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Students divide after church leader's remarks

By BENJAMIN WOOD
editor in chief

The GLBTA Resource Library sits in a quiet but visible corner of the TSC's third floor. It is a lounge, meeting place, materials center, and safe haven for students, faculty and staff. The walls are lined with books, movies, political message stickers and bright flags.

Outside the TSC and just across the sidewalk sits another safe haven, where students can engage in religious discussion, theological education, and worship of their god.

On Oct. 3, and in the days that followed, the two groups seemed more distant than ever.

Speaking at the General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Boyd K. Packer, the second-ranking leader in the LDS church, delivered an address in which he described same-sex attraction as "impure and unnatural," and suggested a loving god would never place his children in such a condition. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest civil rights organization, responded almost immediately, issuing nation-wide action alerts and gathering over 100,000 signatures for a petition urging Packer to apologize for and correct his statements. Local groups organized protests at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, portions of Packer's speech were eliminated from online publications and on Oct. 12 the HRC presented the petition to church officials.

"People across the country still need to hear from Elder Packer that he was wrong and that his statements were dangerous," HRC President Joe Solmonese said in a press release.

The local reaction

In the wake of Packer's remarks, members of the LDS church appeared somewhat divided between supporting their leaders and supporting gay friends and family members. Thousands of Facebook users joined groups in support of Packer, while letters to the editor in The Statesman, Herald Journal and Salt Lake Tribune suggested some Mormons were hesitant to cross the line drawn in the sand.

Liz Emery, a USU junior who interns at the GLBTA Resource Library, was one of many who participated in the protest at Temple Square. Protesters wore black and circled the perimeter of the church's downtown property.

"It was very peaceful, very solemn," Emery said.

Emery disagreed with Packer's comments, and worried about the effect they could have on young church members who are struggling with their identity.

"My biggest concern is that when (Packer) says something like that, he reaches a broad audience," Emery said. "It empowers parents to use that as a weapon against their gay child."

Maure Smith-Benanti, GLBTA program coordinator, said every religion has a right to say what it believes, but Packer's comments seemed to show a shift from the LDS church's usual rhetoric.

"His statements seemed to be a departure from a more loving, inclusive nature," Smith-Benanti said. "It doesn't seem very sensitive to say those kinds of things when

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STUDENTS CONVERSE while sitting in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance resource center in the TSC. BENJAMIN WOOD photo



THE LOGAN LDS TEMPLE is one of many buildings in Cache Valley that mark the densely populated Mormon religion in the area. KATELYN BATTLES photo

Surveillance cameras record theft of laptop

By BLAZE BULLOCK
staff writer

The USU Police Department is searching for a suspect involved in a laptop computer theft in the Living Learning Center.

The laptop was stolen on Friday, Oct. 8, from the common area of the LLC, said Sgt. Travis Dunn, who took the call for the theft. The laptop was taken at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Director of Residence Life Whitney Milligan said the doors to the building lock at 10 p.m. every night and unlock at 7 a.m. every morning. Once the doors are locked, people can only enter if they have a card that will temporarily unlock the door. During daytime hours, the doors are unlocked and anybody can enter the building.

Dunn and Capt. Steve Milne said the USU

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USU POLICE released surveillance footage of a suspect in a stolen laptop incident. Photo courtesy USU Police

Utah State groups sponsor Prop 8 film

By MEGAN ALLEN
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Utah State journalism alumna Reed Cowan will be returning to campus Thursday to show his 2010 Sundance film, "8: The Mormon Proposition".

The event is a part of the Morris Media and Society Lecture Series, sponsored by the department of journalism and communication (JCOM). However, for this specific event, 10 departments came together.

The Office of Student Services, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Access and Diversity Center, GLBTA Office, the Center for Women and Gender, and the history, political science, sociology, social work, and anthropology and honors departments all contributed to planning and executing the event.

The movie will be shown in the Eccles Conference Center Auditorium,

on Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. After the film, Cowan will conduct a question and answer session.

"This is a teaching moment, not a political statement," said Ted Pease, JCOM department head.

When Cowan started making "8: The Mormon Proposition", he did not intend for it to go the direction it did.

According to Cowan's website, the film started out as a documentary about homelessness and suicide among gay teenagers in Utah.

During the beginning stages of filmmaking, Proposition 8 became the big issue in the state, and Cowan and his team of filmmakers decided they needed to tell the whole story.

The website states "(Cowan) soon realized the homophobia that prompts otherwise loving parents to kick teenagers out of their homes is deep-seated in

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Bike symbols establish precaution on roadways

By CATHERINE MEIDELL
news editor

As the result of a city-wide project, the last sharrows of a designated bike route were painted on 700 North, which Logan City Council approved in order to further safety precautions for vehicles and bicyclists alike.

Sharrows are bike-shaped symbols painted on the right side

of roadways and are meant to alert vehicles that bicyclists are permitted to share the lane. Approximately a dozen have been painted on 700 North and 1200 East. In addition to adding more sharrows alongside roads, the Linkage Subcommittee is working to link USU's campus to the downtown Logan area, said Paul Rogers, a regular bicycle commuter and head of the sub-committee. He said all of the precautions that have been taken and are currently in process are to encourage more members of the com-

munity to use a more healthy and eco-friendly way of travel.

Utah state law under Section 4 of Operation of Bicycles and Mopeds on Roadways states, "If the right-hand lane is wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles, a person operating a bicycle or moped shall ride far enough to the right as reasonably determined safe by the operator to facilitate the move-

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Nat'l Briefs

U.K. ex-prime minister admitted in hospital

LONDON (AP) – Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been admitted to the hospital following a recent bout of flu, officials said Tuesday.

Prime Minister David Cameron's office said he wished the former leader a "speedy recovery."

"We understand from Lady Thatcher's office that she has been admitted to hospital for precautionary tests following her recent bout of flu," a Downing Street statement said.

Thatcher, who was prime minister from 1979 to 1990, had to skip a reception in honor of her 85th birthday last week because of the flu. She wrote a letter of apology to the 150 friends and colleagues who attended the reception, which was hosted by Cameron at 10 Downing Street.

French retirement protests turn violent

PARIS (AP) – Masked youths, clad in black, torched cars, smashed storefronts and threw up roadblocks Tuesday, clashing with riot police across France as protests over raising the retirement age to 62 took a radical turn.

Hundreds of flights were canceled and desperate drivers searched for gas as oil refinery strikes and blockages emptied the pumps at nearly a third of the nation's gas stations.

A series of nationwide protests against the bill since early September have been largely peaceful. But Tuesday's clashes, notably just outside Paris and in the southeastern city of Lyon, revived memories of student unrest in 2006 that forced the government to abandon another highly unpopular labor bill.

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Top 10 Fidel Castro pick-up lines
October 23, 1995

10. I have no hard currency, but if I did could I buy you a drink?
9. You've started a revolution in my pants.
8. Want to come back to my crumbling palace for a 10-year old tin of Soviet sardines?
7. When I look at you I get a 'Cuban missile crisis'.
6. You are almost as gorgeous as 'Three's Company's' Joyce DeWitt.
5. Would you like to join me for a little class struggle between the sheets?
4. You may never get another chance to do it with a Commie.
3. Would you mind checking my beard for ticks?
2. These day long bread lines are full of phonies – let's go someplace quiet.
1. I can't spell Cuba without 'U'.

Dead Sea Scrolls go virtual

JERUSALEM (AP) – The Dead Sea Scrolls, among the world's most important, mysterious and tightly restricted archaeological treasures, are about to get Googled.

The technology giant and Israel announced Tuesday that they are teaming up to give researchers and the public the first comprehensive and searchable database of the scrolls – a 2,000-year-old collection of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek documents that shed light on Judaism during biblical times and the origins of Christianity. For years, experts have complained that access to the scrolls has been too limited.

Once the images are up, anyone will be able to peruse exact copies of the original scrolls as well as an English translation of the text on their computer – for free. Officials said the collection, expected to be available within months, will feature sections that have been made more legible thanks to high-tech infrared technology.

"We are putting together the past and the future in order to enable all of us to share it," said Pnina Shor, an official with Israel's Antiquities Authority.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the late 1940s in caves in the Judean Desert and are considered one of the greatest finds of the last cen-

tury.

After the initial discovery, tens of thousands of fragments were found in 11 caves nearby. Some 30,000 of these have been photographed by the antiquities authority, along with the earlier finds. Together, they make up more than 900 manuscripts.

For decades, access to 500 scrolls was limited to a small group of scholar-editors with exclusive authorization from Israel to assemble the jigsaw puzzle of fragments, and to translate and publish them. That changed in the early 1990s when much of the previously unpublished text was brought out in book form.

But even now, access for researchers is largely restricted at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where the originals are preserved in a dark, temperature-controlled room.

Shor said scholars must receive permission to view the scrolls from the authority, which receives about one request a month. Most are given access, but because no more than two people are allowed into the viewing room at once, scheduling conflicts arise. Researchers are permitted three hours with only the section they have requested to view placed behind glass.

Putting the scroll online will give scholars unlimited time with the pieces of parchment and may lead to



LENA LIBMAN, a worker for the Dead Sea Scrolls conservation laboratory at the IAA, (Israel Antiquities Authority), holds a frame with small fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls in a laboratory in Jerusalem, Tuesday. AP photo

new hypotheses, Shor said.

"This is the ultimate puzzle that people can now rearrange and come up with new interpretations," she said.

Scholars can already access the text of the scrolls in 39 volumes along with photographs of the originals, but critics say the books are expensive and cumbersome. Shor said the new pictures – photographed using cutting-edge technology – are clearer than the originals.

The refined images were shot with a high-tech infrared camera NASA

uses for space imaging. It helped uncover sections of the scrolls that have faded over the centuries and became indecipherable.

If the images uploaded prove to be of better quality than the original, scholars may rely on these instead of traveling to Jerusalem to see the scrolls themselves, said Rachel Elijor, a professor of Jewish thought at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

"The more accessible the fragments are the better. Any new line, any new letter, any better reading is a great happiness for scholars."

Conn. man pleads to jury, blaming his 'dark shadow'

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) – Lawyers for a Connecticut man trying to avoid the death penalty for a fatal home invasion cited the writings of his co-defendant who described how his "dark shadow" was let loose" as he beat a doctor and the pleasure he got from terrorizing the man's wife and two daughters.

Steven Hayes' attorneys on Tuesday introduced the words of Joshua Komisarjevsky, who is still awaiting trial, in an attempt to show Komisarjevsky masterminded the 2007 break-in and escalated the violence that led to the killings of Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her daughters, 17-year-old Hayley and 11-year-old Michaela, at their Cheshire home.

Komisarjevsky described the bloody beating of the victims' husband and father, Dr. William Petit, saying he felt the attack let loose "my dark shadow."

"I've been playing Russian roulette most of my life," Komisarjevsky wrote in journals seized from his prison cell and read by a court clerk to jurors. "This time I pulled the trigger and the chamber was loaded."

Komisarjevsky wrote that the deaths of the victims broke "the enchantment" and his "physiological control" over them.

"In life their fear and sorrow was a gift we now shared," he wrote. "My nervana lived in their life their eyes, in their emotional pain."

Komisarjevsky's writings, however, also blame Hayes for escalating the violence by strangling Hawke-Petit. The girls died in a fire that prosecutors say both men set. Prosecutors say both men were equally responsible for the crimes.

Komisarjevsky's writings are full of references to rage and hate as well as his own pain. He denies raping Michaela, but admits molesting her and wrote of his "rapturous control" of the girl.

Komisarjevsky, who said he was abused as a child, asked forgiveness from the victims.

"My anticipated death sentence will be a state sanctioned murder of mercy," he wrote.

A New Haven jury is considering whether to give Hayes the death penalty. Hayes was convicted of the killings two weeks ago.

Komisarjevsky also called Petit a coward for not saving his family.

Petit testified earlier that Komisarjevsky beat him with a baseball bat and tied him up in his basement. He escaped to a neighbor's for help.

Petit said after court he didn't "want to dignify

the ravings of a sociopath who appears to be a pathological liar as well."

Earlier Tuesday, the defense lawyers also introduced a letter Komisarjevsky wrote to the author of a book about the crimes. In it, Komisarjevsky described the thrill of breaking into homes as people slept, the same scenario prosecutors say unfolded in the Connecticut case.

Komisarjevsky described how he wore night-vision goggles and would turn off the electricity in houses so that residents would be in the dark and he could see if they awoke. He said he preferred to break in around 1 a.m. when most people are in their third cycle of sleep.

Komisarjevsky said he would wait in the basement of homes, listening as residents walked above him, set their thermostats and burglar alarms and checked to make sure motion lights were on – "all the rituals of white folks from suburbia" while he was already in the house.

He also said he would memorize the unique sounds of each house, carefully balancing his weight on squeaky stairs, and taking care not to move too quickly. "You walk and move like you belong," he wrote.

Student freed on bail after NYC cab stabbing

NEW YORK (AP) – A college student charged with a hate-fueled attack on a Muslim taxi driver was freed on bail Tuesday, staying silent about a stabbing that helped heighten concerns about tolerance in the weeks before the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

An impassive Michael Enright said nothing as he left court, arm-in-arm with his mother and surrounded by about a half-dozen supporters. His mother, Cathy, declined to comment.

Enright, 21, had been jailed since his Aug. 24 arrest. Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Richard Carruthers set his bail last week at \$500,000; Enright's family put up a suburban

home and other assets to free him. He's due back in court Dec. 8.

Enright asked cab driver Ahmed Sharif whether he was Muslim, uttered an Arabic greeting and told him to "consider this a checkpoint" before slashing him in the neck, authorities said. The Bangladeshi driver survived.

Enright initially told police that Sharif tried to rob him and he'd defended himself, prosecutors said. The film student later declared to police that he was "a patriot," according to prosecutors.

Enright has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and assault, both charged as hate crimes. His lawyer, Lawrence Fisher, has said the film

student was beset by alcoholism and by post-traumatic stress disorder from a trip to Afghanistan.

Enright went there last spring to shoot a documentary and was briefly embedded with troops. He was profoundly disturbed by his experiences, according to his lawyer. Enright was held for a time in a psychiatric ward, though prosecutors have questioned whether he has serious psychiatric problems.

When arrested, Enright was carrying notebooks describing his Afghanistan experiences – as well as an empty bottle of scotch, authorities said. He told police he had downed a pint of it.

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ASUSU explores security options

By JESSICA SWEAT
staff writer

Alan Dangerfield was sworn in as Arts Senator at Tuesday's ASUSU executive council meeting, representing the new Caine College of the Arts. Dangerfield was asked to raise his right arm and take an oath in which he swore to uphold the student code and policies along with the ASUSU constitution. He also swore to carry out duties and responsibilities of the charter for his office, while representing Utah State University in a positive manner.

Also on the agenda for the council was the final vote to make the Arts Senator position official. Graduate Studies Vice President Trevor Nelson reread the bill to the council. It stated that each college has its own senator, and due to the creation of Caine College of the Arts, there is a need for the new

senator position. The bill was then voted on and passed unanimously by the ASUSU council.

Another issue opened for discussion was a presentation made by IntelliGuard at a previous meeting, a company that will be testing an emergency alert system at USU.

Heavily discussing whether this system should come to campus, the council came to a consensus that more information needs to be gathered before any decisions can be made. Numerous members expressed concerns on the cost of and need for a new system. IntelliGuard did not disclose a total cost during their presentation.

With total cost being unknown, the amount of the estimated \$45 alert key chain gained some focus in the discussion.

"I don't see students using the key chain," said Tom Atwood, programming vice president. "\$45 is

extremely high."

Other members agreed with Atwood and said they liked that the cost would be optional to students.

Adviser Linda Zimmerman has heard the IntelliGuard presentation three times and informed the council that the cost of the key chain is a minimum amount which may increase.

Keenan Nuehring confirmed that police chief Steve Mecham supports the cause of a new emergency alert system. Tasha Jorgensen, Service Vice President, also supported council members, and said they can "look into other options" as well.

"I definitely think it's time for conversations about security and emergency alert systems. We need to be conscious of what we do," said Alex Putnam, athletics vice president. Putnam also expressed his concerns about how prepared

the school is to deal with emergencies at the moment.

"I would like to see some statistics on how current systems are working at USU," said Dan Ricks, student advocate vice president.

Other members added that additional information would be helpful and necessary in order to thoroughly discuss potential changes.

This led to a motion, made by President Tyler Tolson, to set up an ad hoc committee to collect the necessary data and information the council needs, along with the thoughts of USU students. Tolson named Jorgensen, Ricks, Kaho Fiefa and Cami Lyman to the committee. The council passed the motion to form the committee with the amendment that Putnam also be on the committee.

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Sharrows: Advocates aim to make streets safe for drivers and bicyclists

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ment of an overtaking vehicle."

However, according to state law, if a street is not wide enough for a bicyclist to ride with vehicle traffic safely, they will not be permitted to use the road.

Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Jaynan Chancellor said drivers aren't usually aware of bicyclists and there are a lot of accidents that are barely avoided, especially when bicyclists use crosswalks.

"Cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of motor vehicles," Chancellor said. "Sharrows show bicyclists where to ride safely, and they show drivers where they can expect to see cyclists."

Rogers said he believes the problems between drivers and bicyclists travelling alongside each other is that neither is aware that they need to be mindful of the other. Drivers need to treat bicyclists as vehicles, he said.

"If there is only a single lane, a bicyclist is allowed to get as far into the road as necessary as long and they are not blocking this road," Rogers said.

There are three ways that bicyclists make roads unsafe, which are: riding on the wrong side of the road, sidewalk riding and gutter riding, said Bob Bayn, bicycle safety advocate and employee of USU's Information Technology unit. He said he hopes these things will happen less often now that the sharrows are painted.

Bayn said he would like to see further precautions taken in the future, such as better bicycle education throughout campus bicycle riders.

"So many bike riders on campus act like their only bike safety education was back when they were eight and their mom said 'watch out for cars,'" Bayn said. "Now that they are grown up, their interaction with traffic can be more nuanced



SHARROWS WERE PAINTED on 700 North to indicate that bicycles are legally permitted a portion of the road to travel on. CARL R. WILSON photo

and get a better safety result."

Also, smoothly constructed sidewalks and roads will help limit the amount of accidents bicyclists have, which Bayn said he hopes will be perfected in the future.

As a result of all these precautions, and plans to link USU's campus to commercial Logan through sharrows and bike lanes, Rogers said he hopes more people will be prompted to drive less.

He said so far, students' response to the bicycle movement has been positive and on campus "a lot of new bike racks have been put up that are always filled."

"We just want bicyclists to know there is a legally defined space for them and they are allowed to that area of the road," Rogers said.

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Cowan: Alumnus shows film

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current Mormon ideology."

The film covers Mormon teachings about homosexuals, how they are spoken about from the pulpit, how these opinions become public policy and the effect these teachings are having on the lives of other people.

"This film is about politics and social issues," Pease said. "This is an important conversation to have."

One reason the departments felt it was important to have Cowan come to campus and show the film is to help students develop their own opinions and decide how they, individually, feel about these important issues, he said.

Ann Austin, the director of the Center for Women and Gender, said, "USU is dedicated to helping students become Citizen Scholars. As a citizen scholar, students need to study this issue carefully and think about their own definition of tolerance and inclusion."

Dr. James Morales, vice president of student services, played a big part in bringing Cowan to campus.

"Inviting Cowan supports a long-standing tradition of public higher education to be willing to discuss a variety of ideas, even those that are controversial and even if everyone may not necessarily agree with them," he said. "This principle is at the heart of what a public university is all about."

Part of what makes us a community is coming together and discussing these big, tough issues, Pease said.

"If anything, these tough issues you may want to avoid talking about

will reaffirm your beliefs," he said.

Austin said bringing this film to campus provides an opportunity to learn how to agree and disagree in a "civil and respectful manner, even when the issue is a culturally or personally sensitive one."

Christie Fox, director of the honors program on campus, said, "I think it's the job of a university to expose students to a wide range of ideas and views. If we fail in this, we're not doing our jobs as educators."

"Students need to decide what inclusion means to them and what it doesn't mean, and they need to develop articulate, well-thought out reasons for their points of view," Austin said.

Pease said everyone "from the president on down" have been very supportive of the event.

"Most people understand how difficult this issue is, regardless of one's perspective, and many have shared with me their own personal journey in trying to understand and come to terms with the issue," Austin said. "Everyone I have talked to is approaching the issue in a thoughtful, sensitive way."

Cowan is an Emmy-Award winning journalist with more than 10 years of experience in television news. Before joining WSVN in Miami, he anchored Good Morning Utah, at ABC4 in Salt Lake City.

"We are proud of him and the things he has accomplished, and are thrilled to have him back on campus," Pease said.

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LLC: Police look for suspect

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Police Department has video footage of the person stealing the laptop.

"The video shows this individual entering the door, looking around, going to the location of the laptop, picking it up and then leaving the building," Milne said. "He didn't go anywhere else in the building."

Dunn and Milne said suspect must have known the LLC building pretty well.

"He comes in the building, he sees the laptop, he then goes and walks around the building to make sure nobody's around, then he runs and grabs it, and he's out the door," Dunn said.

Dunn said in his opinion, the suspect was originally going to the building to visit a friend when he saw the laptop sitting unattended and took it because no one was around.

"I think it was just a crime of opportunity," Dunn said.

The person who took the laptop was in the building for less than a minute, Dunn said.

Police are looking at footage from video cameras in other buildings on campus in order to get more information about the suspect.

The police don't know if the suspect is a student or not. Police said the individual is of student age and seemed to know the campus fairly well. Milne said the suspect is most likely not a resident of the LLC because the residential advisers don't recognize him from the footage on the video cameras.

"He's a student at Utah State or just somebody walking through the campus," Milne said. "We don't have any information, that's why we're looking for anybody that could give information."

Dunn said the suspect appears to be Hispanic or black, about 5'9", around 150-160 lbs. and clean-cut, and wore a dark colored sweatshirt or hoodie with light colored stripes on it, and jeans.

The laptop is black and is a Gateway, Dunn said.

Dunn said that if anyone has any information about the suspect, they should call him on the police dispatch line, 797-1939.

People shouldn't leave valuable property unattended in public, Dunn said.

"Let's use it as a learning opportunity," he said. "Even though we are one of the safest schools in the nation, we still have problems."

Milne said people tend to think this is a safe area and it generally is. But, he said, students shouldn't leave valuable items out of their sight in public and they shouldn't leave their doors unlocked when they go to talk to a friend, even if it will only be for a minute.

Milne said when students leave their doors unlocked or their valuables unattended they give people the opportunity to steal.

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Briefs

Campus & Community

Orchestra to play for homecoming

The USU Wind Orchestra, under the direction of Thomas P. Rohrer, performs its opening concert of the season Oct. 22 in the Kent Concert Hall of the USU Chase Fine Arts Center.

The homecoming concert, "Out of this World," begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission; free for USU students with ID and free for all ages of music students.

The concert also features the USU Alumni Concert Band conducted by Nicholas Morrison.

The ensembles will perform separately and together in this annual event to anticipate other homecoming festivities at USU.

"Out of this World" is highlighted by three movements from "The Planets," the orchestral suite by Gustav Holst.

"Music for a Festival," written by Philip Sparke in 1985 for the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, is also featured, along with "Prelude to Act III" from the Wagner opera "Lohengrin."

Students to submit nature photographs

All USU students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the 2010 Natural Resources and Sustainability Photo Contest. All entries will be displayed Nov. 1-4 in the International Lounge of the Taggart Student Center during Natural Resources and Sustainability Week.

"We encourage everyone to participate and help us celebrate Natural Resources and Sustainability Week at USU," says Jason Carlisle, College of Natural Resources senator. "This is a great opportunity to share the beauty of our region along with different perspectives on sustainability."

Photos may be submitted in the following four categories: natural scenery, wildlife, people in nature and sustainability. There is no cost to enter and participants can enter one photo in any or all of the categories.

Submissions should be matted and unframed, with the photo prints no larger than 8" x 10" in size. Entrants should bring their submissions to the CNR Academic Service Center, Room 120, in the Natural Resources building. At the center, participants will receive entry forms that should be completed for each submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Oct. 29, at 4 p.m.

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in each of the four categories at an awards ceremony in the Natural Resources building first floor atrium Friday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m. Fifty percent of each photo's score is based on votes cast by visitors to the Nov. 1-4 photo exhibit and 50 percent on a score awarded by a panel of judges.

At least 12 entries from the contest will be selected for inclusion in a 2011 calendar to be produced as a fundraiser for the USU student chapter of The Wildlife Society. The College of Natural Resources will contact entrants prior to calendar production to secure permission for use of the photos.

USU employee to speak in conference

The Great Basin Anthropological Conference will host a public archaeology event at the Davis Conference Center Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The center is located at 800 W. Heritage Park Boulevard in Layton.

From 9 a.m. to noon, five leading scientists will talk about cutting-edge archaeological research on the Fremont culture of Utah and engage participants in discussion about the remarkable ancient culture, conference organizers said. Speakers include Joel C. Janetski, Brigham Young University; William R. Hildebrandt, Far Western Anthropological Research Group; Steven R. Simms, Utah State University; Kevin T. Jones, state archaeologist, Utah Division of State History; and Stephen H. Lekson, University of Colorado.

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Reaction: Students strive for balance between identity and community

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there are young people trying to stay alive." Many of the groups in opposition to Packer's comments made note that his remarks came on the heels of a string of sexual-identity related suicides across the country.

"It seems like Packer's remarks were dismissive of that fact," Smith-Benanti said.

Emery also said the recent suicides made Packer's comments all the more damaging. "He could have picked a better timing," she said.

Tolerance at USU

Smith-Benanti began working as program coordinator for GLBTA three years ago, around the time the Resource Library was located to the third floor of the TSC. She said before the location was set aside, the materials were located at the university library, where they would often be defaced or destroyed.

"Things were always mysteriously missing," Smith-Benanti said.

Smith-Benanti and her organization, which is part of the newly-formed Access and Diversity Center, offer counseling and support as well as organize discussion groups and classroom panel presentations.

She said her students generally feel safe on campus, and perhaps safer than they feel in Logan, but even at USU things are not perfect and the danger of suicide is very real.

"I know of at least three for a fact that have been prevented by the services we offer," Smith-Benanti said.

In a community where the majority of students belong to the LDS faith, Smith-Benanti said there exists a sense of privilege most individuals may not be aware of. Similarly to the way men may not consider the dangers of walking alone at night, member of the LDS church can sometimes assume everyone around them shares their views.

"There are privileges associated with being a dominant culture member," Smith-Benanti said. "It's an assumption of lived, shared experiences that are not always the case."

LGBT and non-LDS students on the other hand, she said, are extremely aware of the dominant culture.

"It's a difficult concept to wrap your head around because we want to think that the world is fair," she said.

Emery said at USU, most LGBT students have friends who are LDS, and vice-versa, and the sentiment amongst members of the church is generally one of not agreeing with the lifestyle, but also not terminating friendships as a result.

"For the most part I don't think people have malicious intent," Emery said.

Emery also said because USU is made up of people from different states and experiences it creates an atmosphere of understanding and the university has protection in its code of conduct to protect against discrimination.

A bumpy road

Christopher Thomas, a sophomore, volunteers for the GLBTA and is also on the organization's OUTspoken classroom panel. He grew up a member of the LDS church and struggled for a long time with his identity. After hearing Packer's conference remarks, Thomas said he had a negative reaction.

"It was like somebody punched me in the stomach," he said. "It stirred up so many old emotions."

Thomas said before coming to USU and getting involved with the GLBTA, he tried to kill himself and worries about what effect Packer's speech may have on youth who are now experiencing what he went through.

"To feel alienated without knowing they can go somewhere," he said, "we can bring about a better change without them hurting themselves."

While Packer didn't address gay individuals directly, Thomas said the speech was worded in a negative way toward LGBT individuals and represents an old way of thinking.

"(Packer's) whole philosophy is based on facts that have been disproved by the secular world," Thomas said. "Because he is an apostle, (church members) will stand behind him no matter what."

That philosophy, Thomas said, is one where through prayer and righteous living, people can change their sexual orientation.

"I did all of that and it led me down a path of self-destruction," Thomas said.

Utah State, Thomas said, is an understanding campus and offers services other universities don't or can't. He said members of GLBTA are available to help anyone experiencing difficulties.

"God doesn't hate you, he loves you," Thomas said. "There are people here that have experienced the same things you're going through."

The LDS response

On Oct. 12, Michael Otterson gave the official response from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to the HRC petition. In his statement, Otterson stressed that the church condemns acts of cruelty and discrimination towards groups or individuals. Members were urged to be sensitive to the vulnerable in society and speak out against acts of bullying and intimidation. He also expressed the official position of the church on same-sex attraction saying:

"As a church, our doctrinal position is clear: any sexual activity outside of marriage is wrong, and we define marriage as between a man and a woman ... The Church recognizes that those of its members who are attracted to others of the same sex experience deep emotional, social and physical feelings. The Church distinguishes between feelings or inclinations on the one hand and behavior on the other. It's not a sin to have feelings, only in yielding to temptation."

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UTAH STATE'S CHELSEA FOWLES gets up from the floor after diving for a ball against Weber State on Aug. 31. Fowles became Utah State's all-time assist leader during an Oct. 6 match against Idaho, breaking Carrie Seteverson's 19-year old record. Fowles, whose father is a volleyball coach, has been playing the game since age eight. TODD JONES photo

Fowles set up for volleyball success from an early age

By MARK ISREALSEN
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"Mine, mine, mine," Chelsea Fowles calls as she races to the ball. She gets under the bump pass from her teammate and then delivers a beautiful set to another teammate, who blasts a kill right past the opponent's outstretched arms.

Bump, set, spike; point Aggies, and assist to Chelsea Fowles.

The next possessions seem like déjà vu. The Aggies get the ball to Fowles and over and over again she sets up a teammate perfectly for a spike right through the heart of the defense.

This scene is familiar for Aggie volleyball fans. For

the past four years, they've watched as Fowles has developed from a talented freshman setter into arguably the greatest passer in Utah State University history.

On Oct. 6, in a nationally televised match against Idaho, Fowles became Utah State's all-time assist leader with 3,948 career assists, breaking the 19-year-old record of 3,942 held by Carrie Steverson.

"It's a really big goal that I've had," Fowles said. "I've

played volleyball for my whole life and I've always wanted to be somebody when it came to that. So now knowing that I'll always be remembered in that kind of category is a huge deal."

As much of an individual accomplishment as the milestone is, Fowles also recognizes how important her team is.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates," she said. "Because if somebody doesn't get a kill I don't get an assist. We're an awesome

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates because if somebody doesn't get a kill I don't get an assist. We're an awesome team."

Chelsea Fowles, USU setter

Aggie golfers draw in duel versus SUU

By RHETT WILKINSON
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USU junior Austin French won all three of his matches to lead the Utah State men's golf team to an 8-5 draw with Southern Utah over the weekend in Cedar City, Utah.

"It was a group effort to get by (with the draw)," said USU coach Dean Johansen.

Johansen explained that after a rough time at the 2010 Purple & Red Invitational at Valley View Golf Club last week – where the team finished 12th in a pool of 16 teams – it was encouraging for his team to rebound with a strong showing in Utah's Dixie tournament.

"(The draw) was good for the morale of the team," Johansen said. "We were down after the (Purple & Red Invitational), because we started strong and ended not so strong. It boosts the morale, especially when we finished as strong as we did ... it brings a good feel to the team."

The strong finish specifically came on Sunday, during the second half of the tournament. The Aggies had entered the day trailing Southern Utah 4.5-3.5, but won five of the last nine individual matches to notch the tie.

"Guys knew before they teed off that they were going to win (Sunday)," Johansen said. "We had a couple of guys step up and win big."

The Aggies needed at least five points for the draw on the second day, and the Aggie golfers didn't disappoint, with many on the team making critical shots for the win.

Some of the brightest spots for Utah State came from senior Benjamin Schilleman, sophomore Kris Sayer and junior Quinn Jensen, who all defeated their Southern Utah competitors.

The two teams also split a pair of matches on the tournament's latter day as senior Thad Truman and Greg Kerber played to a

draw, as did juniors Chase Godderidge and Jordan Orth.

On Saturday, USU began solid play with 2.5 points in the first of four best ball matches, sparked by French and Godderidge. The Aggies started the tournament with a 2-0 lead before slipping when the Thunderbirds' Jake Holt and Denny Job defeated USU seniors Tyson McFarland and Thad Truman. The fourth set was a draw between Sayer and junior Quinn Jensen, played against Southern Utah's Brock Glasmann and Greg Kerber.

To end the first day of action, SUU surged ahead by taking three of the four points in the four "alternate shot" rounds. French and McFarland scored the only point of that round for the Aggies.

Johansen said the team "struggled a bit" in the first day, because it was hard to get into a rhythm due to "several blind shots" and "lots of local locale (the Aggies) didn't have (last year)," since the Aggies and Thunderbirds have started playing a home-and-home series. Johansen called the home-and-home series style "special for each team." The pairing for the tournament was pieced together by Johansen and SUU coach Richard Church seven years ago.

Overall, the series remains deadlocked with three wins apiece and one tie. However, Utah State is now 2-0-1 against the Thunderbirds over the last three years.

"We'll springboard off this (draw) to next week," Johansen said of the possible momentum that can be sparked by such a strong back-end showing to complete the tournament.

"It's great to have a tournament next week so we can keep riding that momentum wave," he said.

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Tennis teams finish preseason on a high note

By KAYLA CLARK
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Utah State's women's tennis team participated in the United States Tennis Association/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mountain Regional Championships this past weekend. The championship was held at the University of Las Vegas-Nevada's Fertitta Tennis Courts. The USU team competed against 18 other schools, including in-state rivals BYU, Utah and Weber State, along with Western Athletic Conference foes Boise State, Idaho, Nevada and New Mexico State.

"We played some schools in the WAC, some from the Mountain West, and some from Big Sky, so we got a feel for a lot of different competition," said head coach Christian Wright.

"I feel that we played well, though. I can see things that we are doing well, and things that we need to work on. These fall tournaments are a really good gauge of where your team is—physically, mentally, and as teammates."

In its first day of action, the USU women's team advanced five singles competitors to round two.

A big factor that helped the girls out, according to Wright, was the low elevation.

"We just physically are at our peak when we can play in such low elevations," he said.

Sophomore Jaclyn West defeated Wyoming's Rebecca Berger (6-0, 6-0) while sophomore Kristina Voytsekhovich took the win over Northern Colorado's Stephanie Catlin (6-4, 6-0) in their first rounds, respectively. West improved to 6-2 on the season with the match, while Voytsekhovich evened her record at 3-3.

Junior Monica Abella fought her way through three sets to defeat Montana State's Andrea De La Torre (1-6, 6-4, 6-3), bring-

ing her record to a 2-3 mark on the season. Seniors Taylor Perry and Hailey Swenson each advanced to the second round after defeating Perry defeated Weber State's Kassia Adamso (6-2, 4-6, 6-2) and Swenson took out New Mexico's Nikolina Grbac (6-4, 7-5). Perry improved to 5-1 on the season, and Swenson continued to lead the Aggies in singles action with a 10-1 record.

Day two proved to be lucrative for USU as well. In singles action, two USU competitors advanced to the third round. Jaclyn West defeated BYU's Liza Ezhova (7-6, 3-6, 7-5) in the second round and then fell to Utah's Anastasia Putilina (7-5, 6-2) in the third round. West improved to 5-3 record with that match. Hailey Swenson defeated Northern Arizona's Orsi Golovics (6-3, 7-5) in round two and fell in round three to Boise State's Elyse Edwards (7-5, 6-1).

Utah State advanced junior Brianna Harris and sophomore Kristina Voytsekhovich to the second round of doubles. Harris and Voytsekhovich took the win over Colorado State's Caitlin Fluegge and Veronika Wojakowska (8-4) in round one then fell to Idaho's Victoria Lozano and Lauren Simpson (8-5). Harris and Voytsekhovich are 2-2 in doubles this fall.

USU's campaign ended with action on Saturday.

Junior Julie Tukuafu was the lone Aggie to compete on Saturday. Tukuafu fell to New Mexico's Nikolina Grbac (6-0, 6-2) in the third round of the consolation singles flight. Tukuafu finishes pre-season action with a 4-4 singles record.

Hailey Swenson led the USU in singles competition with an impressive 10-3 record. Sophomore Jaclyn

West followed with a 6-3 singles record. Wright said that Hailey and Jaclyn were particularly focused, and very "in" the tournament. In doubles competition, senior Taylor Perry and West finished the fall with a perfect 4-0 record.

The USTA/ITA Mountain Regional Championship marks the end of fall play for the Aggies, and with that in

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Christian Wright, USU head coach

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UTAH STATE'S CHANDRA SALMON, known simply as "fish" to her teammates, is a two-time Academic All-WAC selection and also made the All-WAC First Team during her freshman and sophomore seasons. Salmon grew up playing soccer in Provo, Utah, and came to Utah State because she played for current USU head coach Heather Cairns on the club level before college. *CARL R. WILSON photo*

Salmon more than meets the eye

By TAVIN STUCKI
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It's hard enough to make the All-Western Athletic Conference First Team, much less do it twice in the first two years of college, but that is exactly what Utah State defending midfielder Chandra Salmon has done.

Salmon, known as "Fish" to her teammates, has been a starter for the Aggies since her freshman year, and has been honored with a slew of other awards, including Academic All-WAC (2008, 2009) and Joe E. and Elma Whitesides Scholar-Athlete, and helped the team earn its seventh-straight NSCAA Team Academic Award last season.

When asked about the secret to her success, however, Salmon was quick to recognize the efforts of her teammates.

"I really think it's just hard work," Salmon said. "We get recognition when the team does well. It's really a team award."

Salmon played the central defender position at Provo High School. There she was a four-year letter winner, and during her senior year she was the team's most valuable player, scoring 13 goals and 16 assists. She was an honorable mention all-state selection, named second-team

All-Region, and named to the All-Valley team. Her junior year, Salmon was the leading scorer in the region with 22 goals and 16 assists. She also earned National Honor Society honors in the classroom.

Salmon's success wasn't just limited to her high school team. She was a member of Utah's Olympic Developmental Team — a side made up of the best soccer players by age group that competes against teams from each of the other states. Salmon said that playing for that team was one of her favorite soccer experiences.

She has also captained a club team called the Celtic Storm, a team that was a state finalist three years in a row.

But, Salmon is more than just a soccer player. The 5'6" junior has recently taken up rock climbing, and loves hanging out with her teammates off the field.

"These girls are my best friends," Salmon said. "This team is awesome."

Salmon said USU coach Heather Cairns, who has coached Salmon in the past, was a factor in her decision to come to Utah State instead of a number of other universities. Salmon said that she liked Cairns' coaching style.

"It kinda set me up," she said. "Coach Cairns is easy to talk to, and we get along."

Salmon is the seventh of eight children born to J. Ross and Karen Salmon. Interestingly enough, all of her immediate family members were born in Canada, while she herself was born in Provo. Salmon has been playing soccer since she was four, and admitted that she will feel weird when it's all over.

While Salmon is majoring in teaching with a physical education and health education minor, she is also thinking about going into nursing after college. She is an avid reader and lists John Grisham among her favorite authors. Not surprisingly, Salmon is also a professional soccer fan.

"I don't really have a favorite team, I have favorite players and follow the teams that they play for. I like Thierry Henry," Salmon said. She also noted Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi as her other favorite players.

Salmon has been an instrumental part of the Aggies' success this season, and figures to play a key role as the team continues into WAC play. She'll have her chance to continue to lead the Aggies in their quest towards a WAC title this Friday, when the team travels to play Fresno State.

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Fowles: still loving the game

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always wanted to be a setter and Misty May was my idol, I loved her," Fowles said. "I even made my parents drive me all the way down to L.A. to go to a camp coached by her."

In high school at San Benito High in California, Fowles earned first-team all-league honors as a junior and senior and was named her league's MVP in 2006. That same year, her high school won the league championship and went on to finish third at the state tournament. Fowles also played for the Main Beach Volleyball Club team that participated in the Junior Olympics four times, including a fifth-place finish in 2006 in Atlanta when she was a member of the squad.

After high school, Fowles chose to come to Utah State, where she was named Western Athletic Conference freshman of the year, becoming only the third player in USU history to receive that honor. She ranked second in the league in assists per set during her first full year.

"(Chelsea's) a great kid," said USU head coach Grayson DuBose. "She is a pleasure to coach, is a very good volleyball player, and has worked hard to make herself a better volleyball player."

After her freshman season, Fowles continued to work hard and improve all aspects of her game. DuBose said that while Fowles always had skill on offense, it was her emphasis and drive to get better on defense which allowed her to take her game to a new level.

"She was always able to set the ball, but she's a much

better defender than when she got here and she's worked hard to get better at it."

This season the Aggies started out on a roll, reeling off 12 straight wins to start the season, with Fowles playing a major role in the team's success. They are looking forward to the remainder of the season with high expectations and shared goals.

"We want to go to the WAC tournament and qualify for NCAA's," DuBose said.

"We're going to make it NCAA's — that's a huge goal," Fowles added.

After this season and what has been a brilliant career at USU, Fowles still has much she wants to do. Unsurprisingly, some of her plans involve volleyball, but she also hopes to take some time to pursue another hobby — cooking.

"I think it would be really fun to play in Europe if I ever got that opportunity," Fowles said. "But, I really want to go to culinary school. That is kind of what I've always done and I wasn't able to do that here."

Chelsea's accomplishments will go down in USU history and she will be remembered for them long after she graduates.

"It's cool, I'm proud of Chelsea and her accomplishments," DuBose said. "I'm proud of the teammates who provided that help with her early in the year. It's cool for our team and it's cool for our program."

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Tennis: finishes fall season

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mind, Wright and the team made a list of goals for the upcoming season.

"We first want to improve our effort. We want to always give one hundred percent," he said. "Our second goal is to improve upon sportsmanship. We always want to be classy, and we always will represent ourselves, our team, and the university well."

The third goal has to do with attitude. "We want to always stay positive, and fight our way through every match."

On top of those goals, the girls are expected to stay in good physical shape until January, a goal that can prove difficult during winter and holiday months.

"We will continue to play one another, run, and condition to stay in good shape. The girls have to be able to make it through a match," Wright said.

"Adaptable" is the paramount characteristic, according to Wright, that wins matches.

"You have to be able to compete at different levels, size up the competition, and improvise when your game plan doesn't go accordingly. Tennis, in a lot of ways, is about change."

He continued, saying, "A lot of times we focus on one particular shot, and other times we are too steady. We need to look to balance ourselves, between looking for opportunities to attack and playing the back court. We get impatient and miss those opportunities."

USU will resume action in January 2011, and looks to grab a WAC title.

"I expect a lot out of the girls," Wright said. "Working on our confidence is huge, but I am seeing good things. The dedication level for our team is very high."

The men's tennis team also saw some competition this weekend, participating in the Utah Invitational on Friday. The matches were held in Salt Lake's Liberty Park, hosted by the University of Utah.

The weekend was highlighted by seniors Jakob Asplund and Nikita Ryashchenko advancing to the semifinals of the singles consolation draw, with Asplund stealing second-place in the singles consolation flight.

Asplund and Ryashchenko advanced to the semifinals of the singles consolation draw. Asplund took second-place after defeating BYU's Roman Varias, 7-6, 3-6, 10-8, in the semifinals round then lost by default to Utah's Alejandro Medinilla. Medinilla previously defeated Ryashchenko (7-6, 7-5) in their semifinal round. Asplund leads the Aggies in singles action with an 8-3 singles record.

In doubles action, senior Bryan Marchant and sophomore Sven Poslusny defeated Boise State's Scott Searns and Eric Sheldon (8-5) in the second round. Marchant and Poslusny suffered their first loss of the season, falling to BYU's Daniel Hwang and Spencer Smith (9-7) in round three. The duo still leads USU with a team-best 6-1 mark.

In the doubles consolation draw, freshman Fredrik Peterson and senior Alex Thatcher defeated BYU's Ricard Campos and Roman Varias by default in round one, then lost to Utah's Matt Cowley and Brad Weaver (9-7) in the second round. Peterson and Thatcher are now 1-1 on the season.

Men's tennis will wrap up fall competition this week. The team will head to La Vegas, where they will compete in the USTA/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mountain Regional Championships through Oct. 23.

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Aggie basketball is in the air

The weekly Section F balancing act between football and basketball is officially on. At this point in the year, each sport is going to have plenty to talk about, and this column does not plan to miss much of anything.

So let's begin.

Hawaii's win over Nevada last Saturday tells me two things. One, Nevada isn't as unbeatable as they had previously appeared, and while they're still a stellar football team, that road game against the Wolf Pack suddenly looks a little bit less like a sure loss.

On the flip side of that, Hawaii has been impressive pretty much all season, which means that this Saturday's Homecoming football game will be that much more difficult for the Aggies. With the loss to Louisiana Tech two weeks ago, the Aggies are now faced with a do-or-die scenario in which they must beat all four of Hawaii, New Mexico State, San Jose State and Idaho to gain bowl eligibility. A loss in any of those games would require a win against either Nevada or Boise State on the road to make up the ground lost. No pressure or anything, right?

The problem with all of this is that Utah State tends to play relative to its perceived competition, whether that be playing up or playing down. The competition hasn't always proven to be what it was perceived to be though, with La-Tech being a shining example. The Aggies played a far less impressive game against the Bulldogs than they played just a week earlier in the blowout of BYU. A few weeks before that, San Diego State, a team that not many people expected to be as explosive as they have been, blew the Aggies out of the water by playing much better than they had been perceived to be.

This leaves fans to hope that the Aggies are treating this Hawaii team like a powerhouse and will play as such, or in other words, play up to their competition rather than playing down. Some responsibility also falls on the fans as well though, to keep the attendance numbers high despite the loss at La-Tech that seems to have sucked a lot of air out of the excitement surrounding the 2010 USU football season.

On a brighter note, news broke Sunday that the Utah State coaching staff's No. 1 recruiting target for this 2011

class, quarterback Chuckie Keeton, committed to play for the Aggies. Keeton conveniently made his recruiting trip to Logan during the weekend of the BYU game and obviously came away impressed. Given the turmoil surrounding the future conference situation for USU, as well as a football season that looks unlikely to meet many people's expectations after the onslaught of injuries to the team, Gary Andersen and company still managed to land a player that could turn out to be the heir to Diondre Borel at the quarterback position.

On the basketball front, the Western Athletic Conference preseason basketball polls and all-conference teams were announced Tuesday, with Aggie forward Tai Wesley named the preseason WAC Player of the Year and a first team all-WAC selection.

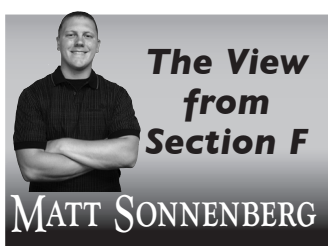
It didn't stop there either. Seniors Nate Bendall, Tyler Newbold and Pooh Williams filled out three of the five slots on the all-WAC second team. Rounding out Utah State's projected starting five was likely starting point guard Brockeith Pane, who was selected by the WAC media to be the league's Newcomer of the Year.

In other words, Utah State's entire starting five are all-WAC players. Oh, and the Aggies were picked to win the WAC yet again in both the media and coach's polls, earning essentially an unanimous selection as the WAC's top team from the coaches.

Even though basketball will be underway next week when the team takes the floor for the annual blue and white scrimmage, the football team still has an excellent shot at making its first bowl appearance since 1998. It certainly is that time of year where it no longer feels too soon to be talking basketball, but it isn't time for the fans to totally shift gears just yet. Football has gutted out the toughest parts of its schedule, and is at the point where four of the last six games should be very winnable.

It'd be a tragedy if those record student turnouts that packed the stands for the first three games weren't there to see it if or when the team earns eligibility for a bowl game.

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Adam's WAC football power poll: Week 8

For the past three weeks I've been telling everyone how good Hawaii is, and how the Warriors would be no pushover for Utah State when the two teams finally meet. And for the past three weeks I've been getting the old "pssh, are you serious, Hawaii?" look. Well, the Warriors lived up to my expectations on Saturday when they upset then-No. 19 Nevada. The other big story in the WAC might be the sudden surge of Louisiana Tech. The Bulldogs proved their bowl game aspirations might not be dead yet with a win over Idaho, while Fresno State got back on track with a win against New Mexico State. Here's how the teams stack up in my mind up going into week eight, plus my pick for the game of the week.



Boise State (6-0, 2-0)

All last week we heard about how the Broncos would likely make history as the first non-automatic qualifying conference team to come in the number one spot when the first Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings were released. Well, when the BCS rankings finally debuted on Sunday, Boise was on the outside, looking in at third, behind Oklahoma and Oregon. Fortunately for the Broncos, the chances of either of those teams losing are much higher than that of Boise State losing, especially with Nevada looking weaker than many people originally thought. Quarterback Kellen Moore missed only two passes in the Bronco's 48-0 rout of San Jose State.



Hawaii (5-2, 3-0)

Move over Nevada, there is a new No. 2 in our weekly power rankings, and there's no disputing this call. By beating the Wolf Pack 27-21, Hawaii proved that they are this year's surprise team in the WAC, and that going undefeated in conference play (except, of course, against Boise) might not be all that far-fetched. The Warriors' four straight wins confirm that they're the real deal. Bryant Moniz is on track to be the conference Offensive Player of the Year after another fine performance. It may be too early to speculate as to how the Hawaii defense will hold up when the team plays Boise State, but the Warriors couldn't possibly fare any worse than Boise State's other opponents.



Nevada (6-1, 1-1)

Repeat after me, Wolf Pack fans: it's OK. You can back away from the ledge, and despite being



knocked from the AP rankings, your team is far from finished with the season. Despite losing to Hawaii, Nevada still ranks fifth in the country in rushing yards per game. The team gets its bye week at an opportune time this weekend, and won't be back to action until hosting Utah State on Oct. 30. The bad news for the Wolf Pack is that they'll have to face the WAC's best teams during the second half of the season, playing Idaho, Fresno State and Louisiana Tech all on the road.



Fresno State (4-2, 2-1)

The final score may not show a complete beatdown, but Fresno's 33-10 win at home against New Mexico state saw Pat Hill's team take a 30-3 lead into the half. Through three quarters of play the first team Bulldog defense might as well have been a brick wall, holding the Aggies to just 34 net yards rushing. Defensive end Chris Carter tallied three sacks and two forced fumbles to go along with nine tackles. Fresno State may be a better team than I pegged them as last week. They'll get a layup this week against San Jose State before hitting a November slate which features games at Louisiana Tech, at home against Nevada, and at Boise State.



Louisiana Tech (3-4, 2-1)

It seems like just a few weeks ago we were all writing the Bulldogs as down for the count, but head coach Sonny Dykes has finally found his man in quarterback Ross Jenkins, who has led the team to back-to-back wins. Jenkins, who started the year as a backup, scored four touchdowns in Tech's 48-35 win against Idaho on Saturday. Louisiana Tech's offense amassed 678 yards in the win, overcoming four turnovers and six penalties to survive the shootout. While the offensive explosion was impressive, allowing 513 passing yards to Idaho isn't a good sign – especially with a trip to Boise State in their next game.

Idaho (3-3, 0-1)

I said a few weeks ago that Idaho was the WAC's biggest question mark, and after six games I'm still scratching my head. The Vandals had one bad loss (Colorado State), a respectable loss (Nebraska), and a close conference loss this past week to what might be an up-and-coming Louisiana Tech team. With games against New Mexico state, San Jose State and Utah State still on the schedule, it's not unthinkable that the Vandals could get back to the post-season, but they won't be doing so on the heels of their defense. If quarterback Nathan Enderle can cut back on the interceptions than this team is dangerous. If not, well, than the Vandals might



be the conference's biggest disappointment.



Utah State (2-4, 0-2)

Head coach Gary Andersen and the Aggies could not have gotten a better week for a bye last weekend, and used the time to heal banged up players like cornerback Chris Randle. The Aggies were overwhelmed by Louisiana Tech two weeks ago, but USU has shown the ability to play most teams tough at home, and with Hawaii coming to altitude after an upset win against Nevada, the Warriors are ripe for an upset. If the Aggies are to have any hope at a postseason berth in 2010, they must win this game.



New Mexico State (1-5, 0-2)

Not gonna lie – when it came to choosing between which team gets the honor of our bottom spot this week, I had to flip a coin. The Aggies were blitzkrieged by the Fresno State defense last week, with quarterback Matt Christian taking a beating in the face of a devastating pass rush. Seth Smith did rush for 91 yards for New Mexico State, but nothing else seemed to go right for the Aggies.



San Jose State (1-6, 0-2)

The Spartans are currently scoring fewer points per game (8.9) than any other team in the country and ranks among the worst in the nation. This past week the team suffered another loss that wasn't even close, getting blown out by Boise State 48-0. The worst part about the team's season? They've still got four more games to be televised on ESPN this season, meaning the entire country gets a chance to feel the pain of each sack quarterback Jordan Le Secla takes.

Game of the Week: Hawaii at Utah State

Call me biased, but this match-up has the classic "trap game" scenario for Hawaii written all over it. Hawaii has traditionally struggled away from the islands, but this year might be a different story. Not only did they beat two solid teams in Army and Fresno State on the road, but they played Colorado tough at altitude in Boulder. Utah State has had two weeks to prepare for the game and get healthy, and should have no shortage of fan support during the homecoming game.

Got beef with my picks? Think I missed the mark? We want to hear from you. Drop me a line at adam.nettina@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Aggie men picked first in preseason WAC poll

BY USU ATHLETICS

For the second year in a row, Utah State's men's basketball team is the overwhelming favorite to win the Western Athletic Conference according to both the league's coaches and media, while senior forward Tai Wesley was tabbed as the coaches preseason Player of the Year, it was announced by the league office Tuesday.

Utah State, who has won three-straight regular season WAC titles, received eight first-place votes and 64 points in the coaches poll, while New Mexico State received one first-place vote and 55 points. Nevada received 47 points and was picked to finish third, followed by Boise State (36), Fresno State (36), San Jose State (32), Louisiana Tech (24), Idaho (19) and Hawaii (11).

In the media poll, Utah State garnered 19 first-place votes and 259 points, while New Mexico State was second with 237 points and eight first-place votes. Nevada, who received 190 points and two first-place votes was picked third, while San Jose State received 135 points and one first-place vote and was picked to finish fourth. Fresno State was picked fifth (133), followed by Boise State (129), Louisiana Tech (116), Idaho (78) and Hawaii (73).

"Preseason polls are pretty much a reflection on how your team has done in the past and the fact that you might have some experience returning," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "We've gotten used to high expectations at Utah State and our players have dealt with those expectations pretty well through the years. I think it's always a compliment when the coaches and the media recognize your program by picking you to win the league."

Along with being named the preseason Player of the Year by the coaches, Wesley was also named to the league's

first-team by both the coaches and media. Joining Wesley on the WAC's preseason teams were senior forward Nate Bendall and senior guards Tyler Newbold and Pooh Williams who were all named to the second-team as voted on by the coaches.

Junior college transfer Brock Keith Pane was also recognized by the media as he was picked as the WAC's Newcomer of the Year. "Having our players recognized is always positive, but again it's a reflection on last year's team winning the conference and us having a lot of experience back. I hope our players can be determined to make all the preseason recognition come true," added Morrill.

Overall, Utah State returns four starters and eight letterwinners from last year's team that advanced to its 19th NCAA Tournament all-time, including its seventh in the last 11 years under Morrill as it lost to Texas A&M, 69-53, in the first round. USU finished the 2009-10 season with a 27-8 record and went 14-2 in WAC play to claim its third-straight regular season league championship, which is a school record. Over the last three years, USU has a combined record of 81-24 (.771) including a 40-8 (.833) WAC mark.

Leading the way for Utah State during the 2010-11 season will be Wesley who earned first-team all-WAC honors as a junior as he finished the year ranking fourth in the conference and 12th in the nation in shooting at 57.4 percent. He also ranked fifth in the league in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.86), sixth in blocked shots (1.31), 10th in rebounding (6.6), 11th in assists (3.34), 13th in scoring (13.7) and 15th in free throw shooting (.701). Wesley was also named to the WAC's all-tournament team in 2010, along with receiving

WAC Preseason Media Poll

1. UTAH STATE (19)
2. New Mexico State (8)
3. Nevada (2)
4. San Jose State (1)
5. Fresno State
6. Boise State
7. Louisiana Tech
8. Idaho
9. Hawaii

first-team all-league honors from both Sporting News and NetScouts Basketball, as well as second-team all-district honors from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

USU's four other returning lettermen are senior forward Matt Formisano, senior guard Brian Green, junior forward Brady Jardine and sophomore guard Preston Medlin.

In all, Utah State's four returning starters have a combined 353 games played while at USU including 288 starts, while its four other returnees have a total of 195 games played at USU.

Joining Utah State's eight returnees are two redshirts in junior forward Morgan Grim and freshman forward Brad Brown, and six newcomers in junior guards Antonio Bumpus and Pane, sophomore guard E.J. Farris, freshman forward Ben Clifford, and freshmen guards Leon Cooper, Jr., and James Walker III.

Utah State will hold its annual Blue-White Scrimmage on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., and its first exhibition game will be on Saturday, Oct. 30 against Universite Laval at 7 p.m. USU will then play its final exhibition game on Friday, Nov. 5 against Grand Canyon at 7 p.m. before beginning the regular season at home against Weber State on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.



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Becoming part of the social network

By KASEY VAN DYKE
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According to the Facebook and MySpace websites, users log more than 708.2 billion minutes per month on their social network of choice. This translates to over one million years each month, spread across more than 622 million active users.

Besides Facebook and MySpace, networks like Blogger, WordPress, Twitter, instant messaging and text messaging make communication instantaneous.

Preston Parker, lecturer in the journalism and communications department and president of the Social Media Club of Cache Valley, said in the last seven years, starting with Napster and blogging, social networking has created a way for someone to have a complete online profile.

All of their "sub-networks" are linked together at one hub, which can be controlled from any internet connection.

"You can literally at any time have access to your network," he said. "Before, how would you have done that?"

The influx of social networking and the development of smart phones and text messaging services are making multitasking an almost necessary skill.

Eddy Berry, assistant department head for sociology, social work and anthropology, said she sees an ever-growing amount of multitasking in the classroom.

"Students are texting, Facebooking and, allegedly, listening to lecture, but I can tell a difference," Berry said.

According to an MSNBC article, "Why you can't do three things at once," the part of the brain that controls multitasking is the medial prefrontal cortex, which can separate two tasks at a time.

In the article, researcher Etienne Koechlin of the Université Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris, France, said this allows us to cook while talking on

the phone.

But, if a third task is thrown in, things can get "muddled." In a classroom, that means less concentration and less retention of information.

Parker said he has also seen a definite increase in technological multitasking in the classroom. Because Parker allows his students to use their various technological mediums in class, he said he has to live with students typing and texting during his lectures.

"Quite frankly," he said, "if my class is that boring that they'd rather be posting on Facebook or texting, that's my problem."

Though he doesn't mind technology in the classroom, Parker said he doesn't appreciate it in a conversation, such as someone texting while talking.

"If it's not an emergency, it's going to be there later," he said. "Have a real relationship with people."

There are two kinds of social network users, Berry said: cosmopolites and localites. Cosmopolites, she said, are the first adopters and those "more focused at the world, global, international politics and goings on." Localities tend to be more focused on what's happening locally.

Rich Cromwell, a junior in biology, might be considered a localite. Cromwell belongs to a minority on campus: those who don't have a Facebook account.

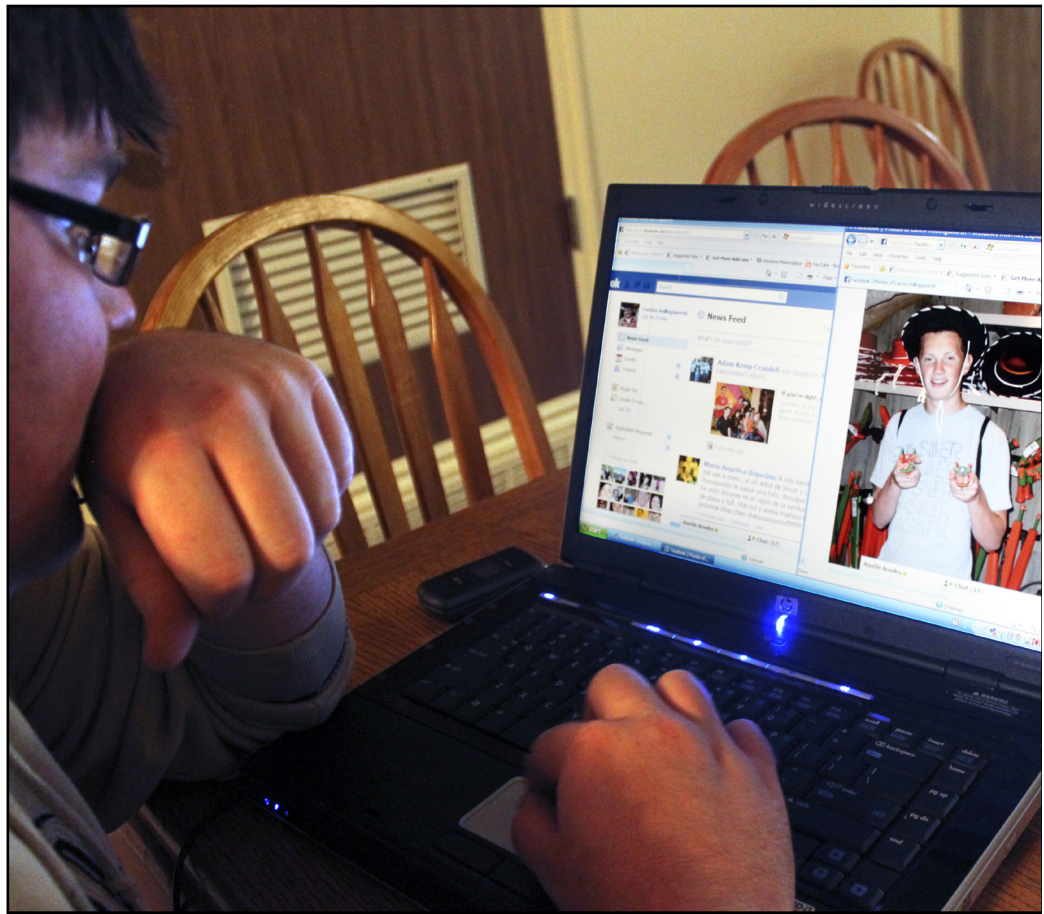
"There are so many other ways to talk to people," he said. "All my friends are close enough that I don't need to post about my day to talk to them."

Cromwell, now married, said that not using Facebook or other social networking sites didn't hurt him while still dating.

"All my dates were people I'd met somewhere and asked out," he said. "I just called them if I wanted to talk to them. Facebook wasn't a factor."

His wife, on the other hand, does use Facebook. "I make fun of her every single day," Cromwell said. "She's always on that thing."

Twitter, one of the more recently popular social



SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES like Facebook, MySpace and Twitter are becoming more prevalent in college life. The way many people are communicating is also changing from verbal- to technology-based conversations. ALISON OSTLER photo illustration

networks, allows its users to send updates to their followers, either online or through text.

The Pew Research Center in 2009 found that nearly one in five American adults, ages 18 to 24 (about 19 percent) have used Twitter.

Among these users are Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan, Sarah Palin and Barack Obama. Though he is without Facebook, Cromwell said Twitter seems like a fun idea, to a point.

"It's a lot like Facebook," he said, "but not as personal. It's cool as long as you get the right people."

Parker said the interesting aspect of social networking is how it has taken power away from large conglomerates, such as Disney, CBS, Time Warner, etc.

By giving consumers the ability to decide what is important to them, Parker said the role of the information gatekeeper has shifted.

"Now, who is the gatekeeper? I am," he said. "I get to decide what's important. I do that by controlling who's in my network."

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Bagpipe club sets out to rock Utah State

By GENEVIEVE DRAPER
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"Show me the Scotsman who doesn't love the thistle," is sung every game here at Utah State. But for many, a Scotsman is an unknown presence on campus. A new club, The Scotsman, has plans to show Aggies a real Scotsman - kilt, bagpipe and all.

The idea for the club came from Craig Jessop, dean of the Caine College of the Arts. Jessop has always liked bagpipes and spent four years in Germany as part of the Air Force Band.

Working with many European bands, he encountered several English pipe bands, and even worked with Black Watch, an internationally recognized pipe band. Jessop also has Scottish ancestry, which he said gives him an affinity for the bagpipes.

"Last spring I was judging for State Sterling Scholar ... and in walked a bagpipe," Jessop said. The piper was Matthew Earl, now a USU freshman in law and constitutional studies.

Jessop called Earl about a month after the Sterling Scholars auditions, and

offered him a scholarship to come play the bagpipes for the Caine College of the Arts, and to start a pipe band.

"You put that all together and combine it with the tradition of agriculture and the Scotsman ... it is time, it's our time, to have our own aggie pipe band in the highlands of Utah," Jessop said.

Matt Earl, who is the pipe major and president of The Scotsman, has been playing for nine years. He too has Scottish blood, and is involved with the bagpipes as a family tradition.

He is related to the Barclay family, who started the Utah Pipe Band, and his family is involved with highland music. His mother teaches highland dance and all of this brothers also play the pipes.

"It's a different kind of instrument ... a war-time instrument. Fierce. Will definitely add to the spirit of the Aggies," Earl said. The pipes also were traditionally played at a birth or a wedding, all of the major events and celebrations of life.

"The associating culture of the highland bagpipes is the farming community, regular people who play for recreation and in war ... we sing the Scotsman as our call to war ... having a pipe band will really add something to the community,"

said Christian Orr, a sophomore in landscape architecture.

Orr is serving as the vice president of the club this year. He has been playing the pipes for eight years.

"When I first heard the bagpipes, there is just this chill in the blood; I attribute it that to resonating with my ancestry," he said. Orr played in the Wasatch and District Pipe Band before coming to USU.

Though the club is starting small, they have big plans for the future.

"Eventually we hope to have about 12 pipers and four drummers," Earl said. They also plan to design and register an official university tartan for the band.

The club is working on getting a teacher to further aid the club's development as a pipe band. The eventual aim is to be able to compete as a band.

The club is also working on their repertoire. In the first official meeting on Monday, they discussed their musical goals.

In addition to a performance selection, they also will have a variety of

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THE SCOTSMAN IS A NEW bagpipe club on campus that aspire to be the real Scotsmen behind the aggies. They also plan to design their own USU tartan. STERLING BOIN photo



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Graduate student spends time kayaking in Russia

By ALEXANDRIA EVENSEN
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It wasn't until Jeffrey Hazboun was an 18-year-old freshman at Syracuse University in New York that he began to explore all that mother nature had to offer him.

"I was 18 and ready to try new things," he said.

These included rock climbing, ice climbing, and his favorite, kayaking.

"I got into the Syracuse University Outing Club," said Hazboun. "It's the second oldest club in the history of the school."

In the 12 years since, Hazboun's love for kayaking has taken him all over the world, to Ecuador, Costa Rica, British Columbia and most recently on a National Geographic-funded trip to the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia.

Now a graduate student in the physics department at Utah State, Hazboun described the Kamchatka project as years in the making.

"It was about two years of planning," he said. Planning included acquiring grants and sponsorships from major companies such as National Geographic, Costa and even Starbucks.

Because of his background in kayaking, his undergraduate degree in environmental and forest biology and his master's in physics, Hazboun was asked to take part in the adventure as a science coordinator.

"I helped with communication between the other scientists," he said. "Mostly it was just me talking to scientists and seeing what research could be done there."

With a core team of six people, the Kamchatka Project started their journey June 30.

Hazboun's favorite memory from the trip was soon after they arrived at the ocean, after paddling from further inland instead of taking a \$3,000 per hour helicopter ride.

"We were there early. We got to spent a day on the beach," he said. "There are these glass balls on the beach that the Japanese use as fishing buoys. You're lucky to find one or two,



JEFFREY HAZBOUN RESEARCHED mother nature this past summer in the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia. While most of the trip focused on scientific research, recreational events like kayaking were also included. *photo courtesy JEFF HAZBOUN*

but we found 30."

The main point of the trip, was scientific research.

"We went to rivers no scientists have ever been to," he said.

While kayaking, Hazboun had the responsibility of probing the water.

"About every half mile I would send a probe that checked the temperature, conductivity, and the health of the river," he

said. "We also took some flow measurements, which is the volume going down the rivers. We were just trying to see what was interesting."

According to Hazboun, The water samples will be sent to a hydrologist who will study the behavior of the rivers on the

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USU education helps broaden alumnus' life view

By MARLEAH JACOBSON
staff writer

Sometimes it may be hard to imagine life beyond college. Between cramming for exams, cranking out eight-page papers by midnight and reading through an exhaustive course reader, it becomes easy to question whether the college experience is worth it.

But Ken Alder, a Utah State University alumnus, the years at Utah State University, coupled with hard work, have proven more than worthwhile.

Since graduating in 1974 in accounting and in 1978 with a second bachelor's degree in finance, Alder has become the CEO of TTM Technologies, a company he founded in 1998 which is now worth \$1.4 billion.

He credits at least some of his success to his time at Utah State.

"Certainly the education itself and the skill I learned with the accounting major was very helpful in helping me understand business," Alder said. "Just learning about different cultures in college helped expand what would maybe be a narrow view of life."

As a CEO, Alder has had to learn how to work and relate to a variety of people.

"You have a lot of responsibility with your customers, with employees, with shareholders and suppliers," Alder said.

Since TTM Technologies is a public company, Alder meets quarterly with shareholders to talk about the condition of the business and work to create "a vision that everyone can work for."

Right now, that vision is ever-growing and expanding. TTM Technologies is the 4th-largest printed circuit board company in the world. They are headquartered in Santa Ana, Calif., and have six other locations, including one in Logan.

"(There are) a lot of good people to work with," Alder said of the 16,000 TTM employees. "They have enhanced my life."

Alder doesn't regret that, for him, Utah State University was the only option. He was born and raised in Logan.

"There was never any other consideration I would give to another school," Alder said. "It was just ingrained that out of high school I would go to college and Utah State was college."

For Alder, this was a good choice. "USU is a great school," he said. "I think it has everything to offer that you would look for in a university. I think the current leadership and president are doing just a super job."

Alder splits his time between Southern California and Logan. He said he visits the Utah State campus from time to time for as

many football and basketball games as he can attend.

"It seems to me that Utah State has established itself more competitively with the other universities," Alder said. "I think it is a very well respected university. It was while I was there, too, but they have continued to put USU on the map."

Alder said current students should keep in mind that they "only get one shot" at college and should make the most of it.

"Make sure you learn all the skills you can," he said. "(College) is also a time to interact with the other students that are from different backgrounds."

College is an opportunity to learn how to resolve conflicts with people and work through complex situations together, Alder said.

He said he remembers a mixture of stress and excitement during his time at USU.

"A test could be fun and could be stressful," he said. He said he remembers "the fun part of studying and growing."

Alder worked throughout his college career, but did take some time to enjoy Aggie athletics.

"I always remember sitting in the cold, watching football games," he said. "I remember the excitement around the basketball games. I obviously enjoyed it so much then that I continue to participate in those now."

Alder said he has achieved more career knowledge than he ever expected, but one of the greatest parts of his life is his family. He is married and has six children.

"I think we've been able to balance the hard work with having some fun along the way," he said. "The experience I had at Utah State was an excellent foundation with which to have opportunities I've been grateful for."

To sum up his life, Alder said: "It's been mainly about family, work, and Aggie athletics."

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KEN ALDER HAS USED his education as well as social skills he learned at Utah State to influence his current job. Alder is now the CEO of a top-ranking billion dollar company. *photo courtesy DIANE WEIGLIN*



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How to get through this year's homecoming week

Picture your 17-year-old self, snugly sitting home, when you hear the doorbell ring. You put your books down, throw on some slippers and head for the door.



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"I'd go QUACKERS if you went to Homecoming with me."

Congratulations, average Utahn or Idahoan teenage girl, you've just been asked to the homecoming dance.

Many of us have been in this situation, our own personal "Degrassi" or "One Tree Hill" episodes and teenage definitions of life, love and other generic categories we take too seriously.

Football games, pep rallies, themed dress-up days, they all lead up to the formal dance so significantly important it might as well be labeled prom's co-captain. Homecoming week just seemed so life-altering when I was young.

For those new to university life, we run homecoming a little differently here. Don't worry too much, the fanfare and mad sense of school spirit is about the same, but upper-level education homecoming celebrations come with a few rites of passage for getting the most of your H-Week experience.

With that in mind - and noting that if you've read my past columns you'll learn I really like making lists - here are a few ways you can make the best of every school's most celebrated week.

First and foremost, be sure to wear blue. Of course, a good amount of this is certainly because we want to support our school, have Aggie pride and what-not, but the purpose of this advice derives from an even deeper motive: camouflage.

As good as it is to have fun this week, it's also proper to maintain a good amount of safety. Keep in mind this week will be plastered with energetic public displays, and to avoid being lured in by table displays, megaphone-induced announcements and those free-credit card representatives (you have to be careful with them, they're like ninjas) it's best to dress like

everyone else and lay low.

Now if public attention is your cup of tang, by all means there is always a lime green hoodie with your name on it, but for you natural introverts, it's best to run the system to your favor.

Next, just let the alumni do their thing. For the next few days you'll rub shoulders with more former USU students than you will ever see again, and believe me, they will be everywhere from the bookstore to the Marketplace, and possibly your apartment bathroom.

These Aggie-loving geezers may get in the way and cause a bit of frustration, but let yourself enjoy this one. Swap football and war stories, take in some experienced, clever humor and do everything you can to be one with the ones who once were.

It not only gives homecoming a bit of nostalgia, but also surely allows us to appreciate sweater vests much more than we ever dreamt we would.

Finally, the real kicker to a great homecoming week, take in the true splendor of True Aggie Night. Now let me get this straight, you don't have to become a True Aggie this week, there's no rule or tyranny to that.

However, if you aren't going to become a True Aggie you might as well enjoy the sight of other people becoming True Aggies.

True Aggie Night is a people-watcher's paradise - a hormone-savvy world where any random two people can swap saliva on a cement pedestal with little to no consequence.

Whether you enjoy watching other people on their own "Countdown to Mono" or simply enjoy large gatherings of people next to large buildings, True Aggie Night, aside from numerous other fulfilling activities, has something for everyone.

With these three simple steps, coupled with the possibility of tons of free food, an outstanding time can be had by all. So get out, have fun, and see to it you make the most of this time dedicated to your enjoyment and love for this university.

You may love fun activities, seeing excited people or, like me, are just relieved to have a week rid of paper mache ducks. But one thing is for sure, if you're looking to enjoy this homecoming week, you've got options.

And if you happen to go to the dance, please don't attempt the Macerena. That's just embarrassing.

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Come get your paint on!



STUDENTS THROW PAINT AROUND during the USU hosted paint dance last Monday night on the HPER field. The paint dance is just one of the many events going on around campus celebrating Homecoming Week. *STERLING BOIN photo*

Scotsman: new club this semester

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parade tunes, as well as an official version of "the Scotsman".

"The Scotsman" goes back to the '20s," Jessop said. "(It is) one of the oldest fight songs."

The band is eager to become part of campus life, either from backing up the Aggies as fierce Scotsmen, or performing at different venues and events. The band also hopes to get involved with the Highland Games, held here in Cache Valley in the summer.

"We will perform as much as we can, as often as asked," Earl said.

Earl has already performed some with the Caine College of the Arts, but he has also connected with fellow pipers at USU simply by practicing outside.

"I was practicing near the cemetery and these other two pipers heard bagpipes and swung by," he said.

Without an official club, pipers on campus didn't have any connections with each other. Earl has now made contact with five pipers and one drummer.

The club meets on Saturdays at noon, and will be holding the first club practice Oct. 30. They will be practicing outside the dean's office for the Caine College of the Arts.

All pipers on campus at all levels are encouraged to bring their chanters and participate. Earl can be contacted at 801-694-3997.

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Street Speak

What is the worst Halloween candy you've ever received?



"Gross candy corn things. They're disgusting."

- Nathan Searcy

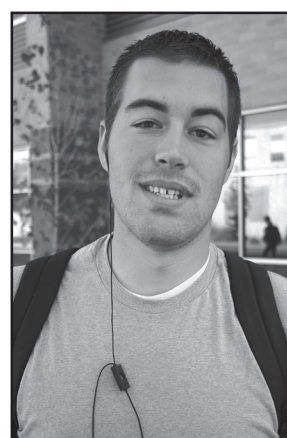


"Really goopy, stale and minty, chocolate taffy that was very gross."

- Jessica Miller

"Pretty nasty caramel popcorn. It was more dry than caramel."

- Stacy Bartholomeu



"Some very old gummy candy. It was really gross."

- Bryce Sansing

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Russia: Hazboun helped National Geographic film television episode

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peninsula.

Wildlife on the Kamchatka Peninsula is diverse, and nearly untouched by non-native humans.

"On the beach all you saw were bear and wolf prints. There were no people on that side of the coast," Hazboun said.

According to Kamchatka's website, the peninsula is home to the most dense population of brown bears on earth.

"There was just a huge density of bears," he said. "They fish for the salmon in the lakes. The rivers stay between you and the bears. Once a really big bear walked within five to seven feet of us."

With multiple professional cameramen in the video, the footage taken in photography and video formats didn't go to waste.

"We helped National Geographic film an episode of Monster Fish," Hazboun said.

Although students may find it hard to find funding and resources to travel, Hazboun says there are many programs that provide resources for students.

"There are a lot of opportunities to do this stuff through the Outdoor Recreation Center," he said. "They're willing to help. Those folks are glad to have students interested. They love to get people outdoors."

Another resource, Hazboun said, is USU's kayaking club, which is open to the community and provides support for both beginning and more advanced kayakers.

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Our View

Keep church and state separate in Utah

Lately it seems like people are either protesting Boyd K. Packer, coordinating efforts to express their love and support to Boyd K. Packer, or simply just don't know exactly who Boyd K. Packer is.

Clearly, it is the current hot topic within the ongoing gay rights movement, particularly in the state of Utah.

Before jumping to any decisions about who is right and who is wrong, it seems important to remember the forum in which Packer spoke. Like it or not, Packer's words were spoken in a forum which is intended to be directed at members of the church which he represents, and in that forum, he is entitled to whatever expression he chooses. Basically, Packer's talk was a church issue, not a state issue.

Not to say that what he said was either right or wrong, but rather that it was what Packer felt was relevant to deliver to his audience at that time. It seems that beyond the surface of viewing Packer's talk as a hate speech, the real concern is that his talk may have future negative impacts on the gay community's political outlook, especially in our state.

What's really important to remember is that the current gay rights movement, whether you support it or are against it, is this generation's equivalent to civil rights movements of the past. Some discount that notion, saying gay rights are different because they believe homosexuality is a choice rather than an inborn trait. To that point, the overall population may never know one way or another, but it seems tough to believe that so many people would simply choose a sexual orientation that results in as much political and social oppression as the gay community currently is faced with, without deep-seeded physical and emotional feelings.

This movement is not going to go away anytime soon, and most likely never will until the gay community has equal rights with everybody else. Chances are that in 20 years or so, our generation and future generations are going to look back and wonder how we ever thought gay couples, and individuals, didn't deserve the same rights as others.

Until that point is reached, the debate will surely rage on, but hopefully the hate within the debate can steadily recede from both sides as understandings are reached over time.



Forum Letters

Letters to the editor • A public forum

In defense of freshmen

To the editor:

As a brand new freshman here at Utah State I would just like to say thank you in behalf of all USU freshmen. Thank you for being prejudiced, intolerant, arrogant, and judgmental in the editorials I've read recently in the Statesman. Thank you for discriminating against us because we were born after 1990. I'm so excited to continue my education so I can broaden my mind, and learn to judge those that seem "inferior" to me. For the record, I would like a few things to be known. One, we know how to speak. Just because we have cell phones and some of us use obnoxious abbreviations, does not mean we are lacking in intelligence.

May I point out, that it is not just freshman who use "lol" and "omg," text or get on Facebook during class, and sponge off their parents? I am not some lazy little girl who came to college to giggle and flirt. I have a job and I study hard. Yes, my classes are probably easier than yours so I have a little more downtime. But stop generalizing and give us some respect. Freshman are people, too.

Perhaps you should look beyond that textbook you supposedly have your nose

in all the time, and realize that we too have dreams and plans for a better life. We too hold down a job, study for our midterms, and attempt to squeeze in a little fun. We deserve at least a little bit of your respect.

McKenzie Smith

Following the prophet

To the editor:

In light of recent opinions regarding the LDS Church's teachings on homosexuality, I feel a need to express myself. Like many others, I am an LDS student in my mid-twenties. I also grew up singing the words, "Follow the prophet." I'm also not perfect nor claim to have the answers. What I do know is what the Lord spoke through the Prophet Joseph Smith, in relation to following prophets: "For his word ye shall receive, as if from my own mouth, in all patience and faith." He then gives the blessings for doing so.

Call that dogmatic or close-minded or whatnot — I know this is true, because I have asked God and strived to live it. So if the President of the Church asks members to support legislation that strengthens the family, the basic unit of society and key to God's plan, doing so does require patience and faith, especially when conflicting with personal views. If a mod-

ern apostle unites his voice with Church leaders in calling for charity towards identified homosexuals while decrying homoerotic acts, but leaving it at that — then following such counsel, even for one who is gay, requires a tremendous amount of patience and faith to obey.

If God does not reveal more, it's a test of faith to follow what is spoken, a trial of patience to endure until He reveals more, in His own time and way — and a sign of devotion to God. He knows how unspeakable it is to have homosexual feelings while striving to remain chaste. But because He knows all things, he provided His Son Jesus Christ, who aligned His will to God's, even when He felt incredible pain and isolation. Do I then believe my Church leaders are preaching hate from the pulpit? No, what I hear is an invitation to yes, come unto Christ, but also to repent — align our will as Christ did. Do I believe following such counsel is difficult and can incur prejudice and some uncertainty? Absolutely, but following His prophets is following God, both in faith to what is revealed and patience to what is yet to be, and brings untold blessings and surety.

Don't take my word for it: experience their words and ask God if they come from Him. It may be simple for a complex world, but following in patience and faith is what I believe and know to be true.

Jeremy Petterson

Seven habits of educated students

OK, let's start with a brutal truth. When it comes to preparing you for the future, none of us professors know what we're doing. And admit it: you yourself don't have a clue. This is partly because the world is changing rapidly in just about every direction, and partly because there are a million little random things that will end up hugely affecting your life. So, the Basic Truth: nobody knows.

On the other hand, there's nothing new in all this uncertainty. People have been worrying about the unknowns in the future for as long as they've been thinking. And so philosophers and sages of the ages, from Seneca to Descartes, have been drawing up general rules to live by in the hope that, no matter what changes come about, you'll be ready for them. Think of it as a general preparation for an unknown future. Or, think of it as going to college.

It's in this spirit that I shall now bestow unto you some rules you ought to consider living by, at least while you're in col-

lege. Who knows? Maybe some of them will even be useful afterwards.

1. Seek ye breadth. That means try to learn about a wide variety of subjects, separated by different professors, departments and colleges. It's better to have more tools in your bag than fewer. It's true that you may never be called upon to recite any medieval poetry, but the interpretive skills you gained in that class might become useful in all sorts of spots, like when you have to interpret Uncle Herbert's will.

2. Focus. Meaning: spend some time each week paying close attention to one thing at the exclusion of all else. Put away the phones, computers and iPods, and observe. Go to a concert or an art show, alone, and lose yourself in the experience. What you'll find is that the constant buzz of techno-info isn't doing as much for you as you thought.

3. Get surprised. How do you get surprised? By putting yourself into unfamiliar classes and situations and seeing what happens. You didn't think you'd like ancient Greek and bagpipes, did you? Surprise. Now you find you like them, and maybe even want to spend your life developing those strange inter-

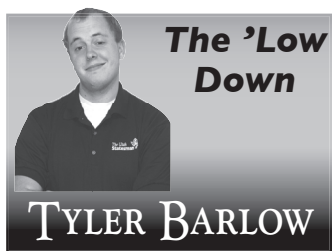
Strikes, the answer to all life's problems

We need more strikes in this country. The few strikes that do materialize around here are all too peaceful and usually end up going nowhere. A strike is defined as such: "To declare or engage in a suspension of work until an employer grants certain demands, such as pay increases, an improved pension plan ..."

We must look to France as our example. As we speak, the entire country is crippled by transit strikes as masked youth chuck rocks, cobble stones, or whatever they can find at the police. Half of the trains are not running since SNCF, the state-owned company that operates most of the rail traffic in France, has joined the strike. Train strikes are routine as rain in France, but this time they are coupled with bus and metro strikes, as well as a gasoline shortage. Thousands of gas stations across the country are closed as the workers join the state employees in their protest. What is their reasoning behind this?

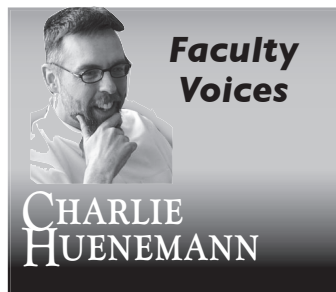
The French parliament has come across a problem. The pension program, meant to act much like our own nation's social security program, is beginning to go broke. In a country where millions of people depend solely on the government for housing, health care, and every other conceivable life essential, this can create somewhat of a problem. The parliament is trying to change the retirement age from 60 to 62. Yes, that's right. The ruckus is coming from a simple request to work two years longer than the shortest career length in the world.

So what is our problem? We have sat idly by as much more serious problems plague us. While educators in France will strike at the drop of a hat, it took the Utah Education Association several years to build up the courage to conduct a peaceful one-day walkout, which



The 'Low Down

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ests. Note that I said your life, not necessarily your career. Then, when you're at a barbecue and people are bragging about last weekend's all-expense-paid trip to Miami, you will find occasion to mention that you were playing the pipes in Glasgow, and translating Pindar on the plane. Which story would you rather be telling?

4. Argue for things you don't believe in. Yes, I mean it. What you'll find is that a view you thought was crazy actually has something going for it, even if in the end you remain unconvinced. You'll become much better at understanding other people, and your intelligence will become more flexible. And you'll drive your friends nuts.

5. You know the stuff you hate? Take a class in it. Especially if it's math. Learning doesn't mean getting credit for what you're good at; it means getting better at what you're bad at. Find your weak points, and strengthen them. Learn what's cool about the stuff you don't like.

6. Have your head in at least three books at any given time. I mean books apart from the ones you are reading in class. And I mean books, genuine books, that you can pick up, underline, write notes in, spill mayo on, give to a friend, or throw away in disgust. Ideally, these

books will not obviously have anything to do with one another. They will serve to prod you into thinking about things and making connections you wouldn't have otherwise recognized. It doesn't matter if you finish reading them; cast aside the ones that bore you. Always have one on hand in case you're stuck in line or riding a bus with nothing else to do.

7. Have fun. Like I need to tell you this. But take your fun seriously. When you're some middle-aged wage earner, do you want to find yourself saying, "I wish that when I was in college I had dyed my hair orange, worn all black, and gone to goofy parties"? Get that done now, because if you do it later, you'll look pathetic, and maybe get arrested.

Some people say you should expect to change your career a dozen times over your life. I think that estimate is a bit inflated, but the point is sound: in all likelihood, you will not end up doing what you now think you'll be doing. But, I say to you, if you gain these seven habits, you'll be in good position to deal with what you don't see coming.

Charlie Huenemann is a professor of philosophy and associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

French: We could learn a lot from our European brothers

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they voluntarily made up later in the year. We work until we are 65 or older. The typical workweek in France consists of 35 hours. A little math will show that Americans are working the

equivalent of 16 years longer than the French. Where are the burning cars? Where are the thousands of people flooding the streets bringing traffic to a standstill? Where are the police protecting themselves from a barrage of flying stones with their riot shields? They are obviously not here. Something is wrong with this picture.

It seems more responsible to me to put the tax dollars used to buy riot shields to use. Think of the problems that could be solved if we all worked 35 hours a week and had 5 weeks of paid vacation every

year! There would be more jobs. Of course, when the employers couldn't afford to pay us nearly as much, we could simply go on strike again until the government would bail out our companies. The French are a passionate people, and their passion is reflected in their frequent strikes to get what they want. Should we not also be so passionate? I submit that the new American dream should be to work less and still get all that we want, and throw hissy fits when we don't. We should follow the example of our forefathers and refuse to do anything for ourselves until our needs are met. Perhaps the best part of it all is that when the strikes are over, we would all go back to school or work and go on as if nothing happened, carrying forever the memory of those few days when we, the people ruled.

After all, what could possibly go wrong? Doesn't complaining bring about the best results for everybody? What is the point of doing things for ourselves when we can simply complain to the powers that be to fix our problems? The French seem all right. Sure they live an, overall, lower quality of life than Americans.

Sure, those who actually work pay more taxes than we could ever imagine. Sure, they live in virtual squalor while the progressive world passes them by. But they enjoy the satisfaction of never being happy with

what they have, but not really working for anything more. Should we not be so lucky?

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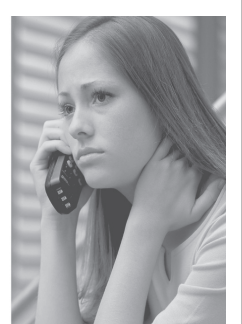
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ACROSS

- Dance
- fundamental
- Spreading trees
- Cosmic payback
- ...up: slow Web connection
- Bubbly label name
- Like some kites
- Menlo Park middle name
- Former credit card giant
- Shakespeare's title Athenian
- Eagle
- Big pix: Abbr.
- Reagan era prog.
- Ball club
- Pancho was his sidekick
- Running independently
- Trite
- Eagle
- Leg-shaving alternative
- "Science Guy" Bill
- Baking soda target
- Eagle
- Tint
- Composer
- Berlioz
- WWII blockade vessel
- Joseph of ice cream fame
- Tic ...: mint
- Sale condition
- Eagle
- Ambulance attendant
- Cathedral section
- "Dark Angel" actress Jessica
- Worship
- Bring up
- Diver's haunt
- Au courant, with "in"
- Ancient Persian
- ilk

DOWN

- Nebr. neighbor
- Roofer's piece
- Whence icicles hang
- Does a cabinetmaking task
- Harris of country
- They may be pierced
- See 32-Down
- Pierces
- Destructive 2005 newsmaker
- Zealous
- Part of most eyeglasses
- "Little Red Book" author
- Ex-Texas governor
- Richard
- Check sent with a ltr., e.g.
- Adored one
- Sanskrit for "awakened one"
- Enjoyed
- Denny's, say
- Girardi's predecessor as Yankee manager
- Scratched
- Stupidity
- "That's ___": "Uh-uh"
- With 7-Down, feeling better
- Toledo-to-Detroit dir.
- Port on the Firth of Clyde
- Sen. counterpart
- Road to nowhere, metaphorically
- Spied
- Schlep
- Like monastic life
- Cleanup hitter's stats
- 49 Annual Hollywood gala, with "the"
- Amulet
- Syrian leader
- Take on
- Fencing sword
- Stick on the table
- Opposite of unter
- First president to take up golf
- Pin cushion?
- University URL ending
- Put on

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Today is Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Madeline Newhouse, a junior majoring in elementary education from Farmington, Utah.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1990, Three members of the rap group 2 Live Crew are acquitted of obscenity charges in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Luther Campbell, Chris "Fresh Kid Ice" Wong Won, and Mark "Brother Marquis" Ross had faced a year in prison for performing their songs.

Weather

High: 70° Low: 32°
Skies: Sunny



Wednesday Oct. 20

- Aggies for Africa Shoe Drive, All Day
- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals, All Day
- Open Access Week, Library, 9 a.m. Exhibit, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., TSC.
- Meditation Group, TSC 335, 12 p.m.
- Ecology Seminar, NR 105, 6 p.m.
- Film Screening and Q&A, 7 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 21

- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals, All Day
- Aggies for Change Coin Collection, TSC Patio, 10 a.m.
- AX O Dollar Day, TSC Patio, 12 p.m.
- USU Meditation Club, TSC 335, 12 p.m.
- Service Blitz, TSC Lounges, 12 p.m.
- Multicultural Student Group, TSC 315A, 12:30 p.m.
- Ecology Seminar, ENGR 101, 3 p.m.
- Women's Indoor Volleyball Tournament, 5 p.m.
- Women' Volleyball vs. Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
- Mr. USU, Kent Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.,
- In the Mood, Ellen Eccles Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Powderpuff Football, 9:30 p.m.

Friday Oct. 22

- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals, All Day
- Open Access Week, Library, 9 a.m.
- Q&A with Rob Bishop, EDUC 131, 3 p.m.
- Women's Indoor Volleyball Tournament, 5 p.m.
- High Women's Soccer at Fresno State, 8 p.m.
- Homecoming Dance, TSC, 10 p.m.
- True Aggie Night, Midnight

Aggies for change *You need to know...*

USU Aggie for Change Coin Collection! With your small change we can make a BIG difference. Stop by the TSC Patio on Oct. 21-22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parade Saturday

Homecoming Parade is Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. on Main Street in downtown Logan. Join the city of Logan in showing your Aggie Pride by supporting some of our universities most influential Alumni, Clubs, etc. as they march down Main Street.

Film screening

8: The Mormon Proposition, on same-sex marriage & the LDS Church. Film and Q&A discussion with Sundance filmmaker, USU alum Reed Cowan. Eccles Conference Center, 7 p.m. on Oct. 21. Free & open to the public. Info: JCOM Department: 797-3293

Rob Bishop

Q&A Session with Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT) hosted by USU College Republicans. Pizza will be served. EDUC 131 on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m.

Pumpkin Walk

See dozens of scenes made with pumpkins at the North Logan Pumpkin Walk Oct. 21-23 and 25-26 at Elk Ridge Park. Admission is free! Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. This year's theme is "The Magic of Animation."

Anxiety workshop

Math Anxiety Workshop Oct. 20 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. in TSC 335. You do not have to register to attend. For additional information, please contact the Academic Resource Center at (435) 797-1128.

"The Murder Room," a **mystery farce** presented at the Old Barn Theatre on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays from Oct. 8 to Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Come for a night of murder, mystery, and fun. On Oct. 27 from 6-7 p.m. in room 507 of the University Inn, **visiting scholar Dr. Audrey Osler** will be giving a presentation on children's human rights in education. All are welcome.

Ecology Seminar: Why are Chili Peppers Hot? on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in NR 105. Putting Habitat Corridors to the Test on Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. in ENGR 101.

Hey Girls! The USU Men's Volleyball team is sponsoring a **women's indoor tournament** on Oct. 22 and 23. Get your team together and start practicing now to compete! Check out the website for registration: www.usu.edu/camprec/htm/clubsports.

Stokes Nature Center will host **The Art of Handmade Soap** from 12-2 p.m. on Oct. 23. Local soap-maker Becky Yeager of The Spirit Goat will lead a class in the traditions of making soap using all natural materials. Registration is required. Fee is \$5. For more info call 435-755-3239.

Titans of Yoga Utah movie premiere will be shown Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Whittier Center Gym. Proceeds of screening benefit Green Tree Yoga in Cache County after-school programs.

On Oct. 21 will be the first of several **free cover concerts** this year from IMC. Just call your songs in by posting on our facebook page by searching for Independent Music Club.

Upcoming dates for **Cafe Ibis:** Opening Reception for Photographer Jessica Briggs and live music by Kris Krompel on Oct. 22 from 7-9 p.m. and Ryan and Bill on Oct. 24 from 12-2 p.m.

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