regency Dancing Lessons, HPER 7-8 p.m.
- Brass Happenings, The Performance Hall 7:30-9 p.m.

## Friday April 12

- Chef Demonstrations: Local Farms Chef Fork Tables, TSC Patio 11:30-1:30 p.m.
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, TSC Bookstore 11-2 p.m.
- City of Rocks Spring Climbing Trip, ORC 1-6 p.m.
- PSU Volleyball Luau, HPER 5:30 p.m.
- 2nd Friday Gallery Walk, 6-9 p.m.
- Relay for Life Even, All Day
- Spring Chamber Performance, The Performance Hall 7:30-9 p.m.

## Saturday April 13

- Chef Demonstrations: Local Farms Chef Fork Tables, TSC Patio 11:30-1:30 p.m.

## Monday April 15

- Fall Semester Priority Registration (Matriculated Grad Students, Second Bachelor's and Seniors 90+ earned Credits)
- Navigating a Crisis of Faith Workshop (4), TSC 310 2-3:30 p.m.
- Making it Through Hard Times Workshop, TSC 310 B 50-6:30 p.m.
- Italian Club, Old Main 006 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- A Week: Red Bull Chariot Race, 7-9 p.m.
- Caine Jazz Combo, Kent Concert Hall 8-10 p.m.

## Tuesday April 16

- Fall Semester Registration Juniors (60+ earned credits)
- Overcoming Test Anxiety, TSC 335 10-11 a.m.

### FYI:

It's time for the annual spring concert, "Brass Happenings" on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall when the Department of Music highlights the students studying brass instruments.

Need help finding high-quality sources, formatting PowerPoint, formatting a bibliography or organizing your paper? **Get personalized help** at the Merrill-Cazier Library for your paper, presentation or final project from writing tutors, librarians and computer lab assistants. No appointment necessary and all students welcome. The workshop will run April 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each day. Workshop sponsored by the Writing Center, the Merrill-Cazier Library and the Student Lab Services.

The USU Department of Theatre Arts is holding pre-auditions for the spring 2014 production of "Tarzan" on April 11. Due to the vocal and physical demands of the show, including swinging from vines, casting is open to ALL USU students. Prepare 16 bars of a pop musical song for the audition and be ready to learn music from the show. For more information, contact Ken Risch (ken.risch@usu.edu) or Luke Shepherd (luke.shepherd@aggiemail.usu.edu).

John P. Reganold, Regents Professor of Soil Science and Agroecology at Washington State University will be giving a lecture entitled, **Organic Agriculture: Strengths and Limitations** on April 11 at 4 p.m. in ENGR 103.

The annual spring **String Chamber performance** is on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall, featuring students in the Department of Music studying string instruments with members of the Fry Street Quartet.

**Walk a Mile in Her Shoes** will be on April 12 outside of the TSC Campus Store. For more information contact Rachele Webb at saaviinfo@aggiemail.usu.edu or 435-797-1510.

Come to the **LDS Institute World Expo and Talent Show**. It will be held April 12 at 7:00 pm in the Institute Cultural Hall. You'll enjoy a night of tal-

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Valley Dance Ensemble **celebrates its 30th anniversary** with CONNECT, Friday and Saturday April 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. at the Ellen Eccles Theatre in downtown Logan. Admission is \$12 adults, \$6 students and children, \$25 family.

Christopher Marshall of the University of British Columbia will speak on **modern comics and ancient literature**, in particular, the Sandman graphic novel series. He will speak April 12 at Widtsoe Hall 007 at 2 p.m.

Estelle Carr and Melissa Farely's **freshman violin recital** will be April 14 in FAC 220 at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The graduating students in the Department of Art & Design Interior Design program are **showcasing their portfolio work** in the Tippetts Exhibit Hall in the Chase Fine Arts Center on USU's campus from April 15-26. This exhibition is free and open to the public.

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