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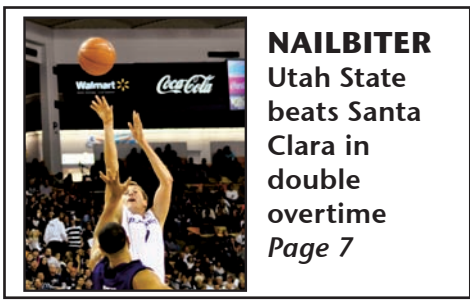
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College of Natural Resources appoints dean

BY MITCH HENLINE
staff writer

Chris Luecke was named dean of USU's Quinney College of Natural Resources on Nov. 14. He has been serving as the interim dean since Nat Frazer stepped down at the end of 2011.

"The idea was to be interim dean until next June," Luecke said. "At some point they decided maybe they should just offer the position to me."

Before being made the interim dean of the college, Luecke was the department of watershed sciences head. He said switching positions in the college has brought him new challenges.

"Department head jobs



CHRIS LUECKE

are more focused on the details of running the academic programs, making sure all the courses are taught, making sure that the requirements for the various degrees make sense." Luecke said. "As a dean, one of the

main responsibilities is to work on fundraising, and that's sort of a new area for me. My biggest challenge right now is to get a handle on how best to do this."

Luecke said fundraising for the college includes meeting with alumni and large corporations to try and raise money for facilities, research projects and scholarships, which about 25 percent of the students in the College of Natural Resources receive.

"Next week I'll be out in San Francisco talking with some of our alumni about one of our biggest needs in the next couple of years, which will be a remodel of the BNR Building," Luecke said.

The S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources has three departments: wildland resources, watershed sciences and environment and society.

"What we do and what were good at is that we make assessments of the health of the various ecosystems surrounding us in the Intermountain West and in North America and in some cases in the world," Luecke said. "So we do that assessment and we try to use those assessments to sort out which areas are most healthy and which are in need of restoration, and then we work on that restoration or rehabilitation."

Luecke said he is interested in working more closely

with the other colleges on campus than what has been done in the past.

"I think I'd like to change the way in which we link with other colleges," Luecke said. "Sometimes it seems like we've tried to not necessarily join in with some of the university-wide initiatives, and I think we need to improve on that. So we're going to be working more closely with the College of Science and Ag and Engineering."

"There are some really natural linkages that we haven't taken advantage of in the past," he said. "One thing we'd like to foster is some sort of natural resources writing program that would link English and

natural resources. Some of our students are very interested in pursuing that kind of writing."

The College of Natural Resources Undergraduate Student Council President John Nudd said he likes what Dean Luecke has done so far. He said Luecke has been involved with many students and activities.

"He's been really great," Nudd said. "He came to a retreat that we had earlier in the year. He gave a little workshop. He played volleyball with us. He also came to the Real Howl, the activity we put together. He's pretty active."

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Students travel to East Coast in Sandy's wake

BY ADDISON HALL
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Members of the Utah Conservation Corps working in the USU AmeriCorps program were sent to New York two weeks ago to help disaster recovery efforts in the area.

Tim Carroll, the on-site supervisor in New York, said the disaster is unlike anything he's ever seen.

"Most recently we've been in the Rockaway area of New York," Carroll said. "It was one of the harder hit areas and it was a huge shock to go down to that area for the first time this week and to see the total destruction of some of these homes."

Carroll said there were around 5,000 homes in that area alone which were either severely damaged or destroyed by the storm.

"Every single house had a flooded basement all the way up to the ceiling and then onto the first floor," he said. "Homes have been lifted off their foundations and moved two blocks and there's just debris everywhere."

Carroll said his group's current job is to take down and get rid of anything the flood destroyed in order to eventually help the rebuilding process.

"Most of what we've been doing is going into people's homes and in their basements, helping them gut the walls and pull out floorboards," he said. "Stuff was carried into the streets and between houses."

Carroll said no one in the group was completely prepared for the amount of damage done and he felt people didn't know much about the truth of the disaster.

"It's definitely on par with Katrina," he said, referring to the hurricane that struck New Orleans in 2005. "And as far as a dollar value amount, I think it's going to even surpass that."

Carroll said the destruction was caused

partly by the storm and partly by a series of disasters that followed. "It literally looks like a bomb went off," he said. "Some of those areas had fires after that and people's homes just burned to the ground — blocks and blocks of homes, because there's no way for fire crews to get in there after that happened. It's just one thing after another."

Carroll said snow and rain storms have continued to come down across the area, making it difficult for the recovery crews to work.

"It really takes a toll on the volunteers who are down here," he said. "Every day is just absolutely exhausting."

Carroll said the volunteers from UCC and AmeriCorps aren't the only ones helping. Hundreds of people from around the area take time off from work or other obligations to help repair the damage.

Kate Stephens, the assistant director of the USU Student Sustainability Office, said the volunteers led by Carroll are working through the school to be a part of AmeriCorps. She said the volunteers who went only had two weeks of service left in their contract when they were sent to New York but chose to do more.

"It's 10 Utah Conservation Corps AmeriCorps members, and they have been serving with the UCC since last spring," Stephens said. "They chose to extend a couple weeks beyond their end date and spend a full month out in New York."

Stephens said the group's first two weeks out were dedicated to helping people rather than repairing damages done by the storm.

"They were working out of a YMCA in Brooklyn that was converted into a shelter," Stephens said. "The residents of that shelter were evacuees from two nursing homes in Queens,



STUDENTS FROM THE UTAH CONSERVATION CORPS dig through rubble trying to clean up after Hurricane Sandy. The students have been on the East Coast for more than two weeks and are expected to return in mid-December. Photo courtesy of Tim Carroll

Regents vote to raise tuition

Students who exceed 150 credits will pay more for school

BY TMERA BRADLEY
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A recent change to tuition policy will have students throughout Utah paying double tuition if they exceed 150 credit hours.

On Nov. 15, the Utah State Board of Regents changed the policy to require students who reach 125 percent of credit hours, or 150 credits, to pay twice the tuition. The previous limit was set at 135 percent. This year, there were six students at USU who would be affected by the current policy.

"So basically right now at the 135 percent level, a student can do 42 additional credits before they reach the maximum, which is about three semesters," said USU registrar Roland Squires. "At the 125 percent level, it's 30 additional credits, which is a little more than an extra year."

Squires said there are a few exceptions, including students who do a double major. It also doesn't apply to non-resident students, since they already pay twice as much as resident students for tuition.

"We spend a lot of time looking for any allowable things that would make it so they don't have to pay for the credits," Squires said.

Non-resident tuition is lower than resident tuition because resident tuition is subsidized by taxpayer dollars. Squires said if the student takes longer to graduate, the legislature wants to have those students pay more so tax dollars don't have to subsidize those additional credits.

"And we just wanted to help students get done," Squires said.

Squires said one of the main reasons students get behind in graduation is because they take too long to declare a major. He said it puts them behind academically while acquiring empty credits that don't count toward a degree.

While additional credits affect tuition, students can still receive financial aid, but it has a limit. Steve Sharp, financial aid director at USU, said a bachelor's degree requires 120 credits. If a student reaches 180 credits, which is 150 percent, they can no longer receive financial aid.

"People can do it all they want, but the government isn't going to pay for it," Sharp said.

USU notifies students when they are getting close to reaching an overage and suspends students from aid at 165 percent.

"But there are some conditions that they can appeal to get aid," Sharp said. He said high school credit and one major change can be exempt.

"Or if they are missionary students and have received language credits with a test, then we won't count those against them either," Squires said.

Blake Bowen, a junior, said the new changes to tuition is incentive for students to graduate earlier.

"I think it would definitely help me to speed up that process," Bowen said.

He said students who spend longer than four years on their degree fill up spaces in classes, excluding those who need the class to graduate.

"But at the same time, more education can't hurt, and they're making the university money either way," he said.

Bowen started school as an engineering major. After two years, he switched and will graduate with a degree in business economics.

"That's probably a good policy," Bowen said. "If I know that I'm going to have double tuition by just taking tons of classes, I'm going to minimize the amount of extra things that I'm doing just so I don't have to run into that. It would work on me, that's for

Applications slow for young immigrants

TARA BAHRAMPOUR
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After President Barack Obama won a second term, the staff at CARECEN, a Washington-based Latino community organization, braced for a flood of applicants for "deferred action for childhood arrivals" (DACA), a new Obama administration policy that allows some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children to get two-year work permits and a deferral of deportation proceedings.

As many as 1.7 million people are potentially eligible, but only about 264,000 applied between August, when the government began accepting applications, and the end of October. Some held back, saying they feared that a Republican president would rescind the policy and use the information on their applications to locate and deport them.

But even though Obama won, the hordes of applicants have not materialized. In fact, according to numbers released Nov. 16 by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the average number of applications has waned, from a peak of 5,715 a day in September to 4,527 a day in November.

"It's actually slowed down here at CARECEN," said Andrea Rodriguez, the group's director of legal services, adding that the organization will cancel an application workshop that was planned for Saturday.

In September, she said, people were lining up early in the morning for services, and some had to be turned away. But at a recent intake session, only

one person showed up.

Other immigrant-advocacy groups in the Washington area, such as Casa de Maryland and Ayuda, have also reported either a leveling or a falling off of applications since the election — possibly because so many local youth raced to apply in August and September, as soon as they could.

"I think the first wave of people we helped were really activists," said George Escobar, director of health and human services at Casa, which has not seen a rise in applicants at its DACA clinic since the election. "They weren't afraid to come out and defend their right to be in this country."

For many, especially families with several eligible children, the \$465 application fee is a deterrent. "It's real common for people to space their kids out by one year, so it's the family making individual decisions as to who they're going to support," Escobar said.

Others may not know that they are eligible. Or they may be too afraid to fill out the application, which asks for information that in effect requires people to admit, using their real names and addresses, that they are in the country illegally.

"There are still concerns about the information and what could happen to the information down the line," said Shiu-Ming Cheer, a lawyer at the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles.

Almost 309,000 applications had been filed as of Nov. 16, and 53,000 had been approved, with an unknown number sent back with requests for more information.

Approval can take several months.

In the Washington area, an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people are eligible.

Muzaffar Chishti, director of the Migration Policy Institute's office at the New York University School of Law, said it is probably too early to identify significant trends in applications for DACA. He noted that there is no deadline to apply and that applications are likely to drop off during the holiday season.

"People who were sitting on the fence to see if [Mitt] Romney won are obviously relieved, but also there is some optimism in the air that there might be a legislative fix," he said. "So some people may be holding out to see if they get something better."

That could mean some version of the Dream Act, a bill that would provide a path to legal status for immigrants who arrived here as children and met certain conditions.

The bill did not pass the Senate two years ago, but after an election in which Hispanics overwhelmingly supported Obama, many Republicans have acknowledged the need to appeal to immigrants. On Tuesday, two Senate Republicans unveiled a proposal with some features that are similar to the Dream Act.

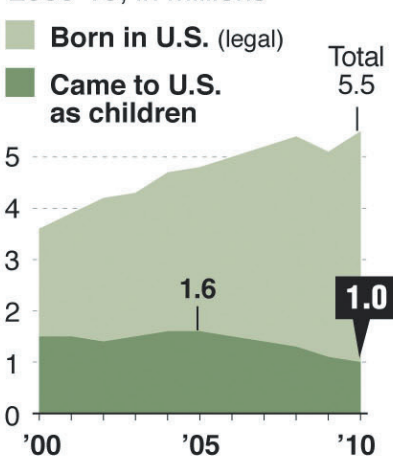
According to the government figures, the highest numbers of DACA applications have come from California, followed by Texas and New York. Virginia is tenth on the list. And although nationwide the numbers have not risen since the election, those applying now include many who were reluctant to do so before

Children of illegal immigrants

Illegal immigrants under age 31 who were brought to the U.S. as children can now apply for two-year deferrals under a new program established by the Obama administration.

A smaller share

An estimated 1 million children* of illegal immigrants are foreign-born and therefore illegal in 2010; children with at least one illegal immigrant parent, 2000-10; in millions



Federal criteria

Government will not pursue illegal immigrants who:

- Came to U.S. under age 16
- No older than 30
- Enrolled in school, graduated high school or served in military
- In U.S. for five unbroken
- No criminal record

Illegal immigrant population

There are 11.2 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., 3.7 percent of the total population; states with the largest percentage



State	Illegal pop.	% of pop.
Nev.	190,000	7.2%
Calif.	2,550,000	6.8
Texas	1,650,000	6.7
N.J.	550,000	6.2
Ariz.	400,000	6.0
Md.	275,000	4.6
D.C.	25,000	4.5
Fla.	825,000	4.5
Ga.	425,000	4.4
N.M.	85,000	4.3

*Under 18 and not married

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MONEY: Some students will pay more for school

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sure."

Senior Nicole Kerkman said she went through three majors to decide that marketing was for her. She will graduate in May after four-and-a-half years of college.

"I don't think it's fair to double the tuition because a student has learned what they don't want to major in," Kerkman said. "Some people dabble in more than others to find the right spot. If the tuition is doubled for too many credits, that might just cause students to just stick with something they hate simply because they can't afford their passion."

Sam Teahan, a software engineering major, said it will take him longer than four years to complete his schooling.

"In order to graduate, I would have had to take 17 or 18 credits every semester," Teahan said. "I'd rather focus a little more on getting better grades and take 15 credits a semester than take 18 and have my grades struggle a little bit."

The policy change will be in effect with new students enrolling in fall 2013. Squires said the university has programs to assist students in planning their graduation plan.

"Student Services can really provide a lot of help for students to move through the process," Squires said. "Our objective isn't to collect more money from students. The legislature, that's their incentive, but we just want to help students meet their goals."

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THE UTAH BOARD OF REGENTS recently voted to raise tuition for students who have more than 150 credits. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

Gay activist looks for LDS support in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The pork chop in front of Jim Dabakis grew cold as he talked.

And talked.

"I have a passion to say stuff," he explained.

There is, in his defense, a lot of stuff to say. Dabakis is a former Mormon who is gay and wealthy and also happens to be the chairman of the state Democratic Party in this reddest of red states. He believes that even meager gains among significant Mormon populations in swing mountain states such as Nevada and Colorado could have national ramifications in close elections. Utah is his laboratory.

Since becoming chairman in summer 2011, Dabakis has doubled his party's budget and begun building bridges into Mormon congregations across the state. He credited some of those new Mormon Democrats with reelecting Jim Matheson to the House over the Republican future-star-who-fizzled Mia Love. He launched the group LDS Dems, a national chapter that Mormon Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid, Nev., inaugurated at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte.

The state Senate candidate in Saturday's special election discussed his modest upbringing as a gangly Greek son of a depressed Massachusetts shut-in, his conversion at 11 to Mormonism and his coming out as gay to one of the top apostles in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After a description of his ill-fated missionary gambits at the San Francisco Bay Area sporting events, the 58-year-old art dealer explained his decision decades ago to leave Brigham Young University and his adoptive faith for a life as a radio talk-show host, television personality, gay activist, gadfly, collector of Russian art and political player who made a temporary home and lasting fortune in St. Petersburg.

knowing the vote's outcome.

In some places with fewer immigrants, local advocates say they have seen a spike.

"In the Deep South, we do have pretty stiff anti-immigrant laws," said Hiroko Kusuda, an assistant clinic professor at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Before the election, she

added, she advised eligible youth in Louisiana and Mississippi to hold off on applying for DACA. "I always told them, 'You know, I wouldn't do it now,' because I wasn't sure if the new president, if it's not Obama, would continue this program."

Now, she said, she is advising them to go ahead — in part because Obama won, and in part

because since Romney lost, "Republicans have changed their minds; they have decided that immigrants are a very important part of their constituency."

Since the election, Kusuda said, her clients' faces have brightened. "They are more at ease," she said.



JIM DABAKIS IS THE CHAIRMAN of the Utah Democratic Party and candidate for state Senate. He is a gay former Mormon who is trying to build political bridges with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Washington Post photo

But what Dabakis really wants to talk about are his efforts to make the Democratic Party — and himself — viable in a state where liberals are a peculiar people, where more than 70 percent of voters are Mormon, and where the state legislature, governorship and both U.S. Senate seats are Republican sinecures.

"There is a pragmatic issue here," Dabakis said, describing the traditional Democratic strategy of anti-Mormonism as wrongheaded. "As long as that continues, we'll be the party that has no power," he said.

Many Republicans dismiss Dabakis as a talk-show loudmouth. But others admire his approach.

"He doesn't like me, but I kind of like him," said Orrin G. Hatch, Utah's senior Republican U.S. senator, who is also Mormon. "He has a tough job, but he has handled it better, in my opinion, than any Democratic chairman in my 36 years."

A key to Dabakis's recruitment of plausible candidates is his relationship with powerbrokers in a church that many gay-rights activists have written off.

In 2009, the Mormon Church aggressively and successfully supported Proposition 8, which called for banning gay marriage in California. The blowback was intense.

"Prop. 8 was a catastrophe for them," he said. The church may have come to the same conclusion. Dabakis describes receiving an unexpected call from the church to "get together" even though the church had rebuffed such entreaties from him for more than a decade.

The talks bore fruit. In November 2011, church spokesman Michael Otterson spoke in favor of an anti-discrimination ordinance in Salt Lake's city council. The church also took no visible part in opposing the legalization of same-sex marriage in Maine, Maryland and Washington. "I believe them when they say they simply have not gotten involved since Prop. 8," Dabakis said.

Otterson said the relationship with Dabakis and discussions on gay issues reflected that although



UTAH CONSERVATION CORPS STUDENTS observe a house damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Photo courtesy of Tim Carroll

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so they were doing all different kinds of things but mainly tending to the needs of elderly people who had suddenly become homeless.”

Stephens said the volunteers were tasked with tending to the evacuees and protecting them because many of them were diagnosed with dementia and other mental diseases.

Sean Damitz, the director of the Student Sustainability Office, said the UCC and USU were involved in Hurricane Katrina as well as Sandy. He said UCC volunteers will be sent to anywhere, like New York, that needs help.

Carroll said his experiences in New York have opened his eyes to what people face in difficult times. Carroll said he'd never forget the experience he had in New York or the people who helped him.

“It's just been so awesome to see people coming down to volunteer and to help out,” Carroll said. “That's really the most amazing thing about this whole experience is just seeing the selflessness of people who are willing to give up their time and give their energy. That's what we need right now.”

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DEMOCRAT: Chairman wants to make party viable

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the faith has its doctrinal standards, “we can still have mutual respect. We can still be inclusive.”

Although Dabakis is no longer a Mormon, he says the church played a pivotal and positive role in his life. He and his three sisters grew up in Springfield, Mass., where his father worked as a machinist and his mother, afflicted with mental illness, rarely left her room. Some Mormon kids from a nearby church took notice of the 11-year-old's lanky 5-foot-11 frame and invited him to play on the church team, which allowed one non-Mormon player on the floor at a time. All was well until a better non-Mormon player entered the picture and ate up Dabakis's court time.

“So the coach came to me and he said, ‘Well, Jimmy, there's a way you can play,’” said Dabakis, who went home and asked his mother if he could be baptized to play on the team.

“‘You know you're Greek Orthodox,’” Dabakis recalled her saying before giving her consent. “‘Be home by 5, and don't tell your father.’”

His father eventually found out but appreciated the strong foundation the church provided his son. In 1971, he enrolled in BYU and stopped in at church headquarters in Temple Square to share his concerns about his sexual orientation.

“Does this have to do with boys or girls?” Dabakis recounted the receptionist asking. “Boys,” he answered, and he was led to the office of Mark Petersen, one of the church's 12 apostles, who told him to study and do a mission and that things would work out. Dabakis asked whether he had to tell his teachers or bishops.

“No, it's between us,” Peterson encouragingly responded. “And if they have any problem with it, have them call me.”

Dabakis was sent on a mission to the San Francisco Bay Area. In an early sign of the panache he has brought to his professional and political career, Dabakis replaced the traditional door knocking with public relations stunts. Not all of them went well.

At a Golden State Warriors basketball game, Dabakis was announced for a halftime raffle to win a manual instructing families how to spend time together and live more righteously. Directly beforehand, an appliance store held a raffle for a washing machine and refrigerator. The winner of the manual, who ran down the stands in “The Price Is Right” style, thought she, too, had won a major appliance.

“What is this s---?” she said upon receiving the manual.

“Cut the mike! Cut the mike!” Dabakis urged.

Back at BYU, Dabakis increasingly felt out of place and left the school to



JIM DABAKIS SITS IN HIS OFFICE. Dabakis is trying to widen the grasp of the Democratic Party in Utah. Washington Post photo

pursue his dream of becoming a radio talk-show host in Salt Lake City, where he soon became a well-known personality. After several of his friends died from AIDS-related illnesses in the early 1980s, he started speaking out and gave the epidemic a face by bringing people with HIV onto the show.

He and his partner, Stephen Justeson, began traveling through the Eastern Bloc and Russia, where Dabakis had been organizing tours for years. (“I didn't know anything about Russia,” he acknowledged.) The couple collected art by then-relatively unknown painters such as Arkady Plastov and the Tkachev Brothers and moved to St. Petersburg in 1991. For three years, Dabakis taught business at the local university and invested in the newly opened markets. (“We ended up being one of the biggest sellers of urea.”) In 1994, he returned to Salt Lake City a rich man, invested in his old radio stations and sold them for a bundle after deregulation.

That reputation as a successful businessman has burnished his credibility with the business-friendly church. But his credentials with liberals are also impeccable. He served as a founder and first chairman of the Pride Center and Equality Utah. He didn't exactly deny the whispers in Washington that he turned down the top job at the gay lobbying powerhouse the Human Rights Campaign. “They got the right man,” he demurred.

These seemingly separate strains came together in the post-Proposition 8 glasnost and have formed the Mormon-outreach agenda that has been central to Dabakis's campaigns for party chairman and now state senator.

“As I've met with the church, I've said ‘Look, I don't come with a clenched fist,’” Dabakis said, finally cutting into the pork chop. “A lot of the good in my life came from the training and the embrace and the wonder that you guys picked up this kid off the streets in Massachusetts.”

Briefs

Campus & Community

Mummies visit USU museum

Mummies from around the world is the subject at the next “Saturdays at the Museum” activity at Utah State University's Museum of Anthropology. A variety activities are offered Saturday, Dec. 1, at the museum.

Techniques for mummification include human intervention, such as the elaborate ceremonies of ancient Egypt, and natural causes such as freezing or drying.

Special tours of the museum's Otzi the Iceman exhibit will take place throughout the day. Museum visitors can learn about the techniques scientists have used to learn more about Otzi's life and death.

Young guests can explore the subject and learn more by creating their own mummified apple.

“Mummies are a fascinating part of the past,” said Diana Azevedo, a museum assistant. “They allow us to know so much about ancient peoples since material remains, such as clothing, are preserved along with the body. Most people know about Egyptian mummification, but there are many types of mummified remains from all over the world, including the Peruvian desert and the peat bogs of England.”

In addition to the “Saturdays at the Museum” activity series with its 10 a.m.-4 p.m. hours, community members and USU students alike can visit the museum during its standard operating hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Speaker presents on James Madison

Journalist, historian and Guggenheim fellow Richard Brookhiser will discuss his book on founding father James Madison next month in a rescheduled visit to Utah State University.

The talk, “James Madison: Father of the Constitution, father of politics,” is sponsored by the university's Project on Liberty and American Constitutionalism.

Brookhiser, a longtime senior editor at National Review has authored 13 books, primarily focused on early American history and the founding fathers. His latest, James Madison, explores a lesser known role the fourth president played in establishing the first political party.

USU alum returns to play in concert

The Utah State University Music Department presents “Reesor Plays Rachmaninoff” Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall located in the Chase Fine Art Center on USU's Logan campus.

“We are excited to have Keenan Reesor return to Utah State and perform with the Symphony Orchestra,” said Sergio Bernal, USU Symphony Orchestra musical director in the Caine College of the Arts.

Reesor recently won the first USU Symphony Orchestra Alumni Concerto Competition, a new competition open to USU alumni. He competed with the “Third Piano Concerto” by Sergei Rachmaninoff and will perform that piece in this concert.

Reesor received a bachelor of music degree from USU and is currently pursuing a doctorate in historical musicology at the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music.

Tickets for the Dec. 6 concert are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and youth, \$5 for USU faculty and staff and free for USU students with ID. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Caine College of the Arts Box Office located in room 139-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center, by calling 435-797-8022 or online at the college website arts.usu.edu.

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Treasure and trash abound at surplus sale

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The USU Surplus sale may not be a holiday-shopping destination, but dozens of bargain hunters and shoppers looking for quirky items scour the shelves daily.

USU Surplus, located in a building on the north edge of the Romney Stadium parking lot, collects items discarded from every USU campus and sells them to the public. The items range from computers to office furniture. Some were manufactured in the 2010s, some in the '50s.

Three rows of tables laden with computers, monitors and televisions sit near the entrance. Deeper inside, dozens of filing cabinets create walls for a couple of aisles. Size 16 men's football cleats dwarf pairs of rock climbing shoes on a counter.

Steve Sluder, a Wellsville resident and an electronic technician, rummaged through shelves of discarded lab equipment during a Monday lunchtime. His son, also an electronic technician named Steve Sluder, helped scour the stacks and bins of electronics. A Yesco Electronics badge on his chest labelled the younger Sluder as "Steve II."

The younger Sluder said the visit to the surplus store was his fourth: His father's was his father's first. Neither of the Sluders have bought items — they come mainly for amusement. As they explored the bare-concrete, fluorescent-lit room, most of their comments fell into three categories.

Comment one was the trusted name brand. The younger Sluder held up a long, flat electronic device. "See this box? This is a Heathkit product," he said. "It's an electronic crossover: home stereo stuff."

Later, he showed his father a commercial ice-making machine for restaurant use. That's a Manitowoc. That's a really good ice maker," the elder Sluder said.

He agreed with his son that the Manitowoc would be a great find if he was in the market for an ice machine.

Comment two was the mystery machine. The younger Sluder picked up a dark grey hulk of plastic about the size of a college dictionary. A Dell computer logo and a connection port on the top gave it away as a dock used to charge laptops.

"Why is that docking station so big?" the younger Sluder said. "That thing's like a computer in itself."



A VINTAGE SALON CHAIR, left, beckons to bargain hunters at the USU Surplus sale. Along with consumer goods, laboratory equipment and industrial parts, top right, are scattered throughout the building. Bottom left, Kyle Wright, a junior studying environmental engineering, examines one of the many filing cabinets at the sale. SAMANTHA BEHL photos

His father took a look. They identified a CD-ROM drive, a power supply and several additional ports on the device. The younger Sluder speculated on the possibility of a hard drive inside the dock and contemplated buying it.

"It's a whole dollar," the elder Sluder said.

Comment three was the item the university shouldn't bother selling. As his father examined a box of VHS cassettes, the younger Sluder tapped a crystal floral vase.

"Vases? What do they have vases for?" he said. "Throw them away for gosh's sake."

Though the vase may not bring in much money for the university, the state regulates disposal of its property. Every office and campus associated with the university is required to dispose of property through USU Surplus, according to Scott Jaggi, who manages USU Surplus. Jaggi said the variety of items attracts curious shoppers and people can even find use for the more unorthodox items.

For example, USU Surplus received two salon chairs, decades old and complete with plastic hair-styling

helmets, Jaggi said. He said the theater arts department bought one to use as a stage prop. The other is still for sale.

Jaggi said some bargain hunters visit the store on a nearly daily basis, something that wouldn't have been possible until about two years ago. Formerly, USU Surplus held a bid sale four times a year. Items would pile up in storage and customers would pile up when the sale opened, he said.

"You'd have people lined up two and 300 deep," Jaggi said. "It was like Black Friday, and then when the gates open, they run in and go nuts."

Jaggi said sales and clientele have both increased since the sale transitioned to a daily basis. The continual sale presents a more comfortable atmosphere for many customers, he said.

"To be honest, people like me — I wouldn't shop, I wouldn't stand in that line for anything," he said.

Jaggi said he expects sales to be slow through the holiday season, though a few people bolster their holiday shopping with surplus sale items.

"We have people come in here and buy gag gifts," he said. "Pair of size 16 cleats or something. That's a good white elephant gift."

Jaggi said computers and computer parts make up the sale's most popular category. The store sells computers from labs, flat-screen monitors, speakers, keyboards and other items. He said most of the equipment isn't cutting edge, but customers will buy old systems to tinker with.

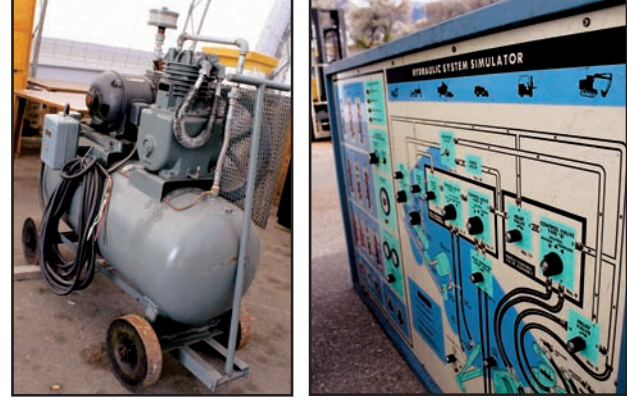
Jaggi said he doesn't understand why the sale draws comparatively few students.

"We've got cheap desks, we've got cheap chairs, we've got computers," he said. "We've got stuff that a lot of students could use in apartments. I don't know if they're all renting furnished places, or they just don't know about us."

Tyson Lloyd and Jacque Stuart, two students who check the surplus sale occasionally, said the sale provides low-cost entertainment.

"It's always an adventure," said Lloyd, an MBA student.

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COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER COMPUTER equipment, top, lines tables at the USU Surplus sale. Industrial, construction and agricultural equipment, bottom left and right, is available at a monthly auction. SAMANTHA BEHL photos

Kris Kringle sets up shop in Cache Valley Mall



SANTA CLAUS COMES to Cache Valley as Kyle Saxton suits up daily for the role while working at the Cache Valley Mall. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

BY CALE PATTERSON
features senior writer

Dressed in red, bearded, rosy-cheeked and jolly are all words that typically bring a well-known image to mind. Those who frequent the Cache Valley Mall will see that image brought to life through Kyle Saxton, Logan's very own Santa Claus.

Speaking as Santa, Saxton claims he has been around for around 600 years, the last two of which have been spent in Logan. He said there is plenty of work for him to do this Christmas season, but weekdays are a little slow.

"Lots and lots of gifts to get giving," he said. "The kids come and go. The weekdays are real slow. The weekends are busy."

Saxton said his favorite part about being Santa is the children he is able

to work with on a daily basis. He has had many different experiences ranging from humorous to touching, and also said he has been able to meet a wide range of people as they take their children and grandchildren in to see him.

"The funniest moment I can remember is a father that brought his daughter in. He got up to me and says, 'oh wow he's got hair,' meaning I've got a real beard, and turned around and ran out and left his daughter standing there."

Saxton said the holiday season is much more enjoyable for those who maintain a belief in Santa, and parents should allow their children the belief until they are ready to move on.

"The ones that believe are the ones that enjoy the holiday," he said. "The ones that don't believe don't really enjoy the holiday. For a parent

Day in the
Life

Kyle Saxton
professional
Santa
Cache Valley Mall

to make a child not believe before they're ready to not believe, which I have seen, it's hard. It's a holiday for kids."

After working for an aerospace company for 30 years, and then subsequently retiring, Saxton said that working as Santa in Cache Valley has been much more fulfilling than the

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'Red Dawn' remake reigns over previous version

Spencer Palmer

'Red Dawn'

Grade: A-



Film Review

What would you do if the United States was invaded? Is it only a matter of time?

The United States is in trouble, the economy is collapsing and foreign operatives bombard the computer networks with cyber attacks and monitor the internet, invading privacy at will.

Jed Eckert, played by actor Chris Hemsworth, watches the local football team, the Wolverines, take on one of their biggest rivals. Jed is a Marine on leave and visiting his home in Spokane, Wash., for a few weeks.

His brother Matt, played by Josh Peck, leads the team as a quarterback with a mind of his own.

Their father and policeman Tom, played by Brett Cullen, does his best to support both his sons, even though his sons are somewhat distanced from each other.

After the game, Matt hooks up with his girlfriend Erica Martin, played by Isabel Lucas, and they head to the bar and grill for dinner where they meet up with other friends from town.

A blackout shuts down the city, so everyone goes home and Tom goes out for duty to keep the peace during the outage.

The next morning, Jed and Matt are shaken awake by loud noises and falling objects. They rush outside and see planes and parachutes soaring over their neighborhood. Gunfire echoes through the area.

Jed and Matt quickly head for the hills, picking up other teenagers along the way. They take shelter in a cabin and Jed instructs everyone to gather supplies.

With his background as a Marine, Jed naturally takes charge of the group, even though he's forceful at times. He understands what's ahead and what can happen.

Tom is brought to the mountains with Captain Cho, the leader of the invaders played by Will Yun Lee, to try to bring his sons and the other teenagers in. He announces to his sons that they need to go to war.

Jed rallies his troops and gives them a decision: to fight, or not.

They chose to fight. What would you choose? "Red Dawn" is a remake of the 1984 movie of the same name. It's an inspiring film with a haunting undertone.

To really appreciate this movie, you need to first see the original. The world was different in the '80s, and it shows on multiple levels.

Some critics have been nostalgically unfair to the new movie. If you feel like your opinion of the remake stems from your memories and love of the original, you may want to watch the original again before seeing the remake.

There are many reasons why this remake is better than its predecessor. The Wolverines were led by someone with experience in war instead of a football



CHRIS HEMSWORTH STARS in "Red Dawn," leading a group of teenagers to save their town from a North Korean invasion. Stock photo

team captain. They were more hands on in the crisis.

The story was more believable in the sense the foreign invaders would actually have interest in the city they invaded, rather than invading some small midwestern town.

The film effectively balances action and soft moments all while maintaining the ominous feeling of uncertainty, a balance reversed in the first movie.

"Red Dawn" contains all the elements that made its counterpart iconic.

The intensity of the invasions in both films was on equal footing. Both scenes will be remembered for many years to come.

Both the 1984 and 2012 versions of the movie were realistic in their own spheres, making them perfect for their time.

"Red Dawn" is Dan Bradley's first work as director. He comes with a background as a second unit director in "The Bourne Legacy," "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol," "Spider-Man 2" and "Quantum of Solace." He also has a strong history as a stunt coordinator in "The Bourne Ultimatum," "Spider-Man 3" and "Crank," which gives him a solid foundation to build on in his new endeavor.

Hemsworth is best known for his role as Thor in "Thor" and "The

Avengers," but he's also branched out in "Star Trek," "The Cabin in the Woods" and "Snow White and the Huntsman." He perfectly plays a Marine with a past. He also did a great job at playing an older brother, likely drawing from his experience as an older brother in real life.

Peck hasn't been in too many large productions, but he's had varied experience with a start in "Drake & Josh," the "Ice Age" movie series and most recently "ATM." He's a rising actor with potential for greatness who will show off another angle of his talent in the dance movie "Battle of the Year: The Dream Team."

Hutcherson is easily recognizable for his participation in "Hunger Games" and the upcoming "Hunger Games: Catching Fire." His talent is better demonstrated here than in his mild-mannered position as Peeta.

Lee is intimidating as a ruthless military leader, which brings to memory his role in "Die Another Day." Audiences everywhere are going to be thrilled to see him in next year's hit "The Wolverine," where he'll deliver another dose of intense excitement.

Djawandi once again delivers a phenomenal soundtrack. Easily recognized, his work is most known for movies "Iron Man," "Clash of the Titans," "Prison

Break" and the video game "Medal of Honor." He created a pounding heavy orchestral score that's strong enough to stand on its own.

Whether you see this in theaters or in your

home, you'll want to see the "Red Dawn" for the 21st century.

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'Boy Meets World' bears female successor

Steve Schwartzman

Just a Few Laughs

Inspired by what could only have been fate, the loving heavens and a strict brown rice noodle diet, I glanced upon my Twitter feed and happened on upon some-

thing so special that special just doesn't describe it. It's phenomenal. It's wonderful. It's everything the Wild Berry Pop-Tart was supposed to be but sadly wasn't, and even more than that — "Boy Meets World" is coming back.

Like, officially: like, with the same principle cast: like, they start filming early next year.

This is huge. Everyone go outside and, in the spirit of the Eric Matthews, exclaim the "Feeny call" into the night sky as loudly as you can, because the television god has finally said, "It's an idea. We have no clue if it will

work in this day and age, but for the good of the sanity of those who still want stations solely for music videos, we will give this a try."

And try we will. "Boy Meets World" is back!

Okay, okay — it's kind of back. The running title is "Girl Meets World" and will outline the story of Cory and Topanga raising their coming-of-age 13 year-old daughter Riley.

Will this transition to a new show based off of a once highly-guarded television program work as swimmingly as those of us of the '90s TGIF era are hoping? We honestly don't know. But in this current era of overly-done musical programs and shows that built momentum off of pure controversy — and then there's "Yo Gabba Gabba" — we need some sort of blessing that in its own harmonious way brings us back to our roots, and this may just be it.

This does beg me to wonder, however, of some TV shows from my childhood that also need stern evaluation. While we're at it, why don't we categorize them?

The TV show from Steve's childhood that must come back is "Freaks and Geeks." Anyone who has seen this show knows two things: Jason Segel does not know how to age, and this show was viciously robbed for only lasting a season. This program was the "Wonder Years" of our time, an homage to young people who have young people lives and tell young people stories about their young people problems with their young people



THE POPULAR '90s TV SHOW "Boy Meets World" is to be revamped as "Girls Meets World," involving the children of the predecessor's main characters. *Stock photo*

friends. It hit its demographic perfectly and then bad marketing took it to its grave. Come back, "Freaks and Geeks," and promise us we can all be cool again by trying more than we need to.

The TV show from Steve's childhood that should never come back is "Hey Arnold." Among the theories that this show had run its course and was running out of creative storylines in its time, my real argument is this: We don't officially know Arnold's last name, and for the sake of our kindred spirits, it is best it stays that way. No temptations.

The show that should have never existed is "7th Heaven." Look, we get

it: You were the moral rebuttal to "Dawson's Creek." We know that, we respect that, and the knowledge that Jessica Biel was of legal age the entire time will still not motivate us to watch this show. Save the feel good, family-type shows for "Sabrina the Teenage Witch."

The show that should be real life is "Superhuman Samurai." You and your rock-and-roll friends double as robot-transforming crime fighters who travel via the Internet, and one of you is a Lawrence brother? I should have to explain this one any further.

I'm glad I could get that well-needed television analysis off of my

chest. Here's to hoping our children and children's children can have such experiences with "Girl Meets World" in decades ahead.

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SANTA: No reindeer, real beard

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career he chose to pursue. "It's the most rewarding job I've ever had. I worked for an aerospace company for 30 years, then retired and started this job — I couldn't have a better job in the world."

As children go to sit on Santa's lap to tell him their wish lists, Saxton said they ask for gifts as varied as cars and

cell phones — a far cry from the gifts given when he was a child.

"To some of the things they tell you you just say, 'okay.' A little five year old the other day said, 'I want an iPhone 5.' I said, 'how old are you sweetie?' 'I'm five,' she said. I told her iPhone fives are reserved for 10 year-olds at least."

According to Saxton, USU

students should maintain their Christmas spirit and go see their families during the season, and going to take a picture with Santa isn't a bad idea either.

"Go see your family over the holidays," he said. "Come see Santa too."

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STUDENT TALMAGE FINDLAY WORKS the register at USU Surplus. *SAMANTHA BEHL photo*

SURPLUS: Odd objects up for grabs

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"There's all kinds of lab equipment. I just saw a 'DNA Engine,' it was called, and I don't know what the heck that is."

Stuart, a senior studying nutrition science, said the variety of items for sale changes often.

"The more I come here, the less I'm surprised by things, but the first time I came here, I was like, 'There are staplers here, and what are these things? Old records,'" she said. "Now I've come to not be surprised by anything."

USU Surplus is open

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Expensive items, such as vehicles, livestock and industrial equipment, are sold in an auction on the first Monday and Tuesday of every month.

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Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5
USU at BYU, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

SATURDAY, NOV. 1
USU vs. Montana State, 7 p.m., in Spectrum

Aggie Scoreboard Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28
Utah State 80, Santa Clara 78

Women's Basketball

TUESDAY, NOV. 27
Utah 92, Utah State 64

NCAA Schedule Football

FRIDAY, NOV 30
No. 21 Northern Illinois at No. 17 Kent State, 5 p.m.

No. 16 UCLA at No. 8 Stanford, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1
New Mexico State at Texas State, 2 p.m.

No. 11 Oklahoma at TCU, 10 a.m.

No. 20 Boise State at Nevada, 1:30 p.m.

No. 18 Texas at Kansas at West Virginia, 12:30 p.m.

No. 2 Alabama at No. 3 Georgia, 2 p.m.

WAC Standings Football

	CONF.	REC.
No. 20 Utah State	6-0	10-2
San Jose State	5-1	10-2
Louisiana Tech	4-2	9-3
UTSA	3-3	8-4
Texas State	1-4	3-8
Idaho	1-5	1-11
New Mexico State	0-5	1-10

MAC Standings Football

	CONF.	REC.
EAST		
No. 18 Kent State	8-0	11-1
Bowling Green	6-2	8-4
Ohio	4-4	8-4
Buffalo	3-5	4-8
Miami (OH)	3-5	4-8
Massachusetts	1-7	1-11
Akron	0-8	1-11
WEST		
No. 19 Northern Illinois	8-0	11-1
Ball State	6-2	9-3
Toledo	6-2	9-3
Central Michigan	4-4	6-6
Western Michigan	2-6	4-8
Eastern Michigan	1-7	2-10

AP Top 25 Football

	RECORD	PTS	PVS
1 Notre Dame (60)	12-0	1500	1
2 Alabama	11-1	1400	2
3 Georgia	11-1	1331	3
4 Ohio State	12-0	1294	4
5 Florida	11-1	1262	6
6 Oregon	11-1	1242	5
7 Kansas State	10-1	1079	7
8 Stanford	10-2	1061	11
9 LSU	10-2	1056	8
10 Texas A&M	10-2	1043	9
11 S. Carolina	10-2	916	13
12 Oklahoma	9-2	834	14
13 Florida State	10-2	764	10
14 Nebraska	10-2	704	17
15 Clemson	10-2	667	12
16 Oregon State	8-3	528	16
17 UCLA	9-3	505	15
18 Kent State	11-1	355	23
19 N. Illinois	11-1	349	24
20 Utah State	10-2	274	25
21 Michigan	8-4	217	20
22 Northwestern	9-3	189	NR
23 Texas	8-3	185	18
24 Okla. State	7-4	174	22
25 Boise State	9-2	145	NR

Dropped from rankings:
Louisville 19, Rutgers 21, Mississippi State 25

Others receiving votes:
San Jose State 78, Louisville 73, TCU 67, Penn State 61, Rutgers 50, Vanderbilt 48, San Diego State 15, Fresno State 12, USC 7, Arkansas State 5, Arizona 4, Cincinnati 3, Ball State 1, Mississippi State 1, North Carolina 1

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Aggies take overtime win

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM
sports senior writer

It took extra time, but the Utah State basketball team got off on the right foot on its two-game road trip with a 80-78 overtime win over Santa Clara to hand the Broncos their first loss of the season.

"It looked like we were going to get beat by 30 at the start of the game," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "When you look at the stat sheet we did a lot of things well. Shot it well, held them down, outbounded them, but lots of turnovers. It's nice to go home and learn from these types of games — especially after a win. We were fortunate to win."

It was a slow start for the Aggies as they quickly fell behind 19-4 behind hot 3-point shooting by the Broncos. SCU started 4-of-6 from beyond the arc, but missed the next seven. Over the next three and a half minutes, USU fought back to within five.

The lead grew back to 12 as Utah State went nearly three minutes without scoring, but back-to-back 3-pointers from Danny Berger and Spencer Butterfield cut the deficit to 32-28.

The Broncos were scoreless over the final 5:41 of the half, which the Aggies turned into a 12-0 run to go into the break with a 34-33 lead.

Utah State committed 12 turnovers in the first 20 minutes but kept the game from getting out of hand thanks to 10 from Santa Clara.

"This team has got a lot of heart," said junior guard Preston Medlin. "We got down early, we fought back. That was awesome. We just stuck in there and made a few big shots. Coach Morrill emphasized to us before the

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AGGIE FORWARD KYISEAN REED takes a shot in Utah State's win over Weber State on Saturday. Reed had 11 points and seven rebounds in the double-overtime win at Santa Clara. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Utah dominates USU

BY JASON BORBA
staff writer

The Utah State women's basketball team concluded its six-game road trip Tuesday night with a stop in Salt Lake City to take on the University of Utah. The Aggies fell to the Utes 92-64.

"Utah played a very good game tonight," said USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner. "I tried to figure out what they do best, offense or defense, and I have to go with offense. It was a physical game controlled by Utah. I don't know if we could beat them again. Maybe at home we would have a shot but they really took it to us."

After two-straight wins in the Great Alaska Shootout, the Aggies fell to 2-4 on the season with the loss. The Utes remain perfect on the year with a 6-0 record.

The Aggies were led by senior Devyn Christensen who scored 18 points. Fellow senior Jenna Johnson chipped in with 12 points. No other player scored in double digits for USU.

Junior Taryn Wicijowski was the Utes' leading scorer with a game-high 21 points to go along with eight rebounds and six assists. Junior Michelle Plouffe added 19 points and seven boards for the Utes.

"They had some really hard matchups tonight for us with 6-foot-4 Plouffe and 6-foot-3 Wicijowski — two really good players who have a lot of national team experience with Canada and very poised and strong physically," Finkbeiner said.

Finkbeiner experimented with different lineups and started freshman Stephanie Bairstow and Makenlee

Williams. Christensen has been spending some time at the point guard position.

"Devyn is in a little bit of a learning curve right now, playing that position of the one, and the two freshman are in a big learning curve transitioning to Division I," Finkbeiner said.

USU got on the board first after a 3-pointer by Bairstow but the lead didn't last for long. The Utes pulled ahead two minutes later and never trailed for the remainder of the game.

The game was close with a little more than 13 minutes remaining in the first half and USU down 14-10. A turnover by USU's junior Haylee Thompson sparked a 27-8 run by the Utes to end the first half.

The Aggies went into the break down 41-18 while shooting 30 percent from the field and 22 percent from 3-point range. The Utes had 20 points off 11 turnovers in the first half. Johnson led all Aggies in scoring with six points at the break. Wicijowski had 13 for Utah.

"We challenged the girls at half-time to look at the big picture with the WAC conference play coming in January and February with a lot of ball still left to play and to do better in the second half," Finkbeiner said.

USU came out with more energy in the second half but it wasn't enough to mount a comeback. The Aggies shooting percentage improved to 42 percent and USU had one turnover in the second half.

After scoring just two points in the first half, Christensen put up 16 in the

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FRESHMAN FORWARD HAYLEE THOMPSON contests a shot in Tuesday's 92-64 loss to Utah. Photo courtesy Karina Puikkonen, The Daily Utah Chronicle

BASKETBALL: Aggies survive scare in Santa Clara

From page 7

game that if we keep their 3-point percentage down and their field goal percentage down, and you'll have a good chance of winning."

Things started smoother for the Aggies in the second half as they quickly extended the 1-point edge to eight a little more than two minutes in. Aggie center Jarred Shaw had four quick points to start after scoring eight in the first half, finishing with 15 for the night after fouling out at the end of

Turnovers plagued the Aggies throughout the second half, and USU's 21st turnover led to a three-point play to give the Broncos their first lead of the second half at 63-60 with fewer than four minutes to play.

But Medlin had other plans.

The junior came back with a three-point play of his own: With time running out on the Aggies, Medlin hit the game-tying 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds left to send the game to

with a 3-pointer. Forward Ben Clifford drew a charge to give the Aggies the ball with fewer than two minutes left.

The teams traded free throws down the stretch before senior forward Kyisean Reed dunked in another two points as the Aggies escaped with the win after a late Bronco trey.

"Everybody did a great job," Medlin said. "It was a great team effort and exactly what you need to have on the road. I feel like it was a great team defense tonight, we helped out a lot. We held them below their average in points and shooting."

The Aggies overcame 23 turnovers to escape with the win, while the Broncos committed just four in the second half after 10 in the first half.

Shaw fouled out with a little more than a minute remaining, ending his streak of double-doubles at four, but led four Aggies in double-digits scoring.

Utah State improved to 4-1 on the season with the win while Santa Clara fell to 5-1. The Aggies face another tough road test when they travel to Provo to face in-state rival BYU on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

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Preston Medlin

Utah State men's basketball

"That was a tough shot. There was a little luck in there, but I've been working on my shot and it went..."

regulation.

But a chippy Broncos squad refused to go quietly. Santa Clara senior Kevin Foster took over with three-straight steals and four points as SCU crawled back to within four at 57-53 with 7:57 remaining.

The Aggies struggled against the stingy Broncos defense and SCU filled the passing lanes en route to nine steals with seven minutes left and pulled within two.

overtime.

"That was a tough shot," Medlin said. "There was a little luck in there, but I've been working on my shot and it went down for me. It was great for us. They obviously played great defense on me. They played the whole 40 minutes, the whole 45 minutes actually."

Both teams struggled to get anything going in the extra session, but Medlin kept his stroke and gave the Aggies a 75-71 lead



AGGIE CENTER JARRED SHAW looks to the hoop in USU's win over Weber State on Saturday. Shaw had 15 points and eight rebounds before fouling out in the Santa Clara game. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

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OPINION

Coach A is here to stay

Steve Schwartzman



May the Schwartz be with you

It has been a long and all-things eventful week of happenings in the world of Aggie athletics — some bad, a whole lot more for good and quite honestly, a whole lot that leave us questioning.

It is weeks like this that can leave a columnist all kinds of flustered. No matter what you hear through the grapevine, choosing a weekly topic isn't the easiest of tasks. It takes prioritization, a mess of creativity and most importantly, a bushel of hope that you aren't preaching to the choir. No matter how you swing it, you are always performing to a rough crowd.

So yes, I could discuss USU football soaring to their second bowl game appearance in as many years. I could talk about the speedily rising NFL draft stock of the likes of Chuck Jacobs, Bojay Filimoeatu, and most notably, recent interception-machine Will Davis. We could discuss all of the questions pertaining to both men's and women's basketball teams. Heck, we could outline the performance of concessions if we so felt the need.

My job, however, is to speak to the emotions and concerns of the fan base. With any hope and skill, I fulfill my job weekly of answering those questions and thoughts Aggie fans are

clamoring abroad with, and right now the biggest question has been devastatingly loud.

Just where will Gary Andersen be coaching next year?

The Utah State University football program is potentially one win away from what may very well be considered the most successful season in the school's history. This of course means new names and numbers decorating record books, newfound buzz around campus and all kinds of pandemonium anticipation for bigger things to come.

It also means bigger schools with fatter checkbooks are beginning to pay attention to a once-lowly program in Northern Utah and a coach who seems to have that team's heart so founded, it leaves no question what the foundation of the team's success is.

Worthy of concern? Possibly.

Worthy of panic? Not so fast.

The answer the riddle works like this: We are facing situations with our coach we simply aren't used to.

To give perspective of this answer, allow me to give an example of another coach who traveled the same type of road.

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COACH: Don't believe message board lies

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In 1980 a head basketball coach was hired to what, at the time, was a lackluster basketball program. He spent a few years coaching a military team and as an assistant to a Midwest squad that found great success. He was hired on with great hesitancy and needed a few years to rebuild through begrudging seasons.

Before long, however, his team philosophy caught on. His team began winning, in droves even, and before long his squad became one of the most renowned programs in the nation.

That school is Duke University. The coach is Mike Krzyzewski.

Among similarities already noted, what is the biggest similarity between Andersen and Krzyzewski?

Because they know how to find success in an organization that just seems to milk it away from people, they tend to be in high demand. Krzyzewski most likely turns down two or three higher coaching offers per year. Sure, he could establish a bigger market and more money somewhere else, but his program had his back. He saw in that university a possibility to build something special — and four national titles later, he has done it.

I can't make too many bold predictions, but Coach Andersen finds himself in that same boat. He has seen a former laughingstock of a program turn into something to scream about, and if he is smart, he won't stop the train now.

The best thing we can do to prove this theory, however, is to be his biggest supporters and not his biggest speculators. It's time we left usufans.com and cougarboard.com comment boards blank, spend less time posting articles claiming Andersen is "rumored" to be "in talks" with other schools and embrace the fact that



UTAH STATE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH GARY ANDERSEN signed a contract extension earlier this year to keep him at USU through 2018. His sons will also play football in Aggie uniforms. *CURTIS RIPPLINGER photo*

he is "most definitely" doing his job "right here" at Utah State.

Andersen knows what he can accomplish. It is time now the fan base proves beyond doubt they want him here. Not that Aggie fans abroad

haven't shown their appreciation, but it is time everyone fully got on the bandwagon, and fully believe what Andersen has been saying all along: This is his school.

Now let's thank him for claiming it.

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USU SENIOR FORWARD DEVYN CHRISTENSEN looks to pass in Tuesday's loss to Utah. *Photo courtesy Karina Puikkonen, The Daily Utah Chronicle*

UTAH: Aggies fall to Utes in Salt Lake City

From page 7

second but didn't receive much help from the rest of the team. With 12:36 remaining in the game, the Utes expanded their lead to 31 points.

With the loss, USU falls to 2-31 all-time against the in-state rival. The game was a rematch of last year's first-round NIT matchup which Utah won 69-58 in Salt Lake City.

The Aggies now turn their attention to Saturday when they play their first home game of the season. USU will host Montana State in the Spectrum at 2 p.m.

"It will definitely be a welcoming event for our kids," Finkbeiner said. "We haven't had our own bed to sleep in for more than two nights in a row. We welcome this Saturday's home game and we play a very good Montana State team, so we will have to play our best."

After starting the first two weeks of the season on the road, the team and coaching staff are looking for-

ward to being back in Logan, even if it's only for a few days.

"We go to BYU and Notre Dame the week after, so we are trained to survive until the end of next month when we have four home games to enter the WAC," Finkbeiner said. "It's survival mode right now and this Saturday's game couldn't have come at a better time."

Montana State began the season with three-straight wins over Colorado State, Denver and Clemson. Their only loss came against Southern Methodist by one point, 71-70.

The Bobcats are led by sophomore Karli Durham and senior Rachel Semansky. Through four games, Durham is averaging 15 points and 5.5 rebounds a game and Semansky is averaging 14 points and 7 boards a night.

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New tuition rule won't change much

Earlier this month, the Utah Board of Regents approved a policy doubling tuition for students who exceed 150 credit hours. As the new policy is only slightly more severe than the old — which allowed students to take a higher number of credit hours before being penalized — it is unlikely that many students will be affected by the change.

Our View

An Editorial Opinion

The new policy aims to motivate students to get through college without dalliance or detours, but will it deliver? Again, we're skeptical. Super-seniors, as a general rule, don't want to attend school forever. Many have changed majors too late or too many times, wasting effort on courses that won't satisfy the requirements of their degrees.

A penalty on students with too many credit hours approaches the problem of super-seniors from the wrong end. A full-time student working on a bachelor's degree for a fifth year likely made more mistakes as a freshman than as a senior. Will a penalty five years down the road really help students entering USU pick majors they can stick with?

Programs like SOAR and classes like Connections already do much to help freshmen settle into their majors with confidence, but perhaps more can be done. Freshman often focus on courses that satisfy breadth requirements, and in our experience many do no more than memorize and regurgitate information in which they find no interest. As a student eventually finds something she is passionate about, it's logical to expect her educational focus to sharpen. The problem lies in the gap between taking generals and finding a passion.

As a part of the solution, USU could create a gen-ed course consisting almost entirely of guest lecturers. Each day, a speaker from a different department could deliver a sales pitch. Biologists, engineers, teachers and graphic designers could tell students how they find passion in their professions. Measuring student performance in such a course would be difficult (Would students take a quiz on each speaker? What would be on the final?), but it wouldn't be impossible. And what better way to inspire students than to get a professor talking about the heart and essence of a profession?

If a new, ultra-general class isn't feasible, why not make changes in advising, allowing students a closer relationship with those who can help? Some academic advisers are wonderful, knowledgeable and inspiring. Others could reach that level with a little more effort — and maybe a little more training — to connect with students. College is a time for discovery and finding one's passions in life. We're too often distracted by satisfying requirements and checking boxes to foster enthusiasm or provide encouragement.

Obama benefits from a Do-nothing Washington

Nat'l View

A look at what others are saying

Every lobbyist in Washington knows that whoever can advocate that the government do nothing or defer a matter until later has the advantage.

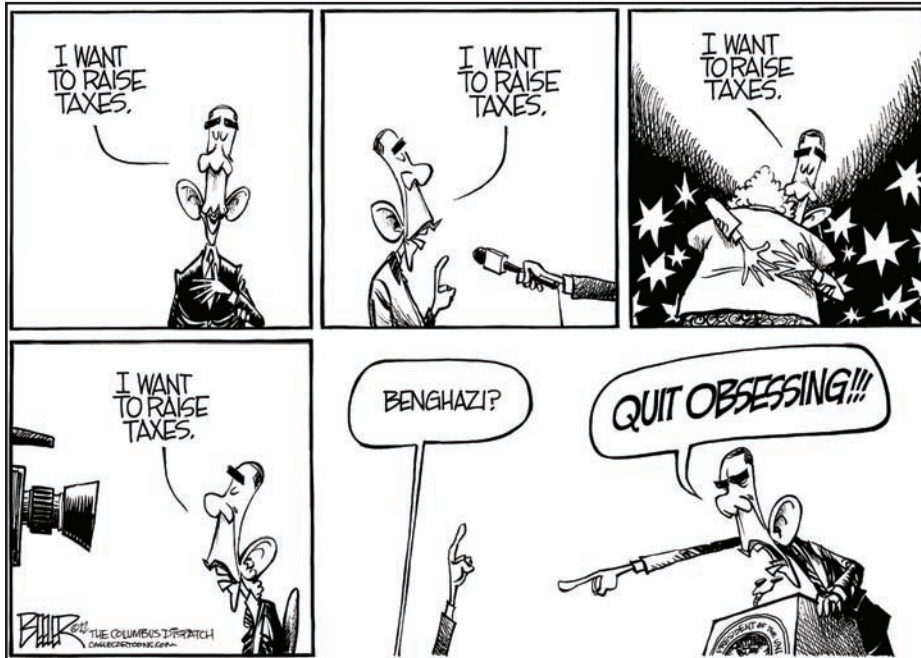
Keep this in mind as the negotiations for avoiding the "fiscal cliff" unfold, especially since "do nothing" has a powerful ally in Congress. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is the unapologetic leader of the do-nothing forces, and as the incoming chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, she is in a good position to stop any action. The liberals have valid reasons for wanting the tax increases and the automatic cuts to defense spending to proceed unabated. The recession and additional dependency that would follow would produce a society that is more to their liking anyway.

Anecdotal, in talking to people from around the country over the Thanksgiving holiday, I did not get a sense of worry or urgency about the fiscal cliff.

If the debate becomes consumed by what budget cuts the Republicans want to make and the programs the Democrats want to defend, no good policy will be created. So far, the focus of the discussion in the media is mostly about the Republicans and taxes, not about entitlements and spending restraint.

An unalarmed public, a wounded GOP, a media obsessed with Republicans and taxes and the Democrats sitting in the favored position of "winning" if Washington does nothing all combine to give the president and his team a big advantage.

—Ed Rogers is a co-host of *The Insiders* blog, offering commentary from a Republican perspective on Election 2012. He is also chairman of the lobbying and communications firm BGR Group.



State universities struggle

Nat'l View

A look at what others are saying

Get public-university presidents together, and they start complaining about the diminishing amount of subsidy support from their state governments.

A review of historical data shows that from the early 1980s until the year before the recent financial crisis, inflation-adjusted state funding per student was essentially unchanged. Over the last generation, an academic arms race has considerably increased total spending per student, so as a percentage of university budgets, state appropriations have sharply fallen.

At some flagship state universities, the cuts in appropriations have been real in absolute dollar terms. The state share of academically related university spending (excluding revenue items such as food, lodging, hospitals and intercollegiate athletics) is now less than 10 percent. This, however, varies among the states: Per-capita university appropriations in fiscal year 2012 ranged from \$63 in New Hampshire to \$592 in Wyoming; California (\$256) spent 80 percent more per capita than Pennsylvania (\$143), although the Golden State continues to face a very challenging fiscal outlook.

Even at the mid-quality state university where I teach, Ohio University, tuition fees provide \$2.47 in revenue for every \$1 in state subsidies, which cover only 23 percent of the budget. When I first began teaching at the school in the 1960s, that figure was 50 percent.

Because state funding is becoming such a small portion of the budget, why don't these universities privatize, sacrificing a modest amount of money for the freedom to operate without government-imposed constraints?

These constraints are considerable. Most state universities face severe limitations on the size and selection process for their governing board. For example, Virginia state universities have boards of visitors appointed by the governor for short terms (four years); and since the governor in Virginia is limited to one term, board reappointment isn't assured.

Therefore, few board members have much experience or institutional memory, perhaps contributing to the uproar last summer at the University of Virginia when the president was forced to resign, then quickly reinstated after protests.

Some universities face formal or implicit restrictions on the number of out-of-state students who can be admitted, sometimes depriving the school of a geographically more diverse, and academically more able, student body.

Many university presidents bristle at limits on tuition increases imposed by the state, and have been trying to increase the number of out-of-state and foreign students (who pay out-of-state fees) to offset these limits.

With the assistance of Christopher Denhart and Joseph Hartge, I looked at five flagship state universities where the de facto privatization process is well under way: California (Berkeley), Colorado, Michigan, New Hampshire and Virginia. At Michigan, New Hampshire and Virginia, state subsidies finance 14 percent or less of core spending (excluding university commercial activities such as housing and hospitals), according to our survey. In all of these states, the subsidy share of the budget was much higher a generation or two ago.

The University of California was always the ideal for a state university — with generous public support, modest tuition levels and high academic distinction. This model is breaking down rapidly because of the state's fiscal challenges.

A tax increase approved by California voters will restore some drastic cuts in university funding, but students are increasingly covering a larger share of the bills. The tuition at the Berkeley campus for in-state students, for example, soared 68 percent from the 2007-08 to the 2011-12 academic years. Counting mandatory fees, it is now about \$15,000 annually.

Some state universities have impressive private endowments, sometimes exceeding the per-student funds at good private schools. The National Association of College and University Business Officers tells us that both the University of Virginia (\$4.8 billion) and the University of Michigan (\$7.8 billion), for example, are (as of 2011) in the top 20 endowed schools, and endowment income rivals state subsidies in budgetary importance. The University of Texas, with an endowment of more than \$17 billion, is No. 3 on the list, behind only Harvard and Yale.

The tradition of state support of higher education is well established, however, and there is strong resistance to breaking the formal tie between flagship universities and state governments.

But being a "state" university isn't necessarily like

being pregnant, where you are or you aren't. Penn State University is a hybrid institution, as is the University of Delaware, where support is provided, but the institution is not viewed as being controlled by the state government. (For years, Penn State wouldn't reveal Joe Paterno's salary as football coach, arguing it was not a public institution governed by open-records laws.)

A new category of "state-assisted" (as opposed to "state-owned" or "state-governed") universities might emerge. Governments could move away from funding institutions toward financing students at these schools directly through vouchers or scholarships. The schools would have the freedom to raise tuition, but the state would still indirectly provide financial support, similar to what Pell Grants do at the federal level.

Any direct retreat by states from higher education will concern those educators who think that the U.S.'s global stature in higher education depends on having 50 jewels in its crown, not just a handful of brand-name private schools. A reduced state role won't mean that dependence on government simply melts away. Private gifts might increase with favorable tax laws, but it also means reliance is shifting from the states to Washington. Relatively speaking, federal assistance rises, most directly to students, which, in turn, allows for tuition increases.

The distinction between "state" and "private" universities was already blurred. Many so-called private universities, including prestigious ones such as Harvard or Stanford, receive more federal-government money per capita than nearby public schools such as the University of Massachusetts or San Jose State University.

If distinctive state systems of public higher education fade away, that might lead to a more centrally directed federal system. As Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis pointed out 80 years ago, America's states provide "laboratories of democracy" allowing 50 different approaches to providing public services. That useful diversity declines with increased federal financing of higher education. Although I see many advantages to privatizing state universities, if the result is complete federal control, we will have taken a step backward.

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After Turnip left, Troy was the first to greet Kenneth and introduce him to the town and his gang, but that was the extent of the pair's interaction for some time.

Eight more years passed, and though Troy and Kenneth hung out with the same group (which hadn't disbanded even after high school graduation) the whole time, neither boy hit it off well enough with the other to surpass mere acquaintance.

Podunkburg being a sleepy town, the group took to meeting once a week in an open conference building, to hang out and stave off boredom.

Occasionally one or two group members would decide to go to school, so they'd pick a university and off they went, for months, even years at a time -- and when the two members Troy most clicked with left, he found himself lonely and uncertain in a way he hadn't felt since his pre-teen years.

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- Lie in store for
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- Swiss capital, to the Swiss
- One and only
- Hollywood
- "My great hope ... laugh as much as I cry": Angelou
- Impressive property
- Dugout leader
- Mattress make
- Outdoor seating option
- Airport screening org.
- WC
- Italian three
- "Stop-...": UGK hit
- Classic theater name
- Ignore socially
- Festive centerpiece adorned with the stars 17-, 24-, 49- and 57-Across
- Big cat's cry
- Ballot bands
- Frightless Aussie bird
- Pickle's place
- Computer application file extension
- CBS-owned cable movie sta.
- All the details, casually
- Group of eight
- Not taking sides
- Pointed abode
- Gets hitched
- Venezuelan natural wonder
- above the rest
- Just right
- Flower-loving buzzers
- Peeps from pups
- Pub game
- Miss in Mex.

DOWN

- Most current news, with "the"
- Crops up
- Nissan compact
- Assails
- Blessed with skills
- behind the ears
- Yummy smell
- Needing, with "off"
- Sawback, to a Brit
- HMS Bounty's ill-fated captain
- '80s-'90s wisecracking TV mom
- Cloak-and-dagger doings
- Former Prizm maker
- And others, in bibliographies
- Unhittable serve
- Crotchety olderster
- Stick up
- Drinks in the a.m.
- "I need a sweater!"
- Baseball arbiter
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- Five-time Olympic gold winner Nadia
- Called to account
- "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
- Common dinner hour
- Make really mad
- Civil War soldier
- Write quickly
- Frightened
- Central African country about the size of Massachusetts
- Less fresh
- "To be, or not to be" speaker
- Ukrainian port
- 50 Thrifts (for)
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- fair in love ...
- Technique
- "Dig in!"

The USU Back Burner

Today's Issue



Today is Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012.
 Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Celeste Guajardo, a sophomore majoring in social work from McAllen, Texas.

Almanac

Today in History: On Aug. 30, 30 B.C., the United Nations voted for the partition of Palestine and the creation of an independent Jewish state. Despite strong Arab opposition. The modern conflict between Jews and Arabs in Palestine dates back to the 1910s, when both groups laid claim to the British-controlled territory.

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- Group Meditation, TSC 4-5 p.m.
- Write Now, Library 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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- Chinese Christian Fellowship, ENG 203 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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- A+T=Inspiration Squared, Twain Tippetts Exhibition Hall, 10-5 p.m.
- Thoughts-Feelings-Behaviors Workshop, TSC 4-5 p.m.
- Write Now, Library 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday Dec 3

- No Test Week
- Snowman Gallery Walk, Haight Alumni Center 6-8 p.m.
- Write Now, Library 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Yarncraft Guild Meeting, TSC 7-9 p.m.
- Aggies For Christ, TSC HUB 8:30-9:30 p.m.

FYI:

"A + T = Inspiration Squared" is an art exhibit in the Tippetts Exhibit Hall, located in the Chase Fine Arts Center, showcasing the work of five secondary art teachers from around the state who are also working artists. Two of the teachers featured are here in Cache Valley, Zan Burningham at Sky View High School in Smithfield and Roger Rigby at Logan High School. The Tippetts Exhibit Hall is open Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Nov. 19-Dec. 14. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Festival of Trees has been a gift of love to children at Primary Children's Medical Center. Over \$30.8 million has been raised for children at Primary Children's Medical Center through the Festival since 1971, with \$1,655,931.40 raised in 2011. Every penny raised helps children and Primary Children's Medical Center. The Festival will run from Nov. 28-Dec. 1 in the TSC International Lounge.

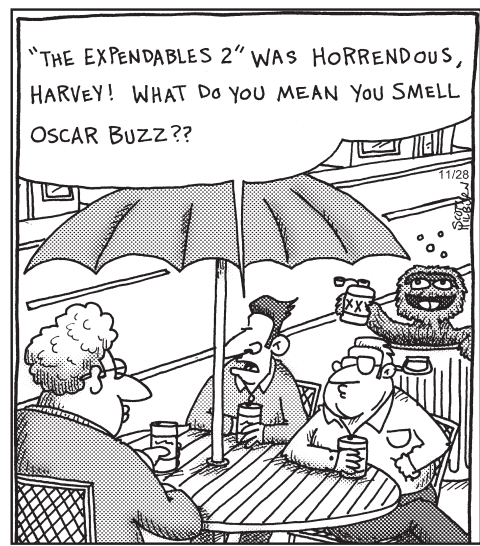
Come check out the **Holiday in The Hub** Nov. 29 in the pit of The Hub from 11- 130 p.m. There will be chef demos, samplings, vendors showcasing holiday food, and Triple Beam Bakery treats.

The Utah State University choirs combine to perform "Wintersongs," **their final concert of the year** at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, located at 725 S. 250 E., in Hyde Park on Nov. 30. The USU Chorale will perform "This Child, This King" by Dan Gawthrop and arranged by director Michael Huff. The Women's Choir will feature "Carol of the Bells" and "Ceremony of Carols" with harp accompaniment. The Chamber Singers will perform familiar holiday carols and "Shepherd's Carol" by Bob Chilcott. This concert is free and open to the public.

Live Music at Caffe Ibis will feature Allie Harris on Nov. 30 from 4:45-6:45 p.m. Studying guitar at USU, **this indie artist is a must-see.**

The USU Big Band Swing Club is doing a **benefit dance for Elite Hall** (83 West Main, Hyrum UT) on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. It's

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\$10 per person, or \$15 per couple.

Come enjoy a **Junior Viola Recital** featuring Sarah Knight on Dec. 1. She will be performing works by J.S. Bach and William Walton.

Common Ground, a non-profit that serves individuals with disabilities, is having a **movie night at their office** at 335 N. 100 East Logan on Dec. 3 at 6:00 p.m. Please call in to 435-713-0288 to sign up. Transportation is available.

The Music Department has come together for the first time in recent memory to present "Joyful & Triumphant," **a holiday concert featuring more than 300 students**, at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Kent Concert Hall. The USU choirs, symphony orchestra, jazz orchestra, percussion ensembles, chamber groups, jazz ensembles, brass ensembles and the CCA professional music touring ensemble Out of the Blue will all perform.

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