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# The Utah Statesman

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## Airsoft pellet causes flooding in Davis Hall

BY TAMERA BRADLEY  
 staff writer

Students at Davis Hall were forced out of their rooms Tuesday night due to an emergency sprinkler that was accidentally set off on the fourth floor.

Sage Long, whose apartment flooded, said she was sitting in her dorm with some neighbors at about 9 p.m. when one of the resident males began shooting an airsoft gun.

A pellet ricocheted off the pumpkin he was shooting, hitting and breaking the glass bulb on the emergency sprinkler head, according to housing coordinator Katie Bohm.

"It kind of just went everywhere, like Titanic when the wall blew in," said Long, a freshman majoring in health education. "And then within like a minute, it was already up to my ankles."

Katie Pehrson who lives in the apartment directly below Long, said she and her roommate heard screaming coming from upstairs. Then they saw the water coming in from the ceiling.

"We were just like, 'There's a waterfall in our kitchen,'" said Pehrson, a freshman majoring in family, consumer and human development. After the fire alarms went off, Pehrson said they were evacuated from the building.

Jordan Ames, the resident assistant at Davis, notified on-call maintenance who arrived shortly. Bohm said it took eight minutes to turn off the sprinkler, which released several gallons of

water per second.

"We came back in and we had like three inches of standing water in our living room area," Pehrson said.

Pehrson said the water went all the way down to the main floor, soaking the carpets and ceilings.

Steven Jenson, executive director of Housing and Residence Life, said the fire department, police and on call maintenance staff were all very quick to respond.

"We hired ARS to come in with some extraction equipment and hurried to suck up all the water as best we could," Jenson said. "Then we put a bunch of fans in there to dry things out."

Pehrson said the water got the floor under her bed wet and had soaked through the walls of her roommate's closet.

"They have three big fans in there and it stinks really bad," Pehrson said.

According to Jenson, a total of six apartments were affected by the accident.

Jenson said safety is very important on campus, so there are sprinklers in all of the student housing in case of fire.

"We don't want any loss of life," Jenson said.

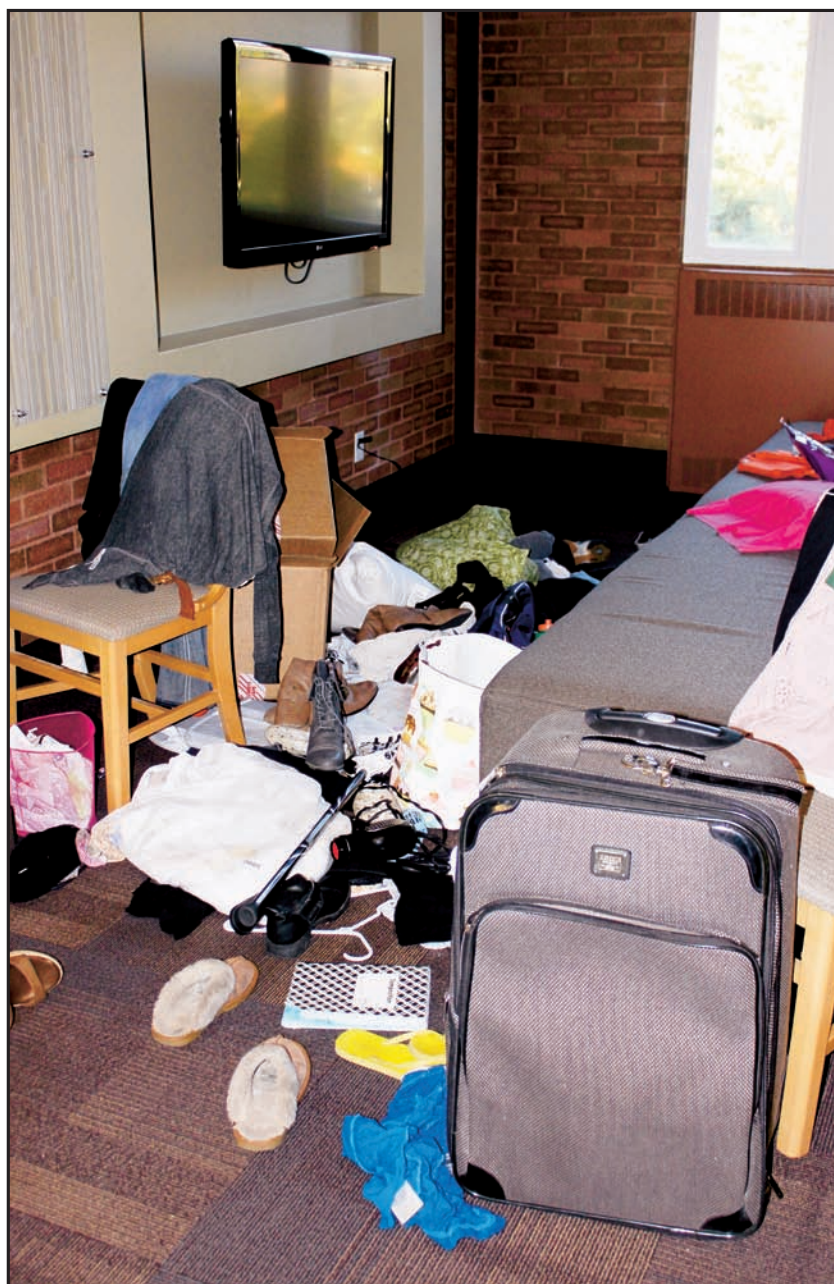
Jenson said the affected students were unable to sleep in their dorms that night due to the water damage. He said Housing offered them alternative accommodations, but the students declined.

"It's a really close-knit community there in Davis Hall and so they chose to stay in the building rather than being separated and move to different parts of the campus," Jenson said. "They worked it out among themselves." Long said she and her roommates stayed with their neighbors and Pehrson said she slept

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RESIDENTS OF DAVIS HALL quickly removed items from their dorm rooms to the hallway Tuesday night after an airsoft pellet set off a fire sprinkler. JESSICA FIFE photos



## Technology Fair helps students find career opportunities

BY LEANN FOX  
 staff writer

Major companies based around the world came to USU's Tech Expo on Tuesday in search of students majoring in engineering, science, math and business.

Each year, USU students are given the opportunity to make face-to-face contact with representatives from several corporations. Hundreds of potential internships and job possibilities were presented to USU students seeking careers in technical fields.

Kenny Bennett, a representative from Hill Air force Base, said he loves to hire USU students.

"We come to USU in search of the best engineers in the country," Bennett said. "They have one of the best space dynamics labs we have seen in years. Hiring 20-30 students per year from USU, this Tech Expo is something we value coming to."

Local and internationally based companies prepared informational booths to inform USU students about technical careers. Goldman Sachs and Company, Icon, Google, L-3 Communications, Yescos Electronics, Micron,

Monsanto and the US Navy were among those attending the expo. Emphases in agriculture, finance, electronics, and exercise equipment were among the career fields showcased.

Many of the same companies come to USU's Tech Expo year after year to recruit top quality, dependable students who are ready for the technical world. Nucor, a steel manufacturing company, has been represented by employees at the event for the last six years.

"We feel that being local and being able to offer a career in a competitive field makes us especially attractive to USU students," said Wes Frampton, a Nucor employee. "We find just what we are looking for every year."

For other companies, this was their first year attending the Tech Expo. Travis LeGrande from Big West Oil said USU's Tech Expo is a way businesses get their name out and make students aware of the opportunities technical fields have to offer. Small local companies as well as large industrial companies came for the first time to USU.

"The expo is mostly networking," said Lanetta Sova,

a junior majoring in electrical engineering major. "It helps me get my name and face out there to prospecting employers. Today I have made some good contacts and I am going to email and apply to the ones that seemed most interested."

Students from different majors took the opportunity to network last Tuesday. Jonathan Schultz, was assigned by his professor to attend the expo. Schultz, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, said he found even though he wasn't on the market for a job, he was provided valuable information about things that interested him.

"I have a good job right now, but this Tech Expo is very helpful to students that are looking for careers in engineering and science," Schultz said.

Students also had the opportunity to host an employer by providing them information about the building, offering to give them a lunch break, and by watching their booth and following up with the employee.

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STUDENTS TALK TO BUSINESS representatives at the Tech Expo on Tuesday afternoon. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

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# Community colleges' crisis slows students' progress

BY STEPHEN CEASAR  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES – The first course Charity Hansen is taking as a freshman at Pasadena City College is a basic class on managing time, speaking up in discussions, setting ambitious goals and then going after them.

If only she could.

It's the only class she managed to get this semester. No math. No English. No science. "I can't use what I'm being taught yet because I can't get these classes," said Hansen, a 19-year-old from Los Angeles who hopes one day to become a psychologist. "It's frustrating." Hansen's college education has stalled just as it is beginning. Like thousands of students in California's community college system, she has been reduced to taking one class because there's no room in other classes.

Instead of a full-time load of 12 units, some students are taking three units or even less. Frustrated students linger on waiting lists or crash packed classes hoping professors will add them later. They see their chances of graduating or transferring diminishing.

It's a product of years of severe budget cuts and heavy demand in the two-year college system. The same situation has affected the Cal State and University of California systems, but the impact has been most deeply felt in the 2.4 million-student community college system – the nation's

largest.

At Pasadena City College, nearly 4,000 students who are seeking a degree or to transfer are taking a single class this fall. About 63 percent are taking less than 12 units and are considered part time. The school has slashed 10 percent of its classes to save money.

The lives of some community college students have become a slow-motion academic crawl, sometimes forcing them to change their career paths and shrink their ambitions.

Mark Rocha, president of Pasadena City College, said California's once-vaunted community college system has never been in such a precarious state.

"It breaks our hearts," he said. "The students who are here, we're desperately telling them 'Don't drop out, don't give up hope. We'll get you through.'"

Since 2007, money from the state's general fund, which provides the bulk of the system's revenue, has decreased by more than a third, dropping from a peak of nearly \$3.9 billion to about \$2.6 billion last year.

Without enough money, course offerings have dropped by almost a quarter since 2008. In a survey, 78 of the system's 112 colleges reported more than 472,300 students were on waiting lists for classes this fall semester – an average of about 7,150 per campus.

California ranks 36th in the nation in the number of students who finish with a degree or who transfer to a

four-year university, according to a February report by the Little Hoover Commission. Many students drop out before completing even half of what is required to earn a typical associate's degree, the report found. Even for those who persevere, it can take years to graduate – well beyond the two years it once took.

Cinthia Garcia thought she was on the right track. She went straight from high school to El Camino College in Torrance with plans to transfer to a four-year university.

That was six years ago.

"I've been in school forever," said the 24-year-old graphic design major from Compton. At El Camino, she struggled to get classes, typically landing a spot in only two or three. The art department at El Camino began losing professors and Garcia decided she needed a change.

Pasadena City College, with a respected arts program, was appealing, so she moved to Los Angeles to be closer to school.

Still, she was unable to enroll in more advanced art classes, in part because they also were full.

She emailed every instructor in the art department, searching for a class. One responded. She told Garcia she would help her get the last seat in a Web design class. By then, the class was full, but a few days later, someone dropped the course and Garcia was in.

"All that for just one class,"

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**CHARITY HANSON LISTENS** to her instructor, Evangelina Quintanar, in her Personal Growth and Development class at Pasadena Community College. This is her only class as she was unable to get into other classes because of over-crowding. MCT photo

## A presidential honor



**MARY ROBINSON SIGNS BOOKS** after her speech on Wednesday afternoon. Robinson was the first female president of Ireland. She is a current member of the "Elders", an organization focused on social justice. The group was started by former South Africa president Nelson Mandela. SAMANTHA BEHL PHOTO

## FLOOD: Residents' property damaged

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on the couch in the hall.

Jenson said weapons are not allowed in the dorms, but that the airsoft gun that caused the accident is considered a toy. He said many students own similar toys, especially with Human vs. Zombies games happening this week.

"But it was an accident," Jenson said. "We realize those things happen, but unfortunately it's going to impact several people."

Jenson said they need a few more days to allow things to dry out before they can assess the situation, but that they anticipate considerable damage.

"We're just in the process of filing an insurance claim right now, but we can't even officially do that for the next couple weeks," Jenson said. "We need to make sure we assess all the damages that result from it. That's why we brought those experts in to try and get it cleaned up as quickly as we could."

Jenson said they always encourage students to have renter's insurance, and this is a good reminder. He said that when accidents like these happen, it's the financial responsibility of the student. Renter's insurance is inexpensive and covers the cost of damage to the student's personal property as well, Jenson said.

According to Jenson, Housing will file a claim with the state of Utah, and it is then up to the state to determine if the person who caused the accident should be responsible.

"So that part of it is kind of out of our control," Jenson said.

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**ASUSU SPENT \$8000** on four TVs for the student info booth at the start of the school year. The screens are available for student organizations to advertise events. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

## ASUSU seeks to improve info booth

BY CRYSTAL RUPP  
staff writer

New changes to the ASUSU student information booth in the TSC are being made to better advertise campus events. The biggest change so far, the installation of four flat screen TVs, took place just before school started.

Christian Thrapp, ASUSU president, said this change was greatly needed. Before the televisions, there was only a whiteboard for advertising.

"The TVs enhances it a lot," Thrapp said. "It's a lot more visual and easier to understand what's going on."

Thrapp said the student information booth is a great benefit to students because it's a central place on campus. He said it's important that the student booth is well kept in order to get information out to the students in the best way possible.

"It's a hub of information of what's going on within ASUSU and the university as well," he said. "Through the TSC, you get a lot of traffic between classes, and so that's a really good opportunity to help people to know what's going

on within the university."

Thrapp said there are still many changes that need to be made to make the booth more effective. Right now, the four TVs display many of the same messages because most clubs haven't taken advantage of them. Thrapp said he still believes all four TVs are necessary for the booth.

"I feel like walking by, seeing those TVs flashing, you know exactly what's going on that week," he said. "I really do feel like it's an asset to us."

Thrapp said he believes over time, more clubs will start using the booth to advertise as they realize what's available to them and all four TVs will display different information. The TVs cost \$8,000, but most of the money came from ASUSU members' budgets and is included in activities fees. Linda Zimmerman, the executive director of Student Involvement and Leadership, said the rest was paid for through Capital and Support.

"Capital and Support is a fund that we have that any student organization can come and request money," she said. "We have approximately \$54,000 a year in a pot that

students can come and request for whatever they are doing."

The TVs did not directly increase student fees, but Chaise Warr, the programming vice president of ASUSU, said the changes weren't risk free.

"First I was a little nervous, but sitting in class and hearing what students have said, a lot of them have noticed the info booth," Warr said. "I've seen successes come from it already so I would like to figure out ways to expand it."

The new TVs aren't the only changes ASUSU is looking into. Thrapp said the council hopes to implement more ways to advertise about student events. ASUSU is developing a weekly email that students can opt into, he said.

Katie Chapman, a junior majoring in English, said she has noticed the changes made to the student information booth. She said the new TVs aren't the change that has really been important.

"I've noticed that the representatives have been there and consistently available to the students," she said. "I feel like having the student representatives at the booth make them more approachable to the stu-

dents."

Chapman said the cost of the new additions don't bother her.

"I think that it's important to update technology because that's what everyone's going toward and that's what you need to talk to the people you're trying to reach," she said. "Fliers are great, but really people are ignoring fliers. In the long run, the TVs are going to save on cost."

Chapman said the new changes are geared toward students having the chance to connect with the ASUSU officers more.

"I don't think that it has anything to do with the TVs," Chapman said. "I think it has more to do with the personal connections with the people that's really going to help. It really comes down to relationships with people."

"I just want people to realize that they do have the opportunity to know what's going on and that they have the opportunity to come talk to the ASUSU officers as well," Thrapp said.

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## COLLEGE: Packed classes stop some from graduating

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she said, shaking her head.

The crowding has rippled through the school, causing long waits to see academic counselors – an important issue for many community college students who need advice on navigating the sometimes complex requirements to transfer to Cal State, UC or a private university.

At El Camino, Garcia said, the lines to see counselors were hours long. She'd make appointments weeks in advance, never seeing the same adviser twice, she said.

"I tried to do it on my own but I was only able to get so far," she said. "Students are isolated because the counselors have such an overwhelming load."

Garcia said all the delays have made her life harder. She had a full-time job at Ikea, but cut back her hours, hoping the extra time would allow her to power through Pasadena City College.

Over the years, she has shifted her goals from a four-year degree, to a community college associate's degree, and now to a certificate, which requires fewer credits.

That decision could cost her in the long run.

A study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor showed that in 2009, the median weekly earnings of workers with bachelor's

degrees was about \$1,137—about a third more than workers with an associate's degree.

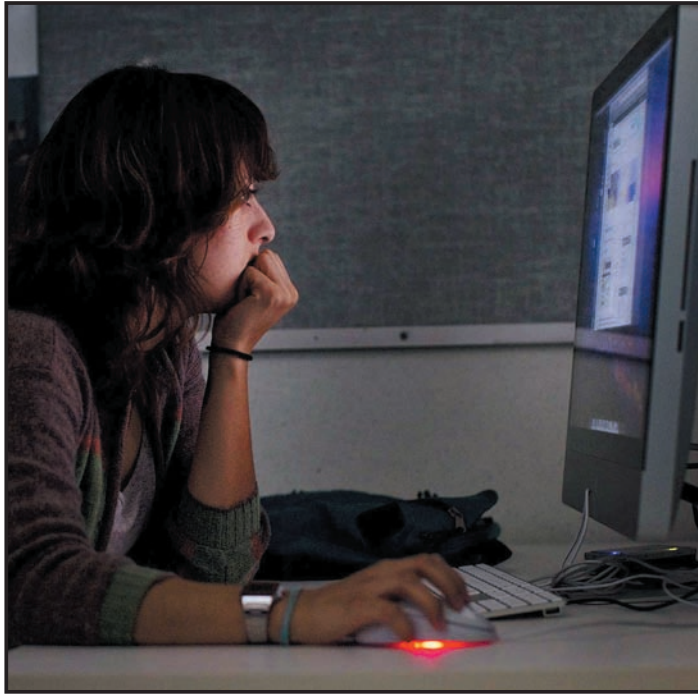
Jeffrey MacGillivray attended three community colleges in search of classes and direction. He started at Los Angeles Harbor College, then tried West Los Angeles College, where he failed to get into any classes, and now he is at El Camino.

This fall, he managed to find a seat in only one academic class – philosophy. He later added a boxing class to fill some mornings. "I was thinking I can just go to community college, do my two years and transfer," said the 20-year-old Redondo Beach resident. "I had no idea I'd probably end up at El Camino for four years."

MacGillivray has focused much of his attention on trying to play football and run track in community college in hopes of getting a scholarship to a four-year school.

But he has never been able to get enough classes – at least 12 units each semester – to qualify for a team. At El Camino this semester, 98 percent of class sections are filled to capacity.

"It's really frustrating, having this goal of running track at a university and graduating with a degree," he said. "Junior college is being a bigger obstacle than it should be."



**CINTHIA GARCIA ATTENDS** her web design class at Pasadena City College. Despite her best efforts, she was unable to enroll in more than one class this semester. MCT photo

Next semester, MacGillivray may be changing schools again. He was offered a chance to join the Long Beach City College track team – with the possibility that the school could help him get the classes he needs.

For all the trouble, MacGillivray said there is a bright side to his academic wanderings. After two years, he's figured out what he wants to major in – media arts.

And to his surprise, he has discovered that he actually enjoys philosophy.

On a recent afternoon, he listened intently as his professor lectured on ethical relativism – the belief that morality is linked to the social norms of one's culture.

"She's so deep," MacGillivray said of his professor. "I only got one class, so it's pretty cool it was that one."

## Briefs

Campus & Community

### Downtown alliance hosts zombie walk

What do you get when hundreds of zombies gather together for a walk down Historic Main Street? Hopefully a lot of food for the Cache Community Food Pantry.

This annual event, now in its second year, will take place on Friday, 19 Oct. 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Participants, dressed as zombies (or perhaps zombie hunters) will be gathering on the grounds of the Historic Cache County Courthouse beginning at 6:00pm. Every zombie and on-looker is encouraged to bring one or more non-perishable food items in support of the Cache Community Food Pantry.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., the entire hoard of zombies and zombie hunters will head south on Main Street (sidewalk on westside of road) to 100 South and then cross Main Street to the and work their way back to 200 North. Photos will be posted online. This event is free and open to the public.

### Helicon West hosts Utah poet at library

On Thursday, Oct. 11, Helicon West presents "Out of the Ivory Tower: Poets' Engagement in the Community" featuring Utah's Poet Laureate, Lance Larsen; Katharine Coles, former Poet Laureate; Rebecca Packard, editor of Provo Orem Word; and Star Coulbrooke, director of Helicon West. The event takes place at 7:00 pm at the Logan Library, 255 North Main.



LANCE LARSEN

Utah poet laureate Lance Larsen and former Utah poet laureate Katharine Coles will read from their work at our next event, Thursday, October 11, 7 PM, at the Logan Library, 255 North Main. They will be joined by yours truly, Star Coulbrooke, in a panel discussion moderated by Rebecca Packard, editor of the online literary magazine, Provo Orem Word. Audience participation will be much-appreciated, as we consider poets' and writers' engagement in the community.

An open microphone session for original creative writing will follow. Arrive early to sign up. Coffee will be provided by Caffe Ibis. As always, Helicon West is free,

### 'E Pluribus Unum' combines 16 artists

In Latin, the phrase "E Pluribus Unum" means "from many, one." At Utah State University, it's interpreted as an art response to the ultra-partisan nature of the United States' current political climate. At USU, the term is used as the title of a new art exhibit that can be seen Oct. 17 through Nov. 9. An opening reception is Friday, Oct. 19.

The exhibit is a collaborative project involving 16 artists, most based in Utah. Bills selected the artists for their range of styles and artistic emphasis, including sculpture, paint and wood carving. Among the artists are several faculty members from the University of Utah and Brigham Young University, the owner of the Kayo Gallery in Salt Lake City and a teacher from Copper Hills High School in West Jordan.

Artists were invited to create a piece on their own and also work in pairs to create another piece.

"E Pluribus Unum" can be seen in the Tippetts Exhibit Hall, located in the Chase Fine Arts Center on USU's Logan campus. The exhibit hall is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m..

The Oct. 19 opening reception runs from 6-8 p.m. at the Tippetts Exhibit Hall.

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## Students living the American dream

APRIL ASHLAND  
features senior writer

Being a full-time student is the same as having a full time job, but for some, school is complicated by owning and operating their own businesses.

Trevor Knudsen is a senior in international agribusiness and Spanish and owns three of his own businesses: a disk jockey business, a farrier or horseshoeing business and his own veggie farm.

Knudsen said he started just out of high school as a DJ and said he hadn't planned on starting his own business as a DJ — he fell into it.

"My friends and I had a band in high school and we played a few gigs," he said. "After, I had friends and relatives who asked if they could borrow the speakers, and eventually had some other people who offered to pay me for that."

Knudsen now DJs at least three times a week, and occasionally works six nights a week.

"It's gotten to the point where I have hired my brother to take on some of the work," he said.

Knudsen is no stranger to music and said he plays the guitar, flute, harmonica, drums, is currently learning banjo and can play a little on the mandolin. Most of these instruments he has learned by reading books and getting advice from other people.

Knudsen said his background in music has affected his business as a DJ because the type of event he works will affect the music he plays.

"Most people like popular stuff, but understanding music and what music can be danced to and different moods has helped out," he said. "You have to understand not just the beat, but the mood and the beat. I like that challenge of looking at a crowd and saying, 'What can I play that will make them feel the way they're supposed to?'"

Knudsen said he began his farrier business because he has a horse he needed to have shoes on and said he realized how



**TREVOR KNUDSEN OPERATES HIS OWN** veggie farm and works as both a DJ and a farrier. A senior majoring in international agribusiness and Spanish, he said he also plays several instruments. *MICKELLE YEATES photo*

expensive it could be to pay a farrier, so he took a class at USU when he was in high school and then apprenticed to a professional.

"I took a week off of classes in high school and kind of learned, and then that summer I went around with the farrier and he'd get overbooked, so he gave some to me," Knudsen said.

Knudsen said after a year of farrier work, he had to cut back on the work because it is so physically demanding.

"At the rate I was going at the time, I'd be crippled by the time I was 30," he said. "So right now I've only got about five clients, but they keep me busy."

Knudsen's vegetable farm began as a plan in an agribusiness class, where he was required to create the plan for a business and do the market research and the leg work for the business.

Knudsen has land where he keeps his

horses and said he doesn't have the capital to break into raising animals, but since there's a growing demand for local vegetables, he decided to take his senior project and make it a reality.

He raised watermelon, cantaloupe, broccoli, cabbage, radishes, sunflowers, corn, beans, carrots, onions and many other plants. He didn't stick to his original plan of a few often-sold vegetables and said he should have.

"If you have a business plan and it works out, you should probably stick with it," Knudsen said. "I had this plan and I sort of scrapped it, which was not the smartest thing."

Preston Rainey is a senior in business entrepreneurship and has owned two businesses while in college. He said his classes really helped his businesses to grow. Rainey owns his own physical training gym with his brother Nick in Provo and said the

whole process has been a learning experience.

"We bought the gym in December 2011, which was nice because we didn't have to do the start-up, but we've been building it since then," he said. "We started the year with no clients, and right now we have about 15."

Rainey said he doesn't receive any money from the business. He and his brother are putting all profit back into the business to make sure it continues growing. He said being a student and owning a business is exhausting, but his schooling is helping with it.

"I'm in my marketing class, and I'm thinking about how to apply the techniques to my business, in my finance class and relating it to the finances," he said.

Rainey said being a student and owning a business is difficult, especially having a class-load of group projects and papers on top of his business dealings.

"I go to bed at night thinking about my business and you wake up stressed about it," he said. "I handle angry clients and the office work and do schoolwork."

Knudsen said he has learned much from the process of owning his own business, including knowledge of what it's like to own a business and the pros of working for other people.

"It's nice because I am in charge of how much I work and I can decide to take on more or less work," he said. "But at the same time, I can't call someone and ask if they can cover my shift."

Owning and operating his businesses has allowed Knudsen to work when he wants, and he said that while he owns three businesses, not all of them are full time.

"In the summer I did a lot with my veggie farm and as a farrier, but now that school is in, I don't work quite as much," he said.

Knudsen and Rainey said the future is open for the future of their businesses.

"I have an idea and there's a place with an open market and no competition, so I'm looking forward to what's next," Rainey said.

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## 'Freegans' score free meals

BY DANI HAYES  
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A freegan is an individual who prescribes to a strict dietary code of only consuming free food.

This use of the word was coined by Katie Swain and McKenna Drew, who challenged themselves to eat only free food during the last two weeks of spring semester of 2012. This year, Swain created a Twitter account to spread the freegan spirit around USU campus.

"We got an idea in our head that there is so much free food on campus and if we were to keep up on it, it would be so easy to only eat free food," said Swain, a junior double majoring in print journalism and art. "I don't think people realize how much free food is on campus. All we have to do is keep our ears open and eyes open."

Swain and Drew became strict freegans. They didn't buy any food the last two weeks of the semester. Swain said they would keep each other informed via text messages about the free food opportunities on and around campus.

"We bummed food off of people on campus," Swain said. "We would be on campus and text each other that there is free donuts at the education building."

Because of their success as freegans during the end of the semester, Swain now tweets about any opportunity for free food she hears from people, newspapers or flyers.

"I'll see something and just tweet about it immediately," Swain said. "Anything with free food I will tweet it. This could be the next big thing."

As of Oct. 8, @freegancrashers has 26 followers on Twitter. Swain said she is confident the freegans will grow as college students are poor and always on the lookout for opportunities for free food.

"College kids are looking for ways to cut corners," she said. "They like quirky things and this is quirky. It's the kind of thing that people think, 'Oh that would be a cool thing to do,' but they haven't started. A lot of people I think have been waiting for something like this."

"It is the best idea ever," said Kai'a Pfeiffer, a sophomore dual majoring in marketing and graphic design. "Katie is like a modern Gandhi because she brings free food to everyone through the simple app of Twitter."

Pfeiffer said he specifically got a Twitter account to follow the freegans. He thinks it's perfect for students.

"College students are poor and like free food — they like free anything," he said. "It's going to take all the campuses by storm. There are going to be freegan



**KATIE SWAIN, A JUNIOR MAJORING** in journalism and art, uses Twitter to share opportunities for free food on campus to help other students save money. *Photo courtesy of Katie Swain*

crashers on every campus."

Interest is already circulating around campus.

"It's a really good idea," said Briana Thomas, a sophomore majoring in biology. "I always try and look and see on newspapers and posters on campus but it's great that it's all in one place now."

"I don't work and just go to school full time, so it's awesome," said Jon Thomas, a sophomore dual majoring in physics and math. "If there's free food, we will be there. We are always hitting up the Quad if there is free food. We are all hungry and poor."

The freegans are Swain's new obsession, she said. She is constantly telling people about the Twitter account and looking for free food opportunities.

"It doesn't take much," she said. "You just need to look around, look at signs and listen to what people are saying. They are announcing free food all the time. We

decided that our motto is 'It's not that they don't care, it's that they don't know.'"

Swain said she understands if freegans get too big, it could possibly cause a problem.

"I've been tweeting more about bigger events where a lot of people are involved," she said. "I think people would have noticed if 30 random people showed up at some engineering thing that they weren't involved in. I tweet about things that the groups want more people to be involved in."

The word freegan is a play off the world vegan, Swain said. Where vegans have a strict diet of no meat or animal byproduct, freegans have a strict diet of free food.

"We're not foodies, we're freegans — it's a way of life," she said.

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# Feral cat population dwindling

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Feral cat population maintained by volunteers. There are about 76 cats who live on campus, all with clipped left ears. These cats are called the Aggie Cats, and are cared for by volunteers and supported by donors on and off campus.

The Aggie Cats live in many areas on campus — a colony of four lives next to the Junction, and another lives by the Townhouses. Whit Milligan, director of resident housing, was one of the founding members of the Aggie Cat Services, which began as an organization dedicated to reducing the feral cat population on campus in 2004.

Milligan said before Aggie Cat Services organized, the Pre-Vet Club, headed by a professor in the veterinary science department who was a veterinarian, used the cats as an example to students of spaying and neutering procedures. However, the intent of the group was not the same.

"They didn't go in with the intent to reduce the number of feral cats, which is what we do," Milligan said. "So when that professor left, the program ended."

The transition in purpose and organizations began at that crossroads in time, with one woman who Milligan said was passionate about the humane treatment of cats and connected a group of concerned campus residents to Utah No More Homeless Pets in Salt Lake City.

The Pre-Vet Club chose the name Aggie Cat Services, and the core group of five people received training on the Trap, Neuter, Release which is in place today.

Trap, Neuter, Release is a program employed by cities across the state, such as West Valley City, to decrease the population of feral cats in a humane and manageable way. According to the No More Homeless Pets website, one unsprayed female cat can have about 3 litters of kittens a year. Each litter of kittens is from 4 to 6 kittens, who can breed within a year.

"The beautiful thing about TNR is that it's costly and time-consuming on the front end, but as time goes on it all drops off," Milligan said. "We haven't had to do a trapping since May of 2011."

Milligan said the Trap, Neuter, Release program stops the breeding and therefore slows the growth of feral cat populations. Before Aggie Cats, the fix to a call about a feral cat on campus was usually handled by USU Facilities or USU Police.

"Before, it was the police or facilities people who had to respond to calls, trap the cats and have them taken down to the Animal Control to have them put to sleep," Milligan said. "So after the training, they said if it worked, they were on board."

The group worked with wildlife officials, city council members from local communities such as North Logan, Providence and Smithfield, as well as Human Resources from USU in order to create their guidelines.

Since the founding of the group with the specific mission 8 years ago, the program has trapped and spayed or neutered 76 to 78 cats, vaccinated each cat and found homes in



**CREAMSICLE THE CAT** sits in a cage as part of the Trap, Neuter and Release program. The aim of the program's sponsor, Aggie Cats Services, is to decrease the number of homeless cats. Photo courtesy of Aggie Cats Services

the community for a dozen kittens.

Milligan said she got involved with Aggie Cat Services in part because of her love of cats but also because of her job with Housing. Milligan, who owns four Aggie Cats, said she heard many of the complaint calls that came in from family and other

housing on campus.

"I don't think that just because a cat is unowned it should be killed," Milligan said. "I wanted to help find a solution."

Milligan said feral cats live mostly where people do because of ease of access to food and shelter. At USU, the Aggie Cats live mostly around the

Junction because of the large dumpsters filled with food, and around Family Housing, which is near a field teeming with rodents, snakes, and other cat edibles.

Marcela Gardner, a business assistant with the Huntsman School of Business, said she got involved with the Aggie

Cats after a friend told her about the program. Gardner said she is a volunteer who mostly feeds the cats on campus, filling water bowls and food bowls.

"I make sure there's enough food and fresh water, especially in the winter," Gardner said. "The kitties get really thirsty. I also keep an eye on the population and see if there are any newcomers and if they're fixed."

Gardner said she also goes each year to the animal blessings at the Saint Thomas Aquinas church in Cache Valley and educates the community about the Trap, Neuter, Release program and spaying and neutering cats in general. Gardner said education is one way to stop the problem.

"I think it's important to educate people since this is an educational institution," she said. "People come here with a cat or dog and then leave them when they can't take the animal wherever they're going, so educating the people about not getting a cat they can't care for in the first place is important."

Milligan said the reason Aggie Cat Services uses Trap, Neuter, Release is because it is more effective than killing cats, and by educating the public the group has even raised support for the program from unlikely sources.

"A couple of our biggest and most loyal donors are cat haters because once you have face time with them and they realize Trap, Neuter, Release is more effective and how it all works, once they get that and see it will drop the numbers, they support it," she said.

Milligan said the entire program is run by volunteers and money from community donors. The cats are fixed at Cache Meadows, where the doctors give them a discount on the services and vaccinate the cats before returning them to the trapping location.

Milligan said the cats are returned to where they live because it is easier to maintain a cat population in a place because cats are territorial. It is rare that a cat colony will allow new

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## Valley-Wide Young Adult DEVOTIONAL



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# Putting play ahead of work

BY CALE PATTERSON  
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**Jana Keller**  
senior

**"I would rather scrub the bathtub than do homework sometimes."**

Fall semester is in full swing. As midterms grow closer, some students are under pressure trying to stay afloat with work loads. While homework has and always will be typical of college, some students are well-practiced in their tendency to procrastinate.

"I'm a big time procrastinator," said Logan Brown, a sophomore majoring in finance. "I procrastinate to the point of skipping class to do homework for another class. I would rather pull weeds than do homework — I even did that last week."

Brown said he procrastinates because he is always able to find more enjoyable

activities to participate in. He said in spite of having seen the negative effects in his studies, as long as he doesn't see a significant decline in his grades, he will continue pro-

crastinating.

"I'm a master of procrastination," said Zach Yates, a sophomore majoring business administration. "Whatever I want to do most at the time is what I do, even if it's not necessarily the most important thing for me to be doing. I wait until it is absolutely necessary, but I do well under pressure."

Some students get creative in their methods of procrastination for reasons such as the difficulty of a task, a lack of time or even a lack of necessary skills. Some go to great lengths to delay attending to things they need to get done.

"I would rather scrub the bathtub than do homework sometimes," said Jana Keller, a senior majoring in FCHD. "This morning I was like, 'I should work on my stats homeworks, but I'll just scrub the bathtub instead.' It's not like I like scrubbing the bathtub, but then I'm not feeling bad about not doing anything when I need to do my homework."

Jami Garvin, a junior majoring in communication disorders, said she procrastinates getting ready for bed



**STUDENTS FIND MANY WAYS** to procrastinate their school work. Logan Brown, a sophomore majoring in finance, said he would rather pull weeds than do homework. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

and will put it off to the point of not feeling well.

"I hate getting ready for bed so bad that I'll stay up until 2 a.m. doing nothing until I feel so sick that I have to go to bed," Garvin said. "I just put it off the whole time. I'll look at workouts that I'll probably never do. I'll set out an outfit. I'll clean my room. I'll look at old pictures. I'll try new hairstyles. I'll pluck my eyebrows. I'll do anything besides going to bed, and that's not even mentioning Instagram or Facebook."

According to Psychology Today Magazine, 20 percent of people chronically avoid difficult tasks and deliberately look for distractions. The magazine said procrastination in large part reflects a person's struggle with self-control as well as their inability to accurately predict how they'll feel tomorrow or the next day.

With access to social networking sites, video games, movies and other forms of entertainment, some struggle with self-discipline in moments of scholastic necessity.

"In the future, it's always

going to be a great day," said Yates. "It's always going to be a good time. It's always perfect and peachy and you will have plenty of time to get things done. Then all of a sudden the future is now the present, and it just so happens that its not a good time. It's not as perfect and peachy as you thought it would be. Something always comes up or goes wrong and you don't have as much time as you thought."

Yates said due to the difficulty of gauging future feelings and attitudes, it is better to get things done in the present.

"You might as well just do it now," he said. "That future day when things slow down and you have all the time to do what you want to do is never going to come. You've got to do it here and now."

Students agree they shouldn't put things off and if they were to practice more self-discipline, they would also see improvements in their grades.

"If I didn't procrastinate I would do better in my studies," said undeclared freshman Alayna Ballard. "I wouldn't be so stressed out

all the time. I'd be able to put more thought into the work I do and I'd feel better about it. If I put something off until the last minute I'm stressed out even after I turn it in because I'm not sure if I'll do well on it."

According to a discussion of procrastination at California Polytechnic State University through their Student Academic Services, there are four steps to overcoming procrastination. The first step involves the realization that an activity is being delayed unnecessarily. After that realization is made, the reasons for putting off a given activity must be identified. Once those reasons for delay are discovered, they can be disputed and overcome. The last step is to begin the task.

"Just do it," said Keller. "It's just the idea of starting that's daunting. As soon as you are actually doing it, and especially when you're done, it's really not that bad."

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## Play teaches history

BY LIZ GABBITAS  
staff writer

Pairing entertainment with historical education, "And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the world of Anne Frank," portrays the lives of those who lived through the Holocaust.

"I remember doing a report on a concentration camp in middle school," said Machaela Burt, a senior studying Theatre Education. "I didn't learn anything from it and it wasn't that interesting. This show lets you see characters actually experience the events of the Holocaust and it becomes more real and relatable. It's easier to connect with the past."

Burt is the Educational Director for the USU Theatre Arts Department's production of "And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank" by James Still. The play uses videos of real Holocaust survivors as the basis for the action. It invites the audience into the worlds of the characters before and during the scarring events of World War

II, providing a more interactive learning experience for its intended audience of middle school students.

"This is a play about Ed Silverberg, Eva Schloss, and Anne Frank's experiences through the Holocaust," said Katie Marsh, a senior in the BFA Acting program and a member of the touring company. "It's not about the Holocaust, it's about the experiences specific people had and how it affected their lives."

"I play Eva Schloss and it's been a real treasure to dig up some of her biographies and read them," Marsh said. "They've taught me that it wasn't the people who were strong who made it through the Holocaust, it was just luck. I've loved learning how human beings always try to be the best they can but that things happen and it gets tough, like it did for Eva."

Matt Omasta, Ph.D., is the head of theatre education at USU and the director of this production.

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## CATS: Campus cat has two facebook profiles

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cats into the area.

O'Malley is one of the Aggie Cats on campus, and he lived near the now non-existent Agricultural Science Building. When the building was torn down, he relocated to the bushes between the Geology and Animal Science Buildings. Milligan said she received many calls asking if he was taken care of before she sent out a flier explaining the situation.

"He's very friendly, would meow at people passing, and go up to them to be pet on the head,

and everyone assumed he had to be someone's pet," Milligan said. "We had to let everyone know he was an Aggie Cat."

O'Malley is so popular in the area, he has two Facebook pages. The first one, under O'Malley the Aggie Cat, has 43 likes. The other, under his newer nickname Moo Cat, has 140 friends.

Milligan said O'Malley hasn't been seen in a while, and she's a little worried about him. However, she said he might show up again when it gets colder.

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# Neeson not invincible in 'Taken 2'

**Spencer Palmer**



First, his daughter was taken. This time, they're coming for him.

I assume the readers of this column have seen "Taken." If you haven't seen the first movie, there's not much point to see "Taken 2," since it is a sequel and not a spinoff.

The opening credits show the caskets of the dead brotherhood members from retired CIA operative Bryan Mills' (Liam Neeson) previous exploits being transported to the country of origin.

At the funeral, an old man, Murad Krasniqi (Rade Serbedzija), pledges to the rest

of the brotherhood that the deaths will be avenged, but most especially the death of his son Marco.

Time passes. Bryan and his ex-wife Lenore (Famke Janssen) maintain a friendly relationship with each other. Bryan's daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) gets a boyfriend (Luke Grimes), but doesn't tell her father because of his overprotectiveness.

After Lenore's husband Stuart cancels the plans for Lenore and Kim to travel overseas, Bryan offers to have them meet him in Istanbul after his business there is completed. They graciously accept his offer.

Unbeknownst to the trio, the brotherhood has been searching for Bryan and track Bryan and his family to Istanbul.

Moving quickly, the brotherhood spring a trap on Bryan and Lenore while they're out on the town. They get cornered, and Bryan gets a hold of Kim and tells her that her mother and he are going to be taken and that they will come after her unless she moves quickly.

Prepare yourself for an intense, emotional adventure.

Bryan Mills is at it again, doing what he does best.

"Taken 2" is a true sequel of "Taken." It continues the story set by the first film. The story didn't repeat itself or become redundant.

This sequel is as long as its predecessor, but it was much faster paced because the events happen over a few hours rather than a few days.

There were times I wanted the movie to slow down so I could get my bearings. However, the movie was realistic in this sense. If something like this were to happen, there would be no time to hesitate. Hesitation would get you killed.

The film demonstrated the consequences of one's actions reacting to someone else's choices.

"Taken 2" showed the extent to which a trained CIA operative would observe his or her surroundings. It specifically explored Bryan's thought processes-what he observes, how he thinks, and how he figures out where he is, using turns, sounds, and keeping track of time.

Bryan Mills is not invincible,

**Spencer Palmer**  
columnist

**"Prepare yourself for an intense, emotional adventure."**

and director Olivier Megaton and actor Neeson capture the vulnerability perfectly. One scene is incredibly emotional for Bryan, but Neeson was able to keep his expressions in his eyes without betraying his feelings to his captors.

Like the first movie, "Taken 2" is not a brainless shooting movie. The combat and shooting are not fancy but are deadly and efficient, giving a real feel to the action. This is due to stunt coordinator Alain Figlarz's background in the military.

Megaton uses an effective and illustrative, but not overdone, use of flashbacks to enhance the story.

The character development was not explicitly seen but definitely implicitly seen, which was refreshing as the film industry typically shows and tells instead of letting the audience figure that out for themselves.

"Taken 2" has to settle and be turned over in the mind a few times before it can truly be appreciated.

Megaton builds on his experience from last year's "Colombiana" and gives a true to life atmosphere for the events of "Taken 2," which was a fresh experience compared to his stylized hit "Transporter 3," no pun intended.

So many high action films have come from the mind of Luc Besson, including the "Transporter" trilogy, both "Taken" films and assassin movies "The Professional" and "La Femme Nikita." "Taken 2" includ-

ed one of Besson's key signatures: never letting up on the action until the credits.

Neeson is one of my favorite actors. He always performs well, and has a natural fierceness that is enhanced in the "Taken" movies. "Schindler's List," "The Dark Knight Rises," and "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace" showcase slice's of his many talents.

Since her roles in "Goldeneye" and the "X-Men" trilogy, Janssen hasn't had many great opportunities to show off her skills. She effectively showed the growth her character Lenore experienced between "Taken" and "Taken 2." Her next anticipated position will be that of the witch Muriel in "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters," coming January 2013.

The beautiful Grace is definitely becoming an established actress in the action film industry, even though her parts don't always include highly physical performances. In addition to "Taken," she's known for "Lockout," "Lost," and unfortunately, "Twilight: Breaking Dawn."

Nathaniel Mechaly returns to compose the music for this movie. There is some continuity between the two movies in a musical sense, but the score practically stands alone. He composed the score for "Colombiana" and the upcoming "Transporter" television series.

My favorite part of the music was from a particularly heavy scene that had deep, steady but rapid rhythm, as if a heart was beating, and the rest of the track built from that base.

If you need to take an escape, or would like an exciting movie to take your mind off your homework, "Taken 2" is a great movie that will satisfy your desires.

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**LIAM NEESON STARS IN TAKEN 2**, a sequel to Taken. In the film, Neeson's character Brian Mills is kidnapped by Murad Krasniqi and the other CIA agents who worked with Marco, the agent who died in the first film. Stock photo

## HOLOCAUST: Production provides an educational experience to viewers

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"If you don't know your history you tend to repeat it, as the saying goes," Omasta said. "Many issues that arise in the play are universal. This is a show about people who survived that experience and about how the Holocaust came to be. That's one of the essential questions of the play: How is it that this happened in the first place, and how can we make sure it never happens again?"

Burt's responsibilities as the Educational Director encompass the students'

experiences with the show.

"My job is to provide additional resources to middle school students and teachers to continue their education about the Holocaust," Burt said.

"The show is really quite emotional and we want to be sure to help students navigate the strong emotions that arise after viewing the performance," she said. "The post-show forum is a way in which we are able to do that immediately after students have experienced the show."

"It's important that we don't just throw students

into this emotional roller coaster and expect them to figure everything out by themselves," Burt said. "We want to guide them through some of the terrible things they experience by watching a show about the Holocaust."

"I think the educational portion is the most important part of this project," Marsh said. "After the Holocaust, Eva Schloss traveled around the world to spread a message and that's what we're trying to do. We're spreading a message about how intolerant thoughts can be damaging

to the people around us. We want to help students figure out why this message is important to them personally and who they want to be in society."

"The idea of casting out those who are different is in no way an old topic," Burt said. "Ostracization and hatred happens everywhere. It hasn't gone away. It probably won't go away. Just because it isn't happening in the same way doesn't mean that mankind has learned their lesson. We like to think that we learn from the mistakes of our past, but in

truth they keep recurring, just in different forms."

"Projects like ours with an educational side encourage students to learn from the past and to make intelligent and informed decisions for their own futures," Burt said. "Middle school students can learn a lot from this, and that's our goal."

"Open your mind," Marsh said. "Don't hold on to prejudice or hate. It doesn't do any good for you or your friends or your enemies. Remember that through life and have respect for others. If young

students can get that, this will be worth all the traveling and work and rehearsal and everything."

The touring company will begin touring middle schools around the state beginning this week. The group will also host one public performance of "And Then They Came For Me" this Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7:30pm in the TSC Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

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### Soccer

**FRIDAY, OCT. 12**

USU at Seattle, 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 14**

USU at Idaho, 2 p.m.

### Volleyball

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

USU vs. San Jose State, 7 p.m., in Spectrum

### Baseball

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

Utah State at Idaho State, noon

Utah State at Idaho State, 2:30 p.m.

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### WAC Schedule Football

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

UTSA at Rice, 1:30 p.m.

Idaho at Texas State, 5 p.m.

No. 22 Texas A&M vs.

No. 23 La. Tech, 7 p.m., in Shreveport, La.

## AP Top 25 Football

	RECORD	PTS	PVS
1 Alabama (60)	5-0	1500	1
2 Oregon	6-0	1435	2
3 S. Carolina	6-0	1359	6
4 Florida	5-0	1265	10
5 West Virginia	5-0	1260	8
6 Kansas State	5-0	1217	7
7 Notre Dame	5-0	1176	9
8 Ohio State	6-0	1053	12
9 LSU	5-1	938	4
10 Oregon State	4-0	873	14
11 USC	4-1	812	13
12 Florida State	5-1	800	3
13 Oklahoma	3-1	756	17
14 Georgia	5-1	733	5
15 Texas	4-1	711	11
16 Clemson	5-1	657	15
17 Stanford	4-1	587	18
18 Louisville	5-0	494	19
19 Miss. State	5-0	450	20
20 Rutgers	5-0	331	22
21 Cincinnati	4-0	205	NR
22 Texas A&M	4-1	153	NR
23 La. Tech	5-0	129	NR
24 Boise State	4-1	114	NR
25 Michigan	3-2	82	NR

**Dropped from rankings:** TCU 15, Nebraska 21, Washington 23, Northwestern 24, UCLA 25

**Others receiving votes:** Ohio 79, Baylor 62, Iowa State 54, TCU 50, Michigan State 49, Arizona State 39, Washington 39, North Carolina State 17, Nebraska 5, Arizona 4, Duke 3, Tennessee 3, Texas Tech 2, Tulsa 2, Penn State 1, Northwestern 1

## Briefly Basketball

The men's basketball team will hold its first practice of the season on Friday, Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.

Utah State will play an exhibition against Grand Canyon on Oct. 26 in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum and will open the regular season by hosting Idaho State on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.

### Softball

Aggie head coach Carissa Kalaba announced the 2013 softball schedule Wednesday.

Utah State will compete in five tournaments in February and March, including the Red Desert Classic in St. George, Utah, the Hillenbrand Invitational in Tucson, Ariz., The University of Texas Tournament, the San Diego Classic and the Boise State Tournament.

The Aggies home-opener will be March 30 when they take on the University of Utah at 4 p.m. on Johnson Field.

USU begins WAC play two days later against San Jose State on the road, and will also face local rivals Utah Valley, BYU and Idaho State University.



— CURTIS RIPPLINGER photo

## FOOTBALL

# Aggies to battle Spartans

BY TAVIN STUCKI  
sports editor

Utah State head coach Gary Andersen knows the Aggies will need to bounce back from last Friday's loss to BYU if they are going to have a shot to win on the road against San Jose State on Saturday.

But as the Aggies face the current WAC and future MWC foe in their conference opener, they will do so with the security in knowing their coach will be sticking around for a long time.

Andersen, now in his fourth season at Utah State, signed a contract extension which will keep him at

Utah State through the 2018 season and pay up to \$765,000 with incentives.

"First of all, it's a great honor for me," Andersen said. "It's a great position for my family. The biggest key in college football is having stability for years. This is where I want to be, this is where I love to be."

Now all Andersen needs to get his top-ranked defense to stop the Spartan passing attack.

"If you look back the last two years, our game against San Jose State has been a struggle to say the least," Andersen said. "I don't expect anything different this year."

The Spartans are led by junior quarterback David Fales, who averages

280 yards per game and has nine touchdowns, three of which came during the fourth quarter in SJSU's road win over San Diego State on Sept. 22.

Andersen said the transfer from Monterey Peninsula College fits into the Spartan offense well.

"He throws to the spots and relies on the receivers to get there often times before they get out of their breaks," Andersen said. "He has done a nice job and he is a good quarterback. He carries himself with a good physical presence out there, he can run the ball enough to get himself out of problems if he needs to."

Fales has targeted a variety

of receivers, four of whom have more than 220 yards this season. This includes junior wideout Noel Grigsby, who has nearly 400 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Aggie senior cornerback Terrence Alston, who is from the Bay Area not far from the San Jose State campus, said he and the other USU defensive backs have their work cut out for them.

"They are good off the line, good at route running," Alston said of the Spartan receivers. "Grigsby, he is more shifty and quicker. We just have to do our job, settle down and do the best we can."

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## TENNIS

# Athletics Department fires tennis coach

BY MARK HOPKINS  
staff writer

Utah State Athletic Director Scott Barnes announced the termination of Christian Wright from his position as men's and women's tennis head coach Tuesday.

Barnes named "repeated NCAA violations" as motives for the decision in a phone call with The Utah Statesman.

"We moved as soon as we found out about them and we moved towards the resolution," Barnes said of the violations. He declined further comment.

The move came as Wright was

beginning his 22nd season at Utah State. Since joining the Aggies in 1992, he has served as the men's and women's head tennis coach. Both teams will continue play this week under current assistant coach Bryan Marchant and former assistant coach Lukas Bouton.

"We've named two interim coaches and we'll conduct a national search in the spring," Barnes said.

Wright, originally from St. George, Utah, has been a prominent tennis figure in Cache Valley, running summer youth camps and other tennis functions throughout Northern Utah. His interim replacements, Marchant

and Bouton, are both former Aggies who played under Wright. Bouton is currently the tennis director and head pro at the Sports Academy and Racquet Club in Logan.

Though the Athletics Department did not release further details on the alleged NCAA violations, former Utah State women's tennis player Kimi Watts said the violations relate to recruiting policies.

"He had been teaching private lessons to high school students," Watts said. "They considered that prospective recruits, even though he never

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CHRISTIAN WRIGHT

## VOLLEYBALL

# USU falls to in-state foe

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM  
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Looking for its eighth win in nine games, the Utah State volleyball team saw its 4-game winning streak snapped by in-state foe Utah Valley on Tuesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"Under pressure, the Wolverines were better than us tonight," USU head coach Grayson DuBose said. "When we needed a play to happen, we didn't execute. That's a little discouraging right now."

Taking a break from conference play to host the future-Western Athletic Conference member Wolverines, the Aggies jumped out to a two-set lead behind an offensive onslaught.

Redshirt freshman middle blocker Elle Brainard recorded three kills in the first set, including a perfectly placed kill on the second touch of the sequence. Senior outside

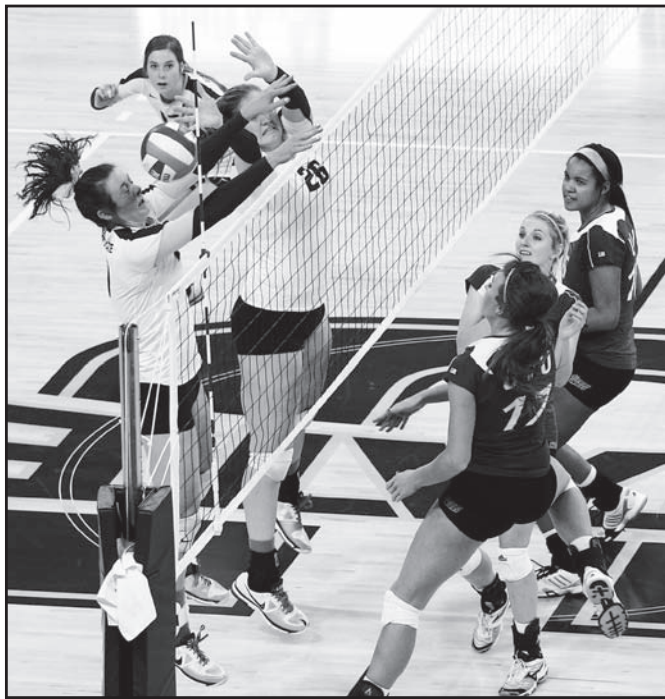
hitter Shay Sorensen added four kills and the Aggies tallied four blocks in a 25-17 set win.

The Aggies jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the second set with solid hitting and defense. USU recorded six blocks in the set, including three from sophomore Rachel Orr. The Thatcher, Ariz., native tallied four kills to lead Utah State to a 25-19 win and a two-set advantage.

"We had chances, we were up 2-0," Sorensen said. "We let them dictate play after that."

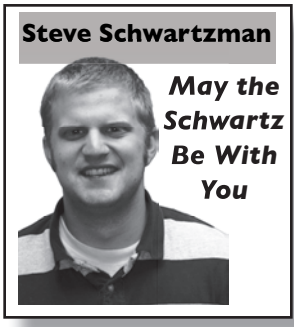
Sophomore Candace Richins had a strong third set for the Aggies with three kills and a block. Trailing 23-20, Richins came up with a big-time swing for a kill and followed it up with a block to cut the deficit to 23-22. An attack error knotted the set at 23 and the teams traded points to a 25-all score.

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THE AGGIE DEFENSE tries to block a UVU hit during the 3-2 loss in the Spectrum on Tuesday. CURTIS RIPPLINGER photo

# The improving WAC



**Steve Schwartzman**  
**May the Schwartz Be With You**

So far this season, I would like to say I have received good reaction for my columns. Good amounts of the local clientele think I put a good spin on the viewpoint of our fan base.

However, there does happen to be a few who aren't pleased with the way things are run in this office. Often times I am labeled as a "homer" or a biased fan because I commonly put together pieces overtly supporting local sports teams with a tone that generally belongs during the climactic points of sports films or any films starring Tommy Lee Jones.

Well, for those naysayers, I have refreshing news for you: This isn't completely one of those columns.

How is that possible, you ask? Simple — it's because it isn't entirely about Utah State football. It is also about the conference which said school encompasses.

If you have been taking a close look or two, you would notice that the Western Athletic Conference has experienced a bit of makeover over the years, some for the good and others for the incredibly inconvenient: Some so inconvenient, there are chances football is beginning its long-contemplated swansong after a barrage of realignments and astute program exoduses.

It doesn't sound fun, does it? The interesting fact behind it all is that a once lowly football conference on the near verge of giving up the one sport that could potentially matter in collegiate life more than any other facet in school — including school itself — just doesn't seem to be giving up.

It all makes sense from the viewpoint of an Aggie. The football season began with a team that had every ounce of promise and potential to make some serious noise in the college football

world — and in one way or another, they have.

After dealing with consistent in-state rivals and conference bullies, many fans were relieved for the Aggies to finally reach conference play and coast their way to easy success, a conference title and a bowl game outside of the Intermountain West.

Not so fast.

Don't look now, but somehow the planets have aligned to teach fans a recognizably abnormal lesson — the WAC is no cupcake after all.

Sure, USU comes into conference play with a small handful of teams that, all things considered, should be no problem to chalk up a successful outing, but not before facing off with three teams who have every means to make life just as miserable as they can enjoyable for the Aggies.

We understand what this means for USU, but it is just as vital to note what this means for the WAC. Suddenly, a conference ready to bolt and make room as a strictly basketball conference has seen some teams stick it to the bigger guys.

Suddenly, these farm-country institutions have gained their own form of swagger, breaking polls, making headlines and giving more preminent teams a scare. No longer are we just "Boise State and those other schools," but a class group of teams who, if given time, can make some serious noise.

So maybe it's no Southeastern Conference dominance, but for us, it's huge. For us, it's bigger than football. It's the "Revenge of the Nerds." It's rising in hope that the old-timey heroes can be overtaken by us little guys, and whether it comes to an end soon or not, it's got us excited.

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**UTAH STATE DOUBLES PARTNERS** Jaci West and McKenzie Davis, seen above in a match last spring, will compete in the ITA regionals this week without former head coach Christian Wright, who was terminated earlier this week. Statesman file photo

## TENNIS: USU looks for new coach

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taught anyone from Logan that he recruited."

Marchant said Aggie players and their parents are "outraged" over the termination.

"What it is over is ridiculous, not really a violation," Marchant said. "Pretty much every college coach in the nation does it. A stupid little thing."

Wright confirmed allegations that he had been terminated for giving such tennis lessons, but denied further comment.

Watts, who has been in contact with the Wright family since she transferred schools before her junior season at Utah State, said she heard the news Monday from Wright's wife.

"All through my years playing for Utah State and my older sister's years, Christian never did anything remotely unethical," Watts said. "He was nothing but a positive influence for the program and the players."

The coaching change comes in the midst of one of their most successful fall seasons in recent history.

Senior Sven Poslusny is 3-0 in tournament play for the men, while sophomore McKenzie Davis is ranked 18th in singles and 10th in doubles with senior partner Jaci West for the women in the Intermountain Tennis Association Mountain Region.

Marchant will take the women's team to play Wednesday at the ITA Mountain Region Championships in Las Vegas, Nev., through Saturday to end the fall season.

Bouton will travel Salt Lake City, Utah, with the men's team to compete in the University of Utah Intercollegiate tournament Thursday through Sunday before the ITA Mountain Region Championships on Oct. 17-21.

Collegiate play for both the men's and women's teams will resume in January.

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# Breaking down the WAC: our take

*It looks like we've got some pretty quality matchups this week that really made us think about our picks. As always, we'll throw in a couple extra games we think are interesting.*

## UTSA at Rice

We'll pick UTSA in this one, but only because of a 2-1 vote with one abstainer in the Statesman office.

Rice has home field advantage, but also lost to a terrible Houston team by three touchdowns. The only Owls victory was a 25-24 suck-fest over Kansas.

UTSA is undefeated, but has played a bunch of nobodies and New

Mexico State — who, let's be honest in the college football world, is also a nobody.

## Utah State at SJSU

Of course we're going to pick USU here because we're all homers, but this is going to be a lot closer than people think. Like, BYU and Wisconsin close.

The Spartans have a snazzy 4-1 record to go along with their passing attack and much-improved running game over last year's squad. Oh yeah, and their only loss was by a field goal to No. 21 Stanford on the road.

## Idaho at Texas State

Wow, these games aren't getting any easier to pick. Idaho is bad, as in got-blown-out-by-an-FCS-team-at-home bad.

Texas State is only slightly better at 2-3 with one of their two victories over the aforementioned terrible Houston team.

We'll pick Texas State in the pillow fight of the week, but only because they're at home.

## No. 22 Texas A&M vs. No. 23 Louisiana Tech

This appears to be a home game for La. Tech, but Shreveport, La., isn't that far from College Station, Texas.

We also think La. Tech should be ranked a little higher than it

actually is, but maybe that will change this weekend. The Bulldogs have had a very tough schedule to this point and they've been winning games.

Not to knock on the Texas A&M by any means, but we're going with our conference brothers instead of our Aggie cousins.

## No. 10 Oregon State at Brigham Young

In the words of Admiral Ackbar, "It's a trap" this week for Oregon State.

Both teams are without their starting quarterback — kind of. BYU is going with former-starter Riley Nelson after freshman Taysom

Hill was injured on his bonehead scramble as the clock wound down against USU instead of taking a knee. Oregon State's Sean Mannion is also going to be out for a while.

As we often say, we wouldn't be true Aggies if we picked the Cougars this week, but we'll see what Nelson can do in Provo against a top-ranked team, even if the Cowboys will be without their starting gunslinger.

## Utah at UCLA

Utah's valiant effort at home to No. 13 USC last week will always be remembered and respected in the Statesman office, but

we're going to pick the Bruins on their home turf in this matchup.

UCLA has victories we describe as "meh," and the Utes have only beaten then-No. 25 BYU and Northern Colorado. Remember that egg Utah laid against Arizona State? Ouch — we do.

This is one we wouldn't mind being wrong about, because we don't actually hate Utah as much as some people think we do, and it would make the Aggies look better if the Utes pulled this one out.

*Have you got beef with our picks? Let us know online at usustatesman.com*

# FOOTBALL: Aggies to invade Spartan territory Saturday

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Andersen said he is impressed with the way San Jose State plays offense, especially in the passing game.

"Throw game is number one for me that we've got to be able to take control of," Andersen said. "They're going to complete passes and we've got to tackle well when they complete passes. Then we've got to find a way to get the quarterback a little bit distracted."

Last week, the Aggie defense held BYU to six offensive points in the three-point loss, keeping them among the top defenses nationally. The Aggies have outscored opponents 54-0 in the first quarter and 88-22 in the first half during games this season.

USU linebacker Kyler Fackrell was named WAC Defensive Player of the

Week for his performance at BYU, in which he had 10 tackles and an interception.

Alston said he was happy for his teammate to be recognized.

"He's a guy who has come a long way since I have been here and got his first pick last week," Alston said. "We

## Matt Austin USU football

*"If we would have executed against BYU things would have come our way. We just had a few drops."*


all just congratulated him on the sideline. It was a big play, a play that we needed and he just made it happen. All year he's been fighting and getting better every week."

Offensively, Utah State will need to move the ball better than they did in Provo to have a chance at victory in California. The Aggies had a season-low 24 rushing attempts for 41 yards against the Cougars.

"I feel if we would have executed against BYU things would have come our way," Aggie senior wide receiver Matt Austin said. "We just had a few drops and a couple missed opportunities. That happens, that always happens in games. We knew it was going to go down to the wire with those guys. It just didn't come out on our side."

Austin finished with a team-high seven recep-

## Meet the Challenge




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Utah State playmakers

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RB Kerwynn Williams	5 TD
WR Chuck Jacobs	3 TD
WR Matt Austin	3 TD



**SAN JOSE STATE**

San Jose State playmakers

QB David Fales	9 TD
WR Chandler Jones	5 TD
RB Da'Leon Eskridge	3 TD
WR Noel Grigsby	2 TD

tions for 72 yards after not recording a catch during the game against UNLV on Sept. 29.

Utah State is 1-2 in road games this season, but have lost those matchups — the only two losses this season — by a combined total of

five points. Austin said those losses will always be in the back of his mind, but knows they carry little weight with Andersen's overall goal this season.

"We always break our huddle since day one with 'WAC Champs,'" Austin

said. "That has always been our goal and then to get to a bowl game after that."

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# VOLLEYBALL: Utah Valley ends USU's five-game winning streak

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On the ensuing play, a ball hit the out-of-bounds antenna, but officials declared a replay when they were unable to determine which player knocked the ball into the net. The Wolverines won the do-over on a kill by freshman outside hitter Bailey Farris to win 27-25.

DuBose said Utah State

stopped doing the little things at the end of the game.

"With both teams hitting for high percentages, not much defense going on, it just comes down to little execution errors," he said. "We miss a dig or have a bad pass, we miss a blocking assignment, that's the difference all of the sudden."

The back-and-forth affair continued throughout the

fourth set until the USU defense took over. A kill and a pair of blocks by senior Shay Sorensen gave the Aggies some breathing room at 21-17, but the Wolverines didn't go away and a 4-1 run made it 22-21.

DuBose took a timeout to talk it over, but the momentum was on UVU's side and the Wolverines fought off two match points to force a decisive fifth set with a 26-24 win.

Things unraveled quickly for the Aggies in the fifth.

After jumping out to a 4-2 lead, the Wolverines used a 6-1 run to take a three-point lead. USU stormed back behind the strong defense to tie it at 12, but the Aggies weren't able to get over the hump, falling 15-12 to drop the match.

"The thing to keep in perspective is our overall goal is to win our conference," DuBose

said. "They're not in our conference, which works out ok for us. Their record is not an indicator of who they are."

With eight assists in the first set, setter Paige Neves also moved into 9th place all-time in assists. The sophomore finished with 53 assists on the night.

The Aggies finished with a season-high hitting percentage of .375 in the loss. Sorensen

and Brainard each had career highs with 20 and nine kills respectively.

"Honestly, I'd rather have the win," Sorensen said.

Utah State fell to 12-6 overall with the loss and 2-2 against in-state teams this season. Utah Valley improved to 10-7 overall.

The Aggies resume conference play on Saturday when they host San Jose State at 7 p.m.

Utah State 3, Denver 2  
The Aggies pulled off a dramatic come-from-behind win Saturday to top the Pioneers in Denver's first season in the WAC. Orr had a team-high 15 kills, while Sorensen added 12.

After winning the first set, the Aggies dropped two-straight to the Pioneers before Richins provided a spark off the bench to spur USU to a fourth set win.

It was all Aggies in the fifth set as they raced to a 5-1 lead en route to a 15-7 fifth-set victory to complete the comeback.

Utah State 3, New Mexico State 0

In the battle of the Aggies on Thursday, Utah State swept New Mexico State to move into sole possession atop the WAC standings.

USU rode strong defense throughout the match, recording 12.5 team blocks and holding hard-hitting NMSU to a .230 hitting percentage. Sophomore Kaitlyn Van Hoff and Sorensen finished with eight kills apiece to lead the Aggies.

Poor serving hurt both sides as the teams combined for nine service errors in the second set alone and 17 service errors in the match.

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## Athletics tight-lipped on Coach's dismissal

In case you haven't heard, long-time USU men's and women's tennis coach Christian Wright was fired, as announced Wednesday in a press release sent by the Athletics Department.

Utah State Athletics Director Scott Barnes said Wright was released because of repeated NCAA violations. When Statesman reporters dug a little bit deeper, we found Wright had been giving private lessons to high school students.

**Our View**  
An Editorial Opinion

While there are some who argue this does or does not constitute an NCAA violation, Barnes and the rest of the USU officials responsible for making the call obviously believed it was and hired two interim head coaches.

Interim head coach Lukas Bouton is the tennis director and head pro at the Sports Academy and Racquet Club in Logan. Will he have to give up his position there so he is not giving lessons to prospective youth?

Interim head coach Bryan Marchant was quoted saying the decision to terminate Wright's employment was "ridiculous."

"Pretty much every college coach in the nation does it," Marchant said, calling it "a stupid little thing."

Oh really? So why isn't every Division I tennis coach looking for a new job?

Former USU tennis player Kimi Watts said Wright did not recruit the players he gave private lessons to, so we can see how it can be difficult to discern the line between helping the community and breaking the rules in this instance.

Can we really fault a guy for trying to earn a couple extra bucks by being a mentor to kids by teaching them how to play a sport he loves?

While we at The Statesman do not know the average salary for a Division I tennis coach, we can guarantee it's not nearly as much as a Division I football or basketball coach.

It is also interesting to us how quickly this termination came after the announcement of head football coach Gary Andersen's shiny new contract extension and pay raise.

Wright has coached at USU for 22 years. It's not hard to imagine his salary was substantially higher than when he started, and while we are not insinuating Wright was hired to clear some space in the ledger for Andersen's assistant coaches, the timing does raise a few eyebrows.

The thing that bothers us the most is how quiet University officials are about the details. Barnes barely spoke about it and even Wright declined to be quoted in an interview.

We won't argue whether or not we feel Wright should have been fired, but we feel details are missing.



## Why the missionary age change?



On Oct. 6, 2012, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made a significant change — another one. This time, it lowered the age of missionaries. Boys can go at 18, girls at 19. I've talked to several peers, both LDS and otherwise about why this change occurred. The answer, even when unsolicited, is almost unanimous: Young adults are going to college or working in a real-life environment, away from their parents, and are choosing not to serve mis-

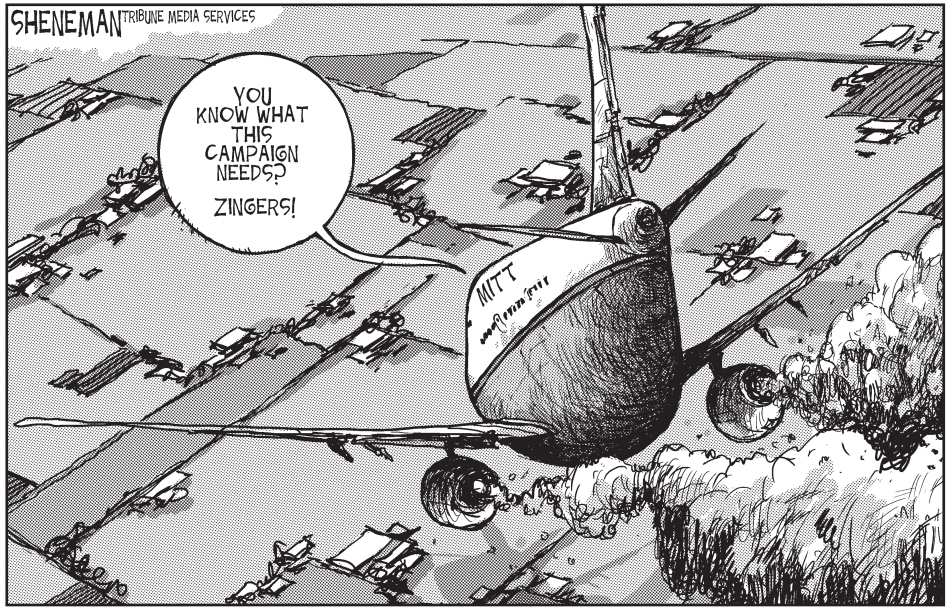
sions. I think it's more complicated than that, though. According to statistics provided by the American Religious Identification Survey, Mormon young adults, particularly men, aren't just not going on missions — they're leaving the Church in droves.

Mormonnewsroom.org, a statistics site run by the Church, claims the official number of Mormons to be almost 14.5 million, but outside observers and statisticians tell quite a different story. In the same study done by ARIS, individuals reported which religions they considered themselves affiliated with, and the results are astonishing. Only 20 to 70 percent of what the Church reports are actually practicing Mormons — and even if it is a consistent 70 percent, that makes the actual num-

ber less than 10 million. The Mormons are losing members, and fast. Despite being heralded as the fastest growing church in the world by both church and secular media, the church's growth rate has been on the decline since the 1980s. Almost a third of members born in the church leave permanently. Armand Mauss, professor emeritus of Washington State University and an author of two books on the sociology of Mormonism, claims that 75 percent of international Mormon converts are no longer active within a year. Fifty percent of American converts drop out within the year.

How does the Church manage to present such large number when reality indicates the 14 million is false? There are a few reasons, the first and

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## Obama shouldn't send special forces to Benghazi



WASHINGTON — Because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi that killed four Americans, Joint Special Operations Command and the CIA are reportedly developing "perhaps a dozen or more" target packages consisting of terrorist encampments and individuals suspected of being involved. A senior U.S. official said that "highly pre-decisional . . . options are being teed up," should President Obama request them — he reportedly has not — though the official warned, "(I) don't think that a final list of who was involved is solid." Given that U.S. surveillance drones were flying over Libya well before the Benghazi attack and have been conducting a "stepped-up, more focused search" for perpetrators since then, it is certain

that America's spies and special operators will find targets — perhaps as few as 10 individuals — against which Obama can authorize an attack.

As is true with any terrorist attack against American citizens, military bases, or diplomatic sites, Obama faces tremendous pressure to "do something" in response, especially as Republicans cite the president's supposedly weak foreign policy as a cause of the attacks. While the president vowed that "we will not waver in our commitment to see that justice is done," it is highly unlikely that justice will involve capturing suspects, interrogating them, and trying them in U.S. courts. Instead, given Obama's unprecedented reliance on using lethal force against terrorist suspects, rather than placing U.S. soldiers at risk to capture them, the suspected Benghazi perpetrators will find themselves in the crosshairs of drone-launched Hellfire missiles.

If Obama authorizes an attack, he should be aware that counterterrorist strikes in retaliation for specific terrorist plots or operations have rarely deterred the targeted group from attacking again. The theory that military retaliation leads to either specific deterrence —

in which a targeted adversary is warned against undertaking a specific behavior — or general deterrence — in which a standing threat is broadcast to potential adversaries to convince them not to undertake certain behaviors — is one countless policymakers are continually asserting. To quote just one famous example, President Bill Clinton told the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Hugh Shelton, "It would scare the sh-- out of al Qaida if suddenly a bunch of black ninjas rappelled out of helicopters in the middle of their camp. It would get us enormous deterrence and show those guys we're not afraid."

Despite this widely held belief, there is little evidence that force deters terrorism. This concept is best evaluated by examining the president that spent the most time considering retaliatory force in response to terrorism: Ronald Reagan, during whose presidency the United States suffered the most terrorist attacks on Americans and U.S. diplomatic outposts. Though President Reagan is remembered for articulating a muscular foreign policy that emphasized "peace through strength," in practice he largely refrained from retaliating against acts of terrorism.

Reagan came into office warning terrorists that, "when the rules of international behavior are violated, our policy will be one of swift and effective retribution." But Reagan rarely acted on that vengeful vision, largely because both he and the uniformed military did not think such shows of force achieved anything. As he told reporters in January 1982: "I think terrorism is the hardest thing to curtail. As a matter of fact, I've said for many years that probably the only defense you have against terrorist attacks is really infiltration to try and find out in advance what their plans are." Moreover, Reagan and his civilian advisers repeatedly made two demands on military planners of retaliatory options: a minimal chance of civilian deaths, and a response occurring just after the related terrorist attack — which is very difficult given the time it takes to develop sufficient intelligence and maintain forces ready for rapid deployment.

In October 1983, Shia militants linked to Hezbollah bombed the Beirut International Airport, killing 241 U.S. military personnel, mostly Marines. The U.S. military

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# LIBYA: US should learn from Reagan's actions

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developed a range of retaliatory options, including ones against the alleged sponsors: Syria and Iran. Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy Richard Armitage recalled, "We wanted to put a cruise missile into the window of the Iranian ambassador in Damascus." A broader range of targets in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon were also considered. However, Gen. P.X. Kelley, commander of the Marine Corps, wondered whether attacking terrorists or state sponsors would make deployed U.S. troops any safer. As the Washington Post later reported: "The intelligence community could not assure Kelley that a retaliatory strike would have a deterrent value, making his Marines more secure. . . . Kelley concluded that the risks to his men outweighed the gains from retaliatory action."

Although on November 14, 1983, Reagan authorized a joint U.S.-French retaliatory strike, for reasons that remain unclear Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger refused to authorize U.S. aircraft to take off. Thus, the largest number of U.S. soldiers killed on one day since World War II was met with no military response.

President Reagan instead permitted the director of central intelligence, William

Casey, to undertake aggressive covert actions against suspected terrorists in an attempt to deter future attacks. Casey — without notifying the Congressional intelligence committees — met with Prince Bandar, then the Saudi ambassador to the United States, and worked out an elaborate scenario "off the books," in which the Saudis paid \$2 million to hire professionals to assassinate the spiritual leader of Hezbollah, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, with a car bomb. Instead, as a mosque emptied in Western Beirut on March 8, 1985, a massive car bomb exploded, killing 80 civilians and injuring nearly 200 others, but missing its intended target: Sheikh Fadlallah.

The attack did nothing to deter terrorism, and was itself a clear act of terrorism using Reagan's own definition: "Why would anyone want to just park a car with a bomb in a street where they don't even know the people that are going to be killed and blow them up? That's exactly why they have the word 'terrorist.'"

In June 1985, TWA Flight 847, carrying over 100 U.S. citizens, was hijacked between Athens and Rome. During a stop in Beirut, the hijackers murdered a 23-year-old American sailor, Robert Dean Stethem, and threw his remains on the tarmac. After the remaining hostages were eventually freed,

Reagan promised that the hijackers would be "held to account" and contingency plans against Hezbollah targets were updated. Senior military members opposed limited strikes; instead, as one general put it, "If we do anything, it should be something big." However, the chief of naval operations, Adm. James Watkins, told Naval Academy cadets: "Retribution and punishment are not part of a moral course and will not suffice as reasons to take action against the terrorist. Rather, we should act in accordance with our needs for self-defense and protection."

President Reagan agreed. When asked why he was not responding to the TWA hijacking with his promised "swift and effective retribution," Reagan replied, "Retaliation in some peoples' minds might just entail striking a blow in a general direction, and the result would be a terrorist act in itself and the killing and victimizing of innocent people." A senior White House official further explained: "Vengeance is not a satisfactory basis for policy."

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## Handling Mideast turmoil

*Opinions of Americans who have followed news of the attacks on U.S. embassies in the Middle East:*

- President Obama's handling of the situation
 

Approve	45%
Disapprove	36
Don't know:	19%
- Mitt Romney's comments on the situation
 

Approve	26
Disapprove	48
Don't know:	26%

Source: Pew Research Center poll of 854 adults who followed Mideast news, Sept. 13-16, 2012, margin of error: +/-3.9 percentage points  
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cial admitted, "The difference now is that everyone recognizes we're going to have to hit back at the terrorists." Several administration officials explicitly said that the political objective of the attack against Libya was to "teach [Moammar] Gadhafi and others the lesson that the practice of terrorism would not be free of cost to themselves," as Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger later wrote.

In preparing a response, as long-time defense journalist George Wilson reported, "the Joint Chiefs looked at every conceivable military target" and "recommended against bombing targets in Libya that were not linked directly to terrorists." Ultimately, Reagan chose four targets connected to the terrorist attacks, and one target set consisting of Libyan air defenses. U.S. fighter combat aircraft successfully hit most of the targets, including the Aziziyah Barracks compound in Tripoli where it was believed the Libyan leader lived.

The results were meager: Libya's infrastructure was not significantly damaged and Gadhafi survived, becoming more defiant than ever. Moreover, Libya's support for international terrorism increased in response: Libyan-controlled terrorist groups assassinated British and American hostages in Lebanon, and most significantly, blew up

Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

These examples show that a more prudent response to terrorist attacks is to understand why counterterrorism efforts failed, and how they should be adjusted and enhanced. Force is undoubtedly an essential tool against individuals directly responsible for terrorist plots and operations, and has successfully disrupted safe havens, killed suspected senior leaders and low-level militants, and raised the risks and costs of planning operations. However, the belief that drone strikes and special operations raids against terrorists or state sponsors will deter future acts of terrorism has a poor track record. President Obama faces tremendous pressure to bomb those suspected of attacking the Benghazi consulate. It would allow him to "look strong" one month before the election, provide some sense of justice for those victims' families, and serve as an act of vengeance against the perpetrators. But force won't stop another attack.

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## LDS: Membership count inflated

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foremost being that when converts get baptized, their name is counted on the Church records as a member. When they stop going to church, their name isn't taken off — even if they never go again in their lifetime. Additionally, if a parent converts and has children under the age of eight, those children's names automatically are added to the church roster. If any existing member gives birth to a child, even if they never attend church, their names are added onto the records, and so on and so forth. If you're not from

Provo, you can look at your family's ward directory and find a myriad of names that belong to people you've never even met who are supposedly members.

The only way to have your name removed from Church records is to send a letter to Church Headquarters — and in my case, even when I did that, they sent a confirmation letter warning me of the dire eternal consequences of my decision and, when I confirmed that decision, a bishop to visit me at home.

Regardless of the difficulty in officially leaving the Church. If the Church

can immediately send kids from the protected atmosphere of high school and straight into the even more protected mission field for two of the most formative years of their life, the chances of them leaving the church are much lower. If more youth stay in the Church, even more will serve missions — and even though the estimated convert number is only about four per missionary now, that greatly suppresses the Church's losses and will probably increase their growth numbers.

Who cares though, right? Why are earlier missions a bad thing? Well for one, it empowers 18-year-old boys to think they have all the answers when they don't. It prevents them from being exposed to the real world — visiting a foreign country isn't much use when you're only there to tell the citizens to change their ways to your own. It keeps youth out of college for two very critical years in an ever-more competitive market, and it decreases their chances of being able to get scholarships, especially athletic offers.

The only positive I can imagine about this change is that it finally puts young women on almost-equal footing with their male counterparts when they're actually in the field, although as far as holding real positions of authority goes, the women are still SOL because they can't hold the priesthood.

So let's call it like it is. The LDS Church has changed policies, again, to suit the changing environment. They're losing members and are desperate to keep up appearances. They need more missionaries because they need more members. It's not exactly something you'd expect from an omniscient, eternal God, is it?

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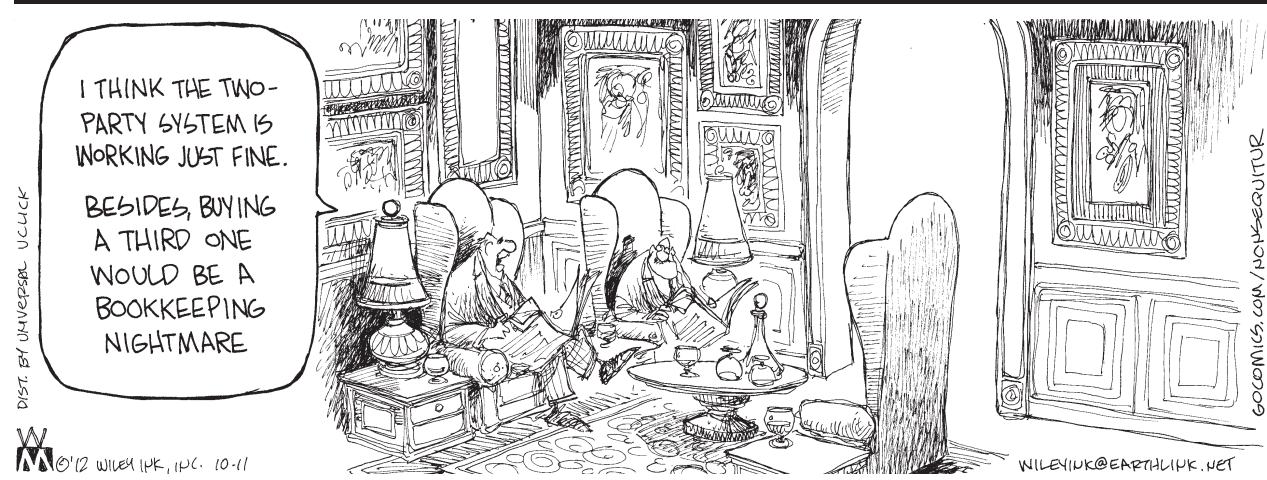
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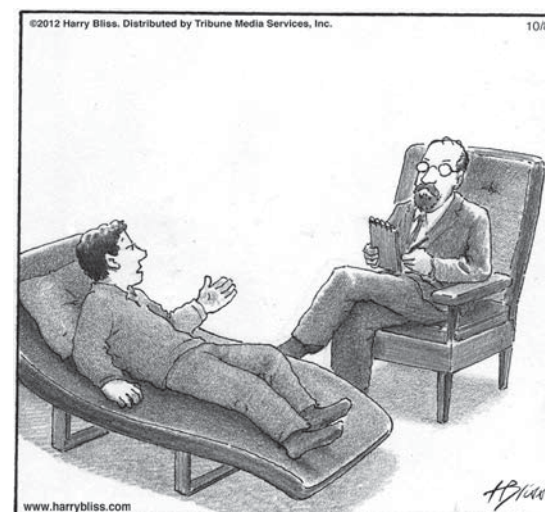
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1	Map site
6	Senate figure
10	Brash
14	Winner of the 2005 Best Picture Oscar
15	Verdi title princess
16	Rapier cousin
17	America's most popular dining-out occasion
19	Flavorful plant
20	Spot
21	Shows the way
22	Heaven-sent food
23	Academy freshman
24	Give way
25	Chess announcement
28	Place setting item
30	One way to sing
32	Smack on the head
33	Last chance in court
40	Semiotic deity
41	Frigid
42	Where some plates are made
48	Vodka in a blue bottle
49	Rug often groomed
50	Honor, in a way
52	"... but I could be wrong"
53	Wear slowly
54	...mo video
57	Old stage line?
58	Political propagandist
60	Department store founder Rowland Hussey
61	Asian staple
62	Standard
63	Arise
64	Gross
65	Swing era dance

By Alex Boisvert

2	Hector's home
3	Behind schedule
4	Flooring wood
5	Yellow-and-red gas station symbol
6	Sushi condiment
7	Diamond gambit, or a hint to this puzzle's circles
8	Lupino and others
9	Salary
10	Sake
11	Not against trying
12	Loewe's partner
13	Get off at the pier
18	Clarinetist's need
22	Retail price component
23	Writers
24	shui
25	Scott's nickname, maybe
26	Tide rival
27	As well
29	"... any drop to drink": Coleridge
31	Kind of gravy
34	Tag information
35	Moo goo __ pan
36	Lion's share
37	Caribou cousin
38	Disagreeing word
39	Give it a go
42	Leaves in a huff, with "out"
43	Attacked eagerly, as a wrapped gift
44	Kennedy who married Sargent Shriver
45	Euclid, vis-à-vis geometry
46	__ Tunes
47	Hoad safety gp.
51	Han River capital
53	Large in scope
54	Floor
55	Airport filler?
56	Airport south of Paris
58	__ Lanka
59	TV franchise since 2000

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Today is Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Celicia Howard, a sophomore majoring in elementary and special education from Milo, Idaho.

Almanac

Today in History: On this day in 2008, a man from Belgium named Luc Costermans set a new world speed record for blind drivers: 192 mph.

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- Mindfulness Workshop, TSC 310, 5-6 p.m.
LUX Exhibit, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, 10-5 p.m.
Landscape and Lace: Cache Valley, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Adventures in the West, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Good Neighbors, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Pizza & Politics with Congressman Rob Bishop, Merrill-Cazier Library 101, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Hawkwatch International's Parade of Raptors Program, Swaner EcoCenter, 6-8 p.m.
'Autumn Voices' by USU Chamber Choir, Performance Hall, 7:30-10 p.m.

Friday Oct 12

- Aggie Game Night, ENG 201, 7-11:30 p.m.
USU Student Organic Farm, TSC Patio, 10-1 p.m.
Not Just for Kicks: SEED Kickball Tournament, All Day on the Quad.
USU Ropes Course-Date Night, 4-6 p.m. Ropes Course
Honoring Tradition, Securing Our Future, Celebrating Success, TSC Ballroom, 6:30-9 p.m.
Chinese Christian Fellowship, ENG 203, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Saturday Oct 13

- Volleyball vs. San Jose State, Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, 7 p.m.
Pumpkin Days, Organic Student Farm at 1750 N, 800 East, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
USU @ San Jose State Watch Party, 2 p.m. TSC International Lounge

Monday Oct 15

- Kayak roll session, HPER Pool, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
The Great Mustache Bash, Lundstrom Student Center, 5-8 p.m.

FYI:

The Chamber Singers present their annual fall concert 'Autumn Voices' on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall. This concert will feature Earth, Wind and Fire's 'September,' the hymn 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,' and other pieces that celebrate the season. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors and youth, \$5 USU faculty and staff and free for USU students with valid ID.

Dr. Erle Ellis will be speaking about Plant Biodiversity in the Anthropocene at 4 p.m. in ENG 302.

Blue Goes Green Trail Run will be Oct. 13. The start of the race is at the mouth of Green Canyon. Anyone who rides their bike or carools will have time taken off of their run time.

Local author Judith Torres will host a reading program targeted at children aged 4-7. She will read two of her books, sing songs, and lead related activities. Books will also be available for purchase with 50 percent of proceeds benefiting the Stokes Nature Center.

USU Improv will be competing against Mission Improvable on Oct. 13. There will be a live performance from Face Punch and Friends. The show will be in FAV 150 at 7:30 p.m. \$2 Admissions.

Come in your costume and encounter ghosts, goblins and other ghoulish beings along a 1.5 mile route through the shadowy streets of Hyrum City and Hyrum State Park. Register online at http://stateparks.utah.gov by Oct. 19 for this first-ever haunted walk/run to benefit the Friends of Hyrum State Park and enjoy all the pre and post race activities free with your registration fee.

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The 2nd Annual Food Day Celebration will be Oct. 24. This is a tasty celebration of healthy, affordable, sustainable food. Come learn how to eat real, year round, on a budget. Check out booths, enjoy cooking demos by top USU chefs, local food information tables, food samples, and more. Join us that evening at the USTAR building on the Innovation Campus for Food Day Flavors: A Tasting Event. This is an opportunity to sample simple and delicious foods created from local products. All events are free.

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