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A PANEL OF REPRESENTATIVES from seven religious affiliations in Cache Valley assembled to discuss the many views of gay marriage. The religions represented include Roman Catholicism, Mormonism, Judaism, Evangelicals, Hinduism and Buddhism. Students stepped forward to ask the panel members the reasons for their views. CATHERINE MEIDELL photo

Panel shows seven sides of gay marriage dispute

By DAN SMITH staff writer

Panel members of various academic and religious backgrounds discussed the issues of same-sex marriage and homosexuality in the TSC auditorium, Tuesday, in an installment of the ongoing Women and Gender Lecture Series.

Moderators mentioned last week's showing of USU graduate Reed Cowan's film "8: A Mormon Proposition," and rules of civility were read to prepare the audience for emotions that could potentially run high during the forum.

The Rev. Susan Springer of Saint John's Episcopal Church in Logan said all voices are important to such a discussion and, as a society, it is necessary that they are made public. Springer was one of the seven panel members.

"Currently, the Episcopal Diocese of Utah permits the blessing of same gender unions, but not every Episcopal diocese in this country permits them," Springer said. "Unlike, for example, the Roman Catholic and LDS churches, Episcopalians have no central figure or group that is our doctrinal authority."

Practicing members of Hindu, Buddhist, Roman Catholic, Latter-day Saint, Jewish and Evangelical faiths were also on the panel. The members each took a turn speaking briefly about how their specific denomination views same-sex marriage and same-gender attraction.

Each participant made clear that

they could not speak for their denomination as a whole, but rather simply provide their own interpretation of their religion's respective beliefs.

Some panelists chose to cite religious texts. Adjunct assistant professor of philosophy Harrison Kleiner read from Pope John Paul II's book "The Theology of the Body."

Citing the former pope's work, Kleiner said, according to the Roman Catholic faith, homosexuality, sodomy and contraception are all equally considered evil because they all go against the natural purpose of sex, which is procreation.

"The Catholic Church has an unambiguous position on the nature and meaning of marriage," Kleiner said.

"The Catholic Church believes that marriage is a faithful, exclusive and lifelong union between a man and a woman."

Pastor Eldon Peterson of the Cache Valley Bible Fellowship said from an Evangelical Biblical point of view, homosexuality is a sexual sin like many other sexual sins, but his church is open to anyone looking for help.

Kleiner said he teaches a social ethics course which spends a couple of weeks talking about the subject of gay marriage.

"In my experience teaching that class, students typically come into the conversation, on all sides, from very emotional points of view."

But all of them, after discussing it in a level-headed and reasonable way, even

if they don't change their mind, I'm convinced that they all leave the class better citizens," he said.

Reformed Jewish representative Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman said that unlike the other panelists' denominations, Judaism is about this life. She said that salvation is not based in decisions regarding gay marriage.

"We have to love each other and recognize that God resides within all of us."

Schwartzman said. Like most religious denominations, she said that reformed Judaism is different from its conservative and orthodox counterparts.

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Police arrest 11 during HOWL

By BLAZE BULLOCK staff writer

Two officers from the Utah State University Police Department officers were assaulted at the HOWL Saturday night, according to USUPD records.

Capt. Steve Milne of the USUPD said he hadn't seen assaults at the HOWL in the past.

"Usually it's just the interior calle" Milne said "This time."

"Usually it's just the intoxication calls," Milne said. "This time we had two separate calls with assault on police officers." In one of the assaults, a student wanted to get inside the

building but was asked to wait, Milne said. The student wasn't cooperating and then shoved one of the officers. A fight broke out as the officer started to arrest the man. Two event staff members tried to help the officer with the fight; While helping, one of the event staff members was bitten on the arm by the student. The student was arrested for assault on a police officer, aggravated assault for biting the staff member and intoxication.

Another student was arrested because he attempted to prevent the officer from arresting his friend, the student arrested for shoving the officer and biting the staff member, Milne said.

"That guy's buddy was trying to pull the officers off," Milne

The student was arrested for interfering and obstruction.

The other individual arrested for assaulting a police officer was not a student of USU.

According to USUPD records, the person was also charged with obstructing justice for interfering with a police officer that was arresting someone. The person also received a charge for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Milne said the USUPD consider assault as a lot more serious than intoxication.

"Now you're going just from being sloppy drunk to combative," Milne said.

A normal assault is a class B misdemeanor and is punishable with up to six months in jail or a fine of \$1,000 Milne said. Assaulting a police officer is a class A misdemeanor and is punishable with up to a year of jail time and a \$2,500 fine.

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THIS YEAR'S FRESHMEN came to USU with high average ACT index scores, marking their class as a "quality group," President Albrecht said. ANI MIRZAKHANYAN photo

Freshmen show high academic scores

By MIKE BURNHAM staff writer

In a letter to USU faculty and staff, President Stan Albrecht shared an optimistic glimpse of future classes.

The incoming class is also marked by a 26 percent jump in minority student enrollment. The average ACT and index score of the incoming freshman class has climbed as well, resulting in a higher number of awarded scholarships.

Total enrollment at the university hit a high of 25,767 students, with a record number of first-time students.

An improvement in ACT and index scores not only marks the incoming freshman class as the biggest we've had, but one of the most quality groups as well according to President Albrecht's letter. Jenn Putnam, director of admissions, said the increase in scores is probably tied to economic conditions.

"I think money has become a real determining factor given the

state of the economy over the past three years," she said. "To the credit of our administration, they have allowed us to be extremely transparent in the aid package as far as scholarship offerings we are able to give students upfront."

According to a letter Albrecht released to all students, faculty and staff, nearly 60 more Presidential Scholarships were awarded than last year, and more than 70 additional Dean's Scholarships. Putnam said this will, however, result in an increase in competition among next years incoming class to attain scholarships. Recently the university brought in a consulting firm to evaluate the school's aid budget. They found the University was putting more on the table than they needed to in order to stay competitive.

"We know that students out there appreciate any help that we can give them," Putnam said, "so we didn't go with (the firm's)

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Program asks for mentor nominations

Utah State University's School of Graduate Studies is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. The award will be presented at the graduate hooding and commencement ceremony in May.

The award recognizes faculty excellence in the complex process of mentoring graduate students to prepare them for productive careers. Those nominated should be effective advisors who facilitate degree completion, model sound scholarship and ethical behavior, help students understand and benefit from departmental and university resources, provide emotional support, offer constructive criticism and involve students in publishing and other professional activities.

Nominations may be submitted by USU faculty, students, alumni or a department or program and are due to the School of Graduate Studies Office (Main 164) by Nov.

The recipient of the award is given a prize of \$2,000 and is invited to prepare a brief essay about his or her mentoring experiences that is shared with the university commu-

Auditions open for Old Barn production

The Old Barn Community Theatre announces auditions for "Once Upon a Mattress". Auditions will be held on Friday, Nov. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the theatre. Directions to the theatre can be found on our website www.oldbarn.

Please come prepared to sing 16 measures of a Broadway song. An accompanist and a CD player will be provided. You may also be asked to sing songs from the show. We need actors, singers and dancers – especially ballet dancers. All roles open. Only those 18 years old and above

The show will run from March 4-26, 2011. Questions call Laura Lee or Marvin Hull at 435-257-1312 or e-mail questions to hulllauralee@

Big Blue tries to break hug record

USU students seek to reach out to underprivileged people in developing countries by raising money for the Small Enterprise Education and Development (SEED) program. To raise money, students will be selling pins for an event where Big Blue will attempt to break the world record for most hugs given by a

mascot character in 20 minutes.

The event, "Hug Across the World" will be held on November 3, 2010, on the Quad, an outdoor venue on USU's campus. Big Blue will seek to hug as many people as he can in 20 minutes to try and break a World Record of the most people hugged by a mascot character. The current record holder is Nintendo's popular character Mario at 172 hugs. (www.worldrecordsacademy.org) Students will be selling pins as admission to help break the world record.

The SEED program, established in 2007, gives USU students "a life changing learning opportunity, while also providing meaningful and lasting impact in the areas [it] operate[s]." (huntsman.usu.edu/ seed/) The program is designed to fund business plans of those ambitious individuals who seek to better their situation and rise out of poverty through becoming entrepre-

Everyone is invited to take part in the cause by either buying a pin or making a cash donation. For more information or to make a donation, email Nick Stocking at Nksox123@gmail.com.

By MEGAN ALLEN news senior writer In the Oquirrh mountains above

Camp Williams and Kennecott Copper Mine, 12 mountain lions are being tracked with GPS collars and studied by USU doctoral student David Stoner.

Stoner, who is working on his Ph.D in wildlife ecology under wildland resources professor, Dr. Michael Wolfe, came into the program mid-project.

Wolfe began studying mountain lions on Monroe Mountain outside of Richfield in 1995, and was asked to find the most effective ways to estimate the size of the cougar population.

Wolfe said he and his researchers first tried track counts, aerial surveys and using the capture and recapture method to estimate the size of the cougar population, but could not come up with any "silver bullet" techniques. The land they were studying was not closed to hunters, he said, so animals were being killed, throwing off their

"Cougars are very elusive animals. They are mostly nocturnal and do not travel in groups," he said. "Plus, in comparison to other animals, they are not a large population.

The area of the Oquirrh mountains that is being studied is closed to hunters, so the animals are not exploited, he said.

Stoner said he became interested in studying mountain lions while working on a research project after he graduated with his bachelor's degree. He was studying deer populations and the role of their predators, such as mountain lions. This study led to his involvement as a technician on the Monroe study, which led him to his graduate work.

"The model of research we do is very applicable to many places in the country," Stoner said.

The land they are studying is



Mountain lions studied to track their population

DAVID STONER poses with a mountain lion which lives above the Kennecott Copper Mine in the Oquirrh Mountains. Stoner has tried many techniques to track these mountain lions as part of his doctoral dissertation. Photo courtesy David

deer rangeland with potential to be converted from agricultural land to subdivision property, he said.

"It's about two communities coming together," he said. "The people and the animals all use the suburban interface to varying degrees.'

The research is happening on two different scales. They are studying the animals in the whole area, as well as in the marginal habitat. Wolfe said the main goal of their research is to find out what these animals are doing

"No one really hears a lot about the lions," he said. "The media focuses on them only when they come down from the mountains or on the rare occasion someone is attacked, but that's not what they really do."

In the last 110 years, there have been approximately 50 people attacked by cougars, he said. Most attacks have happened in California and British Columbia.

"People really don't have anything to worry about," Stoner said, "they just need to be aware."

The mountain lions who are the most apt to come into the valley are young males.

"They are not tolerated by their society," Wolfe said. "Their mothers don't want them, their fathers don't want them, so they are left completely on their own."

The young lions cannot take care of themselves and come down to the valley to find food and help.

Wolfe said in one occurrence, two young lions wandered down from the Kennecott site and ended up in downtown Salt Lake City. The fountains at Temple Square are a water source from City Creek, which is an ideal riparian environment for

Another kitten has been nicknamed "the Sundance kid" after he came down from Kennecott through Provo and ended up on property

owned by Robert Redford.

One chapter of Stoner's doctoral dissertation will focus on this investigation of the urban dispersal of the cougars. Another part of the dissertation will talk about wildlife management at the state scale and

The recent fire at Camp Williams should actually be beneficial for the mountain lions in the long term, Wolfe said. Once the plants that were burned grow back, they will be higher in protein and iron, which will be healthier for the cats.

If the plants are more beneficial to the animals, they will be more likely to eat it, even though they don't love it, he said.

"The oakbrush is not an ice cream sundae," he said.

Stoner will be defending his dissertation in the spring and will graduate in May.

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Religion: Floor opens to questions about gay marriage perspectives

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"If I presented Judaism as a monolith, I would be doing it a disservice," she said. "We have an obligation to be in dialogue with our sacred text, and that means that we have to interpret it and we have to weigh modernity and tradition together."

Schwartzman said the world of reformed Judaism is open to observing and condoning gay marriage as long as it follows along with secular laws.

Gastroenterologist Vikram Garg, a practicing member of the Hindu faith, gave a short background of his religion and its history. Hinduism has no one religious leader that will take a stand on the subject of homosexuality.

"Love, in Hinduism, means a devotion between two people, whether it is romantic or platonic," Garg said. "There's really no information in religious scriptures about marriage and same sex."

Each panelist was given an eight-minute period to speak for their faith. Following the speaking session,

members of the audience were invited to stand up and ask questions of any of the seven panel mem-

Five members of the audience subsequently asked questions. Several questions were asked regarding why religion has such a big concern with gay mar-

'Increasingly, groups are seeking to harness religion along with other social institutions, such as family and church, to accomplish their aims of cultural reconstruction," said William Duncan, director of the Marriage Law Foundation and member of the LDS faith.

A graduate student of psychology who introduced himself as Josh asked, "What does each religion do to support GLBT, even though you may not support the act, what do you do to support them and further their rights in the communities that they live

English professor Michael Sowder, a representative of the Buddhist community, said his faith welcomes gay and lesbian members of the community as it would welcome anybody. Homosexuality is not a matter of religious debate, according to Western Buddhist philosophies.

"Compassion is the ultimate ideal in Buddhism," Sowder said. "Why is sexuality such a highly charged issue in religion? I think that's why we have this focus on it, it freaks us out."

"We endeavor to be a safe place and to be welcoming," Springer said, of her Episcopal faith. "We're not perfect, we don't always succeed, but that's our goal." Springer said she felt like she was speaking for the entire panel when she said dialogs among panels like this one are necessary for moving forward.

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Police Blotter

Friday, Oct. 22

- Police responded to the Valley View Tower on a citizen assist. Upon further investigation, one individual was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. The individual was cited and then
- Police responded to a hit and run accident that occurred in the west parking lot of the Romney Stadium. A blue Chevy S -10 was hit on the left back bumper area.
- USU Police received a request to watch the new statue of Merlin Olsen during the night. Hourly patrols were made and no problems were found during the night.

Saturday, Oct. 23

 USU Police responded to a traffic accident in the Moen Hall parking lot. Police investigted and found that a vehicle backed out of a parking stall and into a parked vehicle, causing damage to the front bumper. The drivers information was traded amongst the owners and a report

Sunday, Oct. 24

• USU police was called to the Aggie Terrace on a fence being pushed over. Officers met with the complainant and found out that the damage was in Logan City.

Monday, Oct. 25

- Police responded to the Sculpture Lab on an unsecure premises report. Complainant informed the police that the east front door was open to the building when he arrived for work today. Police are investigating.
- Police responded to the Valley View Tower on a fire alarm. The alarm was activated by a student who burned two Pop Tarts in the toaster. The toaster was discarded since the Pop Tarts ruined the coils. The alarm was silenced and reset without any further problems.
- Police responded to the Eccles Conference Center on a medical assist. An employee who fainted, fell and hit her head on the concrete while walking up the stairs. Paramedics arrived and transported the patient to the Logan Regional Emergency Hospital for medical treat-

Tuesday, Oct. 26

no further action taken.

- Police responded to a theft that occurred in the Kent Concert Hall. A sum of money was stolen out of a wallet that was lost. Police are investigating.
- Police are investigating a possible theft from an ex -employee. Upon further investigation it was determined that the ex-employee was hired from another campus department. There was

• USU police was contacted by the USU water lab to see if law enforcement could locate the owner of a large metal container that was left in their parking lot. There was no VIN on the container nor was there a name painted on the container. USU water lab has had construction work going on at their building and it was suggested that they contact the construction

Anonymous reporting line: 797-5000

 Police are investigating a theft that occurred in the Fine Arts building. A framed print that is valued at \$100 was removed from Studio No.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

- USU police responded to MVT on a report that someone put super glue on one of the electronic door locks. There are no suspects at this
- USU police responded to the incident address on a report of a domestic dispute. Upon officers arrival officers separated the couple and began to determine what had occurred. Minor injuries were visible on the male victim due to being assaulted. One female was arrested and booked into the Cache County Jail.
- Compiled by Catherine Meidell

■Compiled from staff and media reports

Election rules may see change

By JESSICA SWEAT staff writer

Those planning to run for an ASUSU position this year may need to abide by election legislation changes, said Lacey Nagao, USU public relations director.

Nagao has been working on changing election legislation with the addition of a few new bylaws, she said. The changes may involve a grade point average increase, mandatory meetings, an ethical concern and grievances.

Nagao said that she is recommending a change from the required 2.5 GPA to a 3.0 cumulative GPA because other student leaders, including USU ambassadors and A-Team members, require that standard of academics. She also proposed the use of mandatory meetings to eliminate confusion and only take serious candidates. Ethical concerns will address the popular use of handing out coupons as part of a campaign. Nagao said she received complaints from students claiming that local campaigners had the advantage due to better connections with businesses and implied this was favoritism. Nagao is proposing that coupons be allowed but now must be allocated in the campaigner's total allowed budget.

Tolson asked the council how many handed out coupons during elections and how many council members were from the local area.

When less than half said they were from the Logan area, Tolson said, "I don't believe locals have an advantage."

Nagao said ideas for the changes came from last year's student advocate vice president, Tyler Haws, along with complaints and comments she has received from students.

ASUSU President Tyler Tolson opened a discussion to allow council members to give Nagao feedback regarding the bylaws. Council members asked about current rules and regulations including the allowance of social media to promote a campaign. Nagao said social media use will continue to be a part of campaigning because it would be hard to regulate and said eliminating the use of social networking would only set

Also during the discussion section, Nagao said she would like to create a judicial board to deal with grievances for elections. Currently a grievance board is created by the public relations director, who also promotes elections. Nagao said this posed a possible conflict of interest. She said she has been working with the USU judicial board along with adviser Krystin Deschamps to create the new board. Deschamps will oversee the new board and appoint three students to serve along with the ASUSU student advocate, executive vice president, and academic senate vice president.

Executive Assistant Keenan Nuehring said proposed concerns and ideas should be e-mailed to Nagao so she could address all of them in a more efficient manner and at a following meeting.

Nagao said elections are scheduled to take place Feb. 22-25.

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Scholarship: Freshman rake in university funds with high grades

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direct recommendations, but decided to meet in the middle. We are reducing next year's budget for scholarships slightly, but I think it's still extremely competitive."

Albrecht's letter also stated the increase in minority enrollment follows a trend of growth among minority representation in academic institutions all across the state. Putnam said a study released two years ago projected most of the growth in high school graduates would take place among ethnic minorities.

"Given that knowledge that we got a couple of years ago," Putnam said, "the state itself took particular note of that and have really tried to increase participation rates in higher education amongst high school (minorities.)"

Comparatively, the demographics of USU fare favorably with other institutions across

"Compared to our two major competitors, the University of Utah and BYU, our minority demographics are slightly lower than theirs," Putnam said, "but as far as other state institutions, like Weber State, UVU, and SUU, we're comparable if not higher than some of those."

While the university seems to be making significant strides academically and demographically, it may not be bucking other trends common throughout the nation. A recent broadcast by Rob Nief and Tom McBride of Beloit College noted that incoming freshman are increasingly out of touch and unprepared for the demands of university life. They may have trouble distinguishing information from

knowledge, and need to learn

the patience of scholarship. Putnam said this still has some validity despite the higher test scores.

"This generation is very optimistic and self confident in a good way," she said, "but the one thing I have noticed in the past few years is that their coping skills don't seem to be as finely tuned or developed as groups I may have worked with four to five years ago."

Putnam said this might be in part because so many students live close to home and find it easy to rely on parents more than is necessary. She was optimistic, however, and said students need to give themselves a little more credit and realize they really can do this.

The jump in enrollment is mostly due to a more concerted effort in recruitment.

"The university made a significant investment in recruiting about four years ago," she said. "We've seen a steady increase every year since then."

The result, she said, was a more streamlined recruiting process that reaches out to the rising generation through social media, videos, online requests and an increase in events both on and off campus. Much of this marketing strategy comes directly from students.

"We use current students a lot in marketing decision," Putnam said. "We try to use their talent and glean why they came to USU in order to help other students understand why this might be the best fit for them."

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AT THIS YEAR'S HOWL, one student bit a police officer and was arrested for assault. STERLING BOIN photo

HOWL: Police arrest six males, five females

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In total, there were 11 arrests throughout the HOWL. Of those arrests, six were male, five were female; three were students at USU and eight were not, Milne said. Three of the arrests were conducted by the Logan City Police Department.

Milne said most of the crimes that have occurred at the Howl this year and in previous years were not by students of USU.

The other arrests the nigh of the HOWL were all alcohol-related, Milne said.

Milne said people shouldn't drink alcohol before attending the HOWL and they shouldn't bring alcohol with them.

"Don't drink if you come to this event," Milne said. "We just draw zero tolerance to that." Utah State Police Chief Steven Mecham echoed Milne's words about alcohol at the HOWL.

"Just don't drink," Mecham said.

"Generally we have no problems unless it's alcohol-related."

In addition to the 11 arrests, officers responded to five medical assists and one controlled substance call that did not result in an arrest, according to USUPD records.

Milne said the USUPD had medical staff at the HOWL. The reason for this was to get people the medical attention they needed faster.

Milne said ASUSU paid to have two Emergency Medical Technicians at the howl at the request of the USUPD. officers called the fire department when a person needed medical attention.

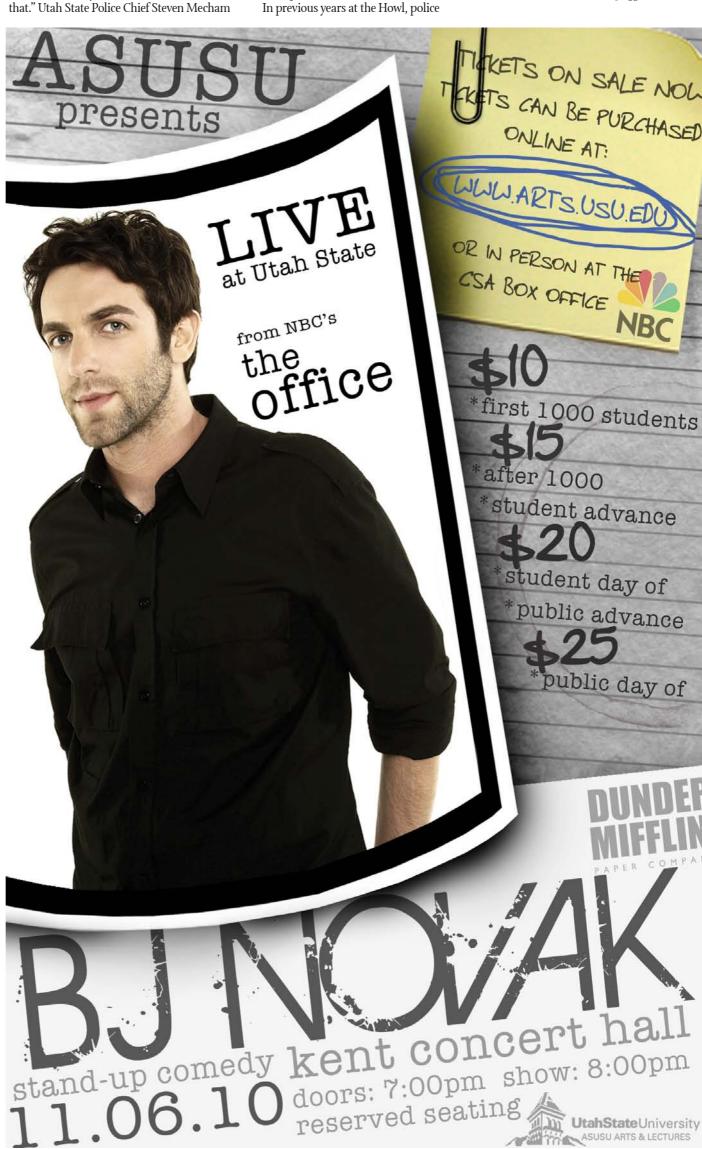
"I think that helped tremendously because the response time was much quicker," Milne said.

Milne said most of the medical assists were because of heat exhaustion or people feeling faint while dancing in the Ballroom.

The crime level at Saturday's HOWL was about the same as in years past, Milne said.

Officers from the USUPD, LCPD and North Park Police Department worked the event, along with three USU Fire Marshalls, Mecham said.

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DERVVIN SPEIGHT runs for a toucdhown against BYU during the Aggies' Oct. I victory. Since defeating BYU, Utah State has lost three consecutive games, including Saturday's 56-42 loss at Nevada. During his Monday press conference, Aggie head coach Gary Andersen addressed the recent problems of his team, saying that they need to execute. *TODD JONES photo*

Andersen and USU football have solution: just execute

By ADAM NETTINA sports editor

There was no fiery halftime speech. There was no magic adjustment born from high above in the coach's box. And there was no letdown from an overconfident opposing team.

No, the difference between Utah State's first and second half performances in Saturday's 56-42 loss to Nevada came from one thing and one thing only – the ability to execute on offense.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Utah State head coach Gary Andersen, whose team trailed 35-0 at the break before coming alive in the third and fourth quarters.

"As I sit back and go through this, it is interesting to listen to the kids and see what their mindset is as far as what happened in the first half," he said. "I've been asked a hundred times what the difference was in the second half. It is real simple

While the final score paints a picture of a game that was close, the reality is the Aggies (2-6, 0-4 WAC) were never really competitive against the No. 23-ranked Wolf Pack Saturday evening, with Nevada's pistol offense running wild on

USU for most of the game. But USU's offense, which punted on its first five possessions, made the game entertaining in the second half, as quarterback Diondre Borel exploded for the majority of his 399 yards passing.

With that kind of offensive output after such a rocky first half, skeptical observers may be quick to point out that something radical had to happen in the Utah State locker room at halftime for a completely different team to emerge from the tunnel during the second half. But at his Monday press conference, Andersen said all credit goes to his players, who simply began to make plays that they were unable to make in the first half.

"Second half there was no magical speeches, or questioning if we were playing hard. We executed period, and exclamation point. The kids executed," Andersen said. "The only thing you saw different in the second half is that we rolled Diondre Borel out a few times, and it was effective. We only did that on four plays, and we did execute on more than four plays in the second half. The bottom line is the kids executed when the opportunity presented itself. They made plays."

As for his team's first half collapse, Andersen said had a few plays gone differ-

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ently, Utah State may have been looking at a completely different game come half-time. Among the mistakes Andersen cited were two key penalties that helped extend Nevada's second scoring drive, as well as a fourth-and-six conversion his defense allowed to the Wolf Pack that eventually led to USU digging itself an early 21-0 hole.

"The first two drives that Nevada had, we had opportunities to get out of it and we couldn't make a play," Andersen said. "We have a pass interference here, or they do a good job catching a ball there, on both those drives. Against a good team on third down you have to be able to make stops. That is the facts, and we were not able to get that done."

The way Utah State came out to play on Saturday was reminiscent of early season losses to San Diego State and Louisiana Tech. Junior tight end Kellen Bartlett, who had a career-high five catches for 121 yards and a touchdown against Nevada, said the Aggies need to do a better job of throwing the first punch early in games.

"Instead of hitting the other team, they hit us," Barlett said. "In order to win

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A long way from home, Diop thrives

By RHETT WILKINSON staff writer

There's a lot to catch the eye of those walking into the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. For starters, there's the funky, bright-colored seats. There's the 'Aggie Ice Cream' concession stand, where the school's trademark treat tempts the taste buds of all who cheer on the Blue and White. And of course, there are the banners hanging on the south side of the Spectrum, paying tribute to the Aggie greats who have left their mark on the basketball programs in years past.

But follow those banners through the white-pillared portals and those funky, bright-colored seats. Walk down to the hardwood, and you might just find the women's team holding yet another practice, captained by eight-year head coach Raegan Pebley

There stands another, equally impressive, sight. It's that of a 23-year-old filling the key down low on defense, blocking two shots in one possession. She leaves her domain on one side of the floor only to purposely trail her teammates on offense, receiving a pass from one of her guards, and, despite being the tallest player on the floor, smoothly knocks down a three-pointer from the top of the key. After another defensive stop by her squad on the other end of the floor, she promptly takes another dish from outside the arc – this time, behind the white line indicating the men's three-point distance. She hits nothing but the bottom of

This all happens in a four-possession sequence, while Banna Diop (pronounced Bawna Jop) suddenly yells "nice pass" in a French accent thicker than double chocolate mousse to her teammate, senior guard Alice Coddington. At 6-foot-6, Diop is the tallest of the Aggie players.

If there is anything eye-catching on this and many other afternoons in the Spectrum, it's Diop – the multilingual, globe-trotting sophomore center whose stellar play will be sorely needed by her team this season. That she'd one day rise to prominence as a star player in the Utah State program wasn't exactly the path one might have expected of her while she was growing up, especially considering this Dakar, Senegal native didn't even pick up a basketball until the age of 12.

Not that she wasn't already standing out in her previous sport.

"People used to make fun of me for playing handball," Diop said. "Most people, when they (would) see me, are like, 'You should play basketball."

It was advice not heeded until her good friend, Sali Diallo – now a professional player in Italy – invited Diop to attend her competitive team's basketball practice. From that point, it didn't take long for another professional hopeful to be born.

From that point, recruitment began early for Diop. Recognizing her talent, Diop left home to play high school basketball in Japan. It was there Pebley found and recruited her to USU

Despite her unusual height, Diop didn't have many dating troubles. While she clung to early dreams of becoming a professional basketball player – something she thought would keep her

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Swenson a hit on and off tennis court

By KAYLA CLARK and ADAM NETTINA

execution."

Hailey Swenson generally does

Hailey Swenson generally doesn't run up to people on campus and strike up a conversations. It's not that the tennis player is lacking personality. Quite the opposite, in fact. Swenson, who plays in the number one singles position, has a

fire for life that is unmistakable, and a drive that has pushed her to become a successful player and key member of the USU women's tennis team. "Believe in yourself," Swenson said of her life

philosophy. "You know, like the Arthur song. I really do think you can do whatever you put your mind to." Swenson is living proof of that motto, both

on and off the tennis courts. Set to graduate this Spring with her MBA, Swenson got an early start even before she came to Logan.

"I got my associates in high school and went

"I got my associates in high school and went straight into the marketing program here," she said.

Swenson has received honors within the program as well, but is modest when walking about her career goals. She said her ideal job would be for a "service-oriented, non-profit organization."

As for the time being, Swenson has plenty on her plate. "Life is pretty crazy," she said. "I'm planning a wedding. I'm in the master's program, and I am working on staying on top of my game in tennis."

With her busy schedule, Swenson's friends and fiancé are lucky to see her at all.
"A lot of times I leave at 7:20 in the morning and don't get

back until 8 or 9 at night," Swenson said. "I go to class, study, go to practice, study, work on the wedding, and sleep. I really have to focus, and tennis provides that physical release when I get stressed." $\frac{1}{2}$

Her love for tennis began when she was about 11. She grew up in North Salt Lake, and started playing tennis at family gatherings in Bear Lake.

"We would have tournaments and I really liked it," Swenson recalled. "I played a lot of other sports, including softball, soccer, basketball, and track. But I weeded out the other sports, one at a time. Some of those other sports, like soccer and basketball, I had played forever. But tennis just came naturally to me."

When Swenson began approaching the end of her senior year at Woods Cross High School she knew it was tennis that she wanted to continue playing.

"I sent out a video of my strokes to 10 different schools including (Utah), BYU, Hailey Swenson, Boise State, Weber, and San Diego USU tennis player State," she said. Her persistence paid off, and Swenson soon received an offer from Utah

State, which she jumped on and has since "never looked back".

Swenson said she is grateful that she ended up at Utah State, and pointed to the relationships she's developed with her teammates as some of the most important to her.

"We have a lot of fun together,"
Swenson said. "There are occasional mishaps, because we're
girls, but we are all good
friends and are a really
good support system

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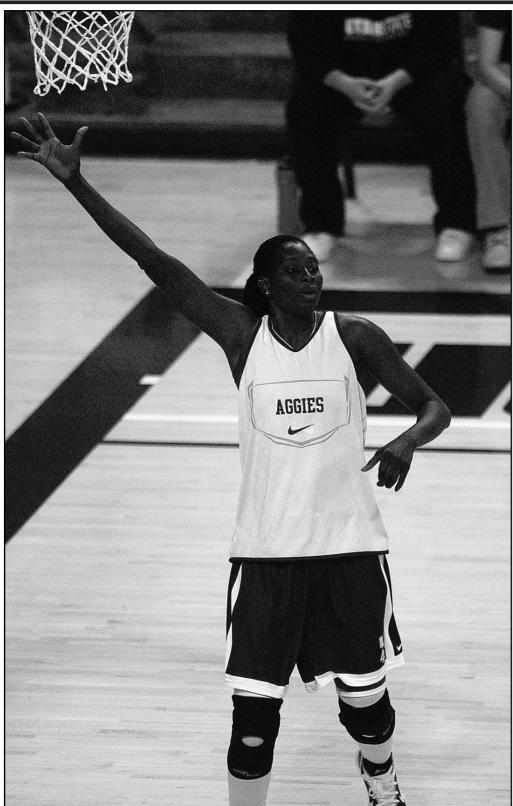
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UTAH STATE CENTER BANNA DIOP will anchor the Utah State women's basketball team this coming season. The 6-foot-6 native of Sengal has fought a lot of adversity in her career, including learning English and dealing with knee injuries. She will lead the Aggies against the University of Mary this Friday at 7 p.m. STERLING BOIN photo

USU playcalling suspect

The View

from

Section F

MATT SONNENBERG

Saturday, while essentially USU student was donning some kind of costume at some kind of Halloween party, Diondre Borel was carving the secondary of No. 24ranked Nevada for

a career-high 399 passing yards.

The entire offense scored a season-high 42 points, made all the more impressive by the fact that USU was shutout during the entire first half before they unleashed that scoring barrage.

While it's nice to see the that the team hasn't given up on what is already a lost season, I am plenty curious to know where exactly this offense was against Fresno State, Louisiana Tech and San Diego State. Those games saw an Aggie offense that was overly conservative, compact, and largely ineffective.

Games such as Oklahoma, Idaho State and Nevada, the offense was run like a true spread offense, taking shots at the big plays and trusting the arm and deci-

sion-making of Borel.

It seems like a frustrating waste of how far Borel has come as a passer in his time at Utah State that the offense is seldom utilizing his abilities to make reads and throws that he has developed so well over his three years as the starting quarterback.

Also adding to that frustration is that if the Utah State offense had been as wide open in games against Fresno State and Louisiana Tech as it was against Nevada, the Aggies would probably be sitting at a 4-4 record right now, rather than 2-6, with a bowl game almost surely in the

It leaves much to be desired in the play selection of offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin when wondering what this season could have truly been had he placed more trust in Borel throughout the year. We all know that the injuries to the majority of the superstars on offense have been devastating, but Saturday seemed to show that Borel can still make it happen out there, and on the road against a top 25 team, no less.

Keeping with the theme of Section F multitasking, I'd better touch on basketball's first exhibition game, including the anticipated debuts of point guards Brockeith Pane and James Walker.

As expected, this game was not even close. Utah State dominated from start to finish, and didn't appear to be shaky at all along the way. Despite Nate Bendall being out with injury, unfortunately for what looks to be an extended period of time, the Aggies dominated in the post, scoring at will, it seemed like. It also seemed like Brady Jardine was going to finish with 20 or more rebounds based on how many he pulled down in just the first several minutes.

Pane and Walker however, were getting their feet wet for the first time in a game running head coach Stew Morrill's system, and they did so with flying colors. Pane finished with a team-leading 16 points on 5-8 shooting from the field to go along with one rebound, one assist and one steal in just 23 minutes of action.

Walker, who is adjusting to the point guard position for the first time on top of being a freshman, played just 14 minutes, but tallied six points and seven assists to go along with a defensive presence that was nothing short of stellar.

The team knows what it is getting out of players like Tai Wesley, Pooh Williams, Tyler Newbold and Brian Green, and each of those players continued to live up to their reputations and performance that have won the Aggies a Western Athletic Conference championship each of the

past three years.

Another player, one who looks like he will be counted on much more than anticipated this season after Bendall's injury, also stepped up in a big way in his Aggie debut. University of Utah transfer Morgan Grim played just 16 minutes, but still put 11 points on the board to go with his four rebounds. Grim, along with senior Matt Formisano, are suddenly the only options off the bench as far as big men are concerned for Morrill.

Keeping things in context, it was just Laval that the Aggies thrashed on Saturday, and this weekend will be just Grand Canyon as the next sacrificial lamb. Things are looking bright, though, for this

If all goes as planned, it should be a weekend of blowouts - for the basketball team Friday, followed by what should be a commanding victory Saturday in football, over New Mexico State.

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Diop: Center leads USU into season

from taking the vows across the altar - Diop married Racine Guisse at age 16. The two currently live in Logan.

"I love him so much. He helps me with everything," she said. "He only wants me to succeed."

Diop keeps her family close to her heart. Her dream of playing professional basketball after her Aggie career is largely motivated by a promise to one day provide her mother, still living in Senegal, with a house. Until that time comes, Diop looks forward to seeing her 3-year-old daughter again. Diarra Diop is expected to arrive in Utah from Senegal this February.

An important bridge for that time gap, Diop said, is the opportunity to use Skype to communicate with Diarra.

"When I talk to her (on Skype), I say to myself, 'Wow, this is the baby I left at eight months old?" she says, reflecting back to two years ago, when she arrived in Logan for a redshirt 2008-09 season.

In the meantime, her teammates at USU provide constant love and support. It's something Diop especially needed when she first arrived in Logan with no knowledge of English, despite previously speaking Japanese, French and two native African languages.

Despite an accent that one teammate, sophomore guard Pua Furtado, called "cute," concern soon decreased for the post player who averaged 16.7 minutes minutes played, 5.7 points and 4.9 rebounds in ast season, all while starting eight games late in conference play.

Diop credits USU courses, but primarily help from her teammates, as the reason she can now fluently speak a fifth **a** continued from page 5

language.

Learning a new language wasn't the only hurdle Diop faced when coming to USU. Partially because of her height, Diop's knees were especially unstable, and she found herself dealing with ACL problems as a true freshman. That gave her more time to take the required online English courses before enrolling in formal USU classes, but not without help from her teammates, especially senior guard LaCale Pringle-Buchanan.

Buchanan and other returning teammates are looking forward to seeing what Diop can bring to the team's success once the season gets underway this Friday in an exhibition game at home against the University of Mary.

"She understands the system more than when she first came here, and offensively what we expect of her," Coddington, an Australia native, said. "And that's the key, knowing the structures."

"She's improved on everything, especially with second effort," Furtado said. "Shot selection, basketball IQ, shooting. She's gotten a lot stronger in the post."

Devyn Christensen, a sophomore guard who comes off the bench with Furtado, said she appreciates Diop for being able to provide a bailout when things break down on offense.

"It's awesome because if you're in trouble in traffic, you can throw it up to her, and she can make a play. I've never played with anyone that big before. Plus, she can score the ball with that long wingspan, so it's nice to know she's back there." The team's coaches have

emphasized feeding Diop

the ball high with no-bounce passes, putting her in the best possible position to finish strong around the rim.

"It's hard for her to go from 6-foot-6 all the way to her knees," Christensen said. "So it's just about putting the ball in the place where she can

Reyneisha Mays provided a unique perspective on the asset Diop can be on the floor. As a junior college transfer from Moorpark College in California, Mays said Diop's size and array of moves are not seen at the JUCO level, something she deals with as they often defend one another in practice.

not used to having someone taller than me," said Mays, 6-foot-3. "(Players in junior college) are not as active as she

"It's difficult because I'm

Diop is particularly strong on defense, having averaged more than a block per game last season.

"She forces you to get better," Mays said. "Against her, you can't settle for the mediocre one-move stuff." These are challenges the

Aggies love to have on their side, and Diop doesn't mind bringing them to the table – even if it involves being thousands of miles and oceans from home, learning yet another language, and winning every height competition.

"My name is Banna, the tallest woman on campus," she said. "I truly want to be a big woman, tall and big. You might say I'm joking, but I'm really not."

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Giants win World Series

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) – Buster Posey caught the final strike, started to rush the mound, then stopped and turned toward the dugout.

The rookie catcher wasn't quite sure what to do or where to go. Hard to blame him, either. It's not as if the San Francisco Giants win the World

More than a half-century after moving West, the Giants are taking the trophy to the city by the Bay for the first time. Tim Lincecum was wicked on the mound, Edgar Renteria broke a scoreless duel with a three-run homer in the seventh inning and San Francisco beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 in a tense Game 5 Monday night.

World Series champs, 2010. Can you believe this?" October ace Matt Cain said.

It was an overdue victory. Willie Mays led the Giants to their previous crown in 1954, four years before they left the Polo Grounds in New York. After that, they never quite got it done despite the likes of baseball giants Barry Bonds, Juan Marichal and Willie McCovey.

In the Year of the Pitcher, the World Series proved the oldest adage in the game: Good pitching stops good hitting, every time. Lincecum and the team with the best ERA in the big leagues completely shut down Josh Hamilton and the club with the majors' top batting aver-

Texas managed just 29 hits in the five games. The Giants scored 29 runs, with Renteria hitting .412, leading all Series players with six RBIs and

becoming the unanimous pick as MVP.

"They beat us soundly," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They deserve it."

The Giants hit only .237 the entire postseason, the lowest for a Series winner since the Dodgers batted .227 in 1988. But they did enough to hand Cliff Lee his first two career losses in the postseason after a 7-0 start.

"World championships are won with a good pitching staff and defense and we had that," center fielder Aaron Rowand said.

Lincecum won this game of Texas Hold 'em,

beating Lee for the second time in a week. He gave up three hits over eight innings and struck

The two-time NL Cy Young winner arrived at

Rangers Ballpark wearing a bow tie, as if he was going to a party. He had one on the mound, for "Pretty collected. I was very poised out there. From the first inning on my adrenaline kind of

just dissipated and I was able to calm down," he Nelson Cruz homered in the bottom of the

seventh, but that was all for Texas.

Wilson pitched a perfect ninth for a save, completing a surprising romp through the postseason for a pitching-rich team that waited until the final day to clinch a playoff spot.

Wilson struck out Cruz swinging to end it, turned toward center field and crossed his wrists in front of his chest as he does after all his

The Giants won their previous title when they played in New York at the Polo Grounds. That's where Mays raced back for perhaps the most famous catch of all time.

They moved West in 1958 and had tried ever since to escape a sort of big league Alcatraz - the place where teams get stuck for decades as alsorans. The Red Sox and White Sox got free, not so the Cubs and Indians.

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Time to redo that cry: The Giants win the Series! The Giants win the Series! The Giants

Football: Andersen says Aggies must execute

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games, and in order to be the team we want to be, we need to start being the team that swings

Bartlett said the only thing that changed was the players' focus level and ability to execute the offense they practice each week.

"We decided, enough is enough, it is time to go play," Bartlett said. "We went out there, in

the second half, and executed the plays that were Andersen and his team have vowed to make the last four weeks of the season different.

Having not played a complete game since an

Oct. 1 win against Brigham Young University,

Utah State's players will look to play all four quarters this Saturday when New Mexico State (2-6, 1-3 WAC) comes to Logan.

"Now we need to take another step in the maturity process," Bartlett said. "It (takes) four quarters of consistent, solid football, to win a game. We don't accept losing around here. I know that is happening and we do lose but it will change. It is something that will change here in the future."

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WAC power poll: Week 9

With a little more than a month left to go in the college football regular season, both the bowl picture and the race for the national title are starting to take shape. The Broncos continue to be the class of the conference with their nation-leading, 21game winning streak, but an off week saw them drop from No. 3 to No. 4 in the BCS poll. Both Nevada and Hawaii continued their winning ways, while Idaho and Louisiana Tech proved that



making the postseason will require some extra effort this November. But of all the stories from week nine, the biggest news out of the WAC may be the announcement that Nevada and Fresno State will be required to play through the 2012 academic year – giving WAC commissioner Karl Benson valuable time needed to explore expansion opportunities. Here's where I see the WAC's nine teams heading into the month.



Boise State (7-0, 3-0): After a strong start to a season which saw the Broncos make headlines with wins over Virginia Tech and Oregon State, many analysts have turned on Boise, which has not

notched a win over a winning team since an Oct. 9 win against 6-3 Toledo. AP voters still like the Broncos (ranking them No. 2 in the latest AP Poll) but the BCS computers favor Oregon, Auburn and Texas Christian. Fortunately for the Broncos, they'll have the opportunity to show the nation they're the real deal this weekend when they host a Hawaii team that has won six straight. Still, if Oregon and Auburn keep on winning, then the Broncos can kiss a national championship berth goodbye.



Hawaii (7-2, 5-0): Is there a better story than the Warriors? After just missing the postseason last year, Hawaii has already accepted a bowl berth this year; the team agreed to go to the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl after its most recent victory. Hawaii's

offense proved prolific as usual in Saturday's 45-10 drubbing of Idaho, with Bryant Moniz becoming the fifth passer in school history to break 3,000 passing yards in a season. While the Warriors offense proved potent as usual, they were fortunate that Idaho made a nûmber of mistakes in Saturday's game, including 152 yards in penalties and four turnovers. The Warriors won't get any such benefit against Boise this weekend.



Nevada (7-1, 2-1): Currently ranked No. 23 in the BCS standings and No. 25 in the AP poll, Nevada's first-half offensive explosion against USU was a sight to behold. The second half defensive col-WOLF PACK lapse, however, causes one to question the mental focus of a team still disap-

pointed from losing to Hawaii three weeks ago. Nevada is still in position to make a late season run and secure a spot in a second-tier bowl game, but after allowing Diondre Borel to pass for 399 yards in Saturday's game, does the Wolf Pack defense stand much of a chance when they travel to the smurf turf Nov. 26?

Fresno State (5-2, 3-1): The Bulldogs were off last week, but have arguably the most challenging late season stretch of the WAC's nine teams. A three-game stretch including

Swenson: Star on court and off

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for each other. Overall we all get along really well."

She said she and the other members of the team also appreci-

ate their coach, Christian Wright. "Coach Wright is so good with all of us girls," she said. "He

is very patient and handles everything so well. Last year, I was so mad after a match, and threw my racket. He just quietly and calmly said, 'keep your racket in your hand." Swenson compared Coach Wright's temperament to that of a

parent who has expressed their "disappointment" with a child. "He is just good at working with us and putting up with us," Swenson has already been named Western Athletic

Conference player of the week this year, and has an Aggie-high 20-win record. But one of the hardest parts of the game, to her, is

"You can lose a match because of what is going through your head," she said. "I always try to get a good night's rest, and when I'm in the match I tell myself, 'I will win this point' and then I focus on that specific point. Then I tie them all together. My style is to get one more ball back. Always."

Count her head coach as one of the many people in awe of her accomplishments on the court and in the classroom.

"Hailey is a very dedicated player, and really has a good atti-

Her dedication is evident, too, although she tries to downplay the magnitude of her efforts. The team is given specific workouts to do during the summer to keep them in shape. "I did them

every day," she said. "(The workouts) aren't that hard." Since it's Swenson's last season on the team, she has been thinking about goals she wants to accomplish before leaving. "I really want to get on the All-Conference team this year," she

said. "So far is hasn't happened. And as a team, I want a higher What will she miss the most about collegiate sports? "The competitive level is what I will miss," she said. "It's a higher

level of play, and more is expected." When it comes to expectation, Swenson is her own harshest

woman who is all about making people happy.

"I'm very competitive." Swenson said. "It is one of the main things that has helped me in my classes, to push myself in tennis,

and to do well. My family really pushes me to work hard, which Tierra Davis, Swenson's roommate, emphasized her roomate's

humility, and said above all, Swenson is a good-natured young

games at Louisiana Tech, at home against Nevada, and away in Boise could all end up being losses for Pat Hill's bunch, while a season finale against Illinois is no cakewalk. Injuries have started to mount for the Bulldogs, but the good news is

running back Robbie Rouse is back to full strength. Don't look now, but he's rushed for over 250 yards and four touchdowns in the last two games.

Louisiana Tech (3-5, 2-2): Give credit to first year headman Sonny Dykes: he's found his quarterback in Ross Jenkins, and the senior has done an admirable job since taking over. Not only has he completed nearly 70 percent of his passes, but he's hit seven touchdowns

to only two picks. Jenkins did a decent job managing the game against a very good Boise State defense, and with an extra week to prepare, he and the Bulldogs have an excellent chance at upsetting Fresno State this Saturday.



Idaho (4-4, 2-1): Color me not impressed by the Vandals, who have the dubious distinction of alternating between wins and losses with each additional game this season (although, after a loss in week nine, that twisted logic would tell us they upset Nevada this week). The problem with Idaho

is that they're far too one-dimensional on offense, and have no running game whatsoever. A team can get away with that when the quarterback hasn't tossed 12 interceptions in a season (as Nathan Enderle has) or when its offensive line isn't allowed nearly four sacks per game. With Nevada, Boise State and Fresno State left on the schedule, a bowl is looking increasingly unrealistic.



Utah State (2-6, 0-4): Only USU's second-half offensive explosion keeps the Aggies ahead of New Mexico State in this week's countdown, as the team from Logan may have found a reliable pass-catching threat in tight end Kellen

Bartlett. Still, USU's injury attrition has taken it's toll, and as the Aggies limp into November, head coach Gary Andersen's promise of making the rest of the year a "four game season" doesn't bode well with matchup's against Boise State and Idaho left.



New Mexico State (2-6, 1-3): The good news for Aggie fans? The team has two wins. The bad news for Aggie fans? Those two wins came against arguably the worst two teams in college football (New Mexico and San Jose State). New Mexico State may

have bested San Jose State on Saturday by a final score of 29-27, but it took touchdown pass from Matt Christian to Taveon Rogers with no time left on the clock to do it.



San Jose State (1-8, 0-4): When you lose the best game you played all season, and it comes against one of the five worst teams in college football, then yes, you may indeed be San Jose State.

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.



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Utah State's woman's tennis team. ALISON OSTLER photo 'She never brags about tennis, and we usually have to pry it out of her," Davis said. "She never talks about all of things she has accomplished. She just asks people about themselves and makes jokes. Hailey is really a good person."

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Moss provides plenty of drama in week eight

By JAKE IPSOM staff writer

Week eight in the NFL had everything. A game played in England, an aging quarterback knocked out of a game, and the Vikings losing another receiver, to go along with the fact that two of the top preseason favorites to go to the Super Bowl continued their downward spiral. The main storyline heading into week eight was the Brett Favre saga. After breaking two bones in his left foot during week seven's game, many thought Favre's consecutive starts would end on Sunday. But Favre was there to start the game. The only problem was he didn't finish the game. The biggest Viking story came on Monday when the Vikings abruptly waived Randy Moss - the same Randy Moss whom the Minnesota Vikings just traded a third round pick to get into the Twin Cities. Now, three weeks later, Moss is no longer a Viking, and will be put on the waiver wire where several teams have interest in adding his talents. It'll be interesting to see how the situation unfolds.

Switching front, there was a game played in London, England this Sunday. This year the Denver Broncos played the San Francisco 49ers. Both teams were struggling entering the game but it was the 49ers that enjoyed a happier plane ride home. The 49ers defeated the Broncos

24-16 behind the reliable running game of Frank Gore and the solid play of quarterback Troy Smith, who was starting in place of Alex Smith after the latter suffered a separated shoulder. Troy Smith may have started the game shaky, but he lead the 49ers on three scoring drives in the second half and they never looked

Denver, meanwhile, continues their slide into mediocrity. The Broncos are currently fourth in the league in total offense but 30th in total

The most obvious thing to watch for will be the team that picks up Randy Moss. Will Randy Moss be the good soldier for his new team or will he just play out the season and wait for his free agency?

Another thing to watch is the Redskins quarterback situation. In the final minutes of the Redskins game. head coach Mike Shanahan benched starting quarterback Donovan McNabb. Shanahan said McNabb was not in good enough shape to run the two-minute offense. It will be interesting to see how McNabb handles the bench-

Finally, keep an eye on America's team, the Dallas Cowboys, who at 1-6 could be close to letting head coach Wade Phillips go.

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The staff behind the sets

By JESS WALLACE staff writer

A stage show is the product of a series of partnerships between skilled individuals and teams. Between acting, lighting, set, costume, sound, makeup, hair and prop design, one show becomes subdivided into several art forms and practices. A multitude of people are needed to get a show off its feet, and Utah State's theatre department is no exception.

A particular department within the encompassing theatre realm of study is the costume shop. The shop is a place of full of activity and manual labor. It is a place where opinions are exchanged over hand-sewing as projects are completed and new students within the department learn the ins and outs of costume production.

Of course, a place like this requires someone to be in charge of the stitching masses, and at Utah State that person is Amanda Profraizer, the current costume shop

As the manager of the shop, Profraizer has many responsibilities such as hiring staff, maintaining machines and supplies, supervising the building of the clothes and projects, building garments, supervising designers and students and overall organization

"The supervision of students is particularly difficult," Profraizer said, "because they're all on different levels skill-wise. Some



THE STAGE COSTUME SHOP takes students of varying skill levels and allows them to obtain knowledge of costume design. Amanda Profraizer, a USU graduate, supervises the shop and has designed costumes for both television and theatre. ARMEN HOVSEPYAN photo

students are very good stitchers, others can only handle smaller jobs and others have never sewn a day in their lives."

Profraizer said time can be an issue as well.

"We always have to be mindful of our time too; there's always a deadline, the show must go on, we have an opening night and the actors can't be naked, the directors frown on that," she said.

Whether the character is a ragged street urchin in 18th-century England or an ele-

phant trapped in a tree, the costuming department aims to keep the quality equal.

"It never gets old, there's always a different project. I like that we're always doing new things, it never gets monotonous," Profraizer said. "It's fun to work with students, to get them involved. Especially students who have never done costumes before and they're able to be a part of things and see a show come to life. It's nice to see them get so into it and excited."

"The fact that we get to create things and see them on stage is amazing," said Molly Hill, a junior in costume design and technician in the shop. "We're all friends and comfortable with one another and get to work together, too. The people here are the best and my boss is the bomb," she said.

On top of managing the shop, Profraizer is a fully

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Northern Utah schools share nursing program

By CHELSEE NIEBERGALL staff writer

The WSU/USU Cooperative Nursing Program gives students an opportunity to obtain a nursing degree from Weber State while attending USU.

"I am really glad that Utah State has a nursing extension because I love Logan and wanted to go to school here, and now I can because of the extension," said Amanda Bell, an undeclared freshman and prospective nursing student.

The Nursing Program is accredited by the Utah Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, according to the nursing program's website.

"You get the best of both worlds. Weber State brings

"You get the best of both worlds. Weber State brings the curriculum, staff and success in teaching nursing and USU provides all the facilities and labs we need," said Jon Kelly, WSU/USU Cooperative Nursing Program Campus Coordinator.

Kelly said the nursing program has a 25 percent acceptance rate and applications are reviewed by the nursing program admissions and advancement committee.

According to the course requirement sheet, a point system is used to determine acceptance. Applications received by Jan. 15 will earn extra points.

Support courses will be evaluated, but points will not be awarded for courses that are in progress when applications are sent in. Students must have their applications in by Feb. 1 and will be notified of their acceptance status by April 15.

"I wasn't scared about the program until I started taking physiology. Now I am a little nervous about it," Bell said.

Kelly said he would advise students who want to get into the program to work toward another degree at the same time because it will give them another point on their application. Also, applying, even when the prerequisites aren't finished, can give students another point.

"It is hard because we have a lot of studying to do. I have over 15 textbooks this semester," said Jessica Price, a junior in nursing

Kelly said once a student is accepted into the Weber State University RN program they become WSU students taking courses on the USU campus. The required nursing curriculum and clinical experiences can be completed in Logan as well.

When students have finished the program they will graduate from WSU with an Associate of Science degree in nursing. If desired, students can then apply to the Bachelor of Science

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Center answers questions for small business owners

By STOREE POWELL features senior writer

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Just because someone has a good idea doesn't mean they can make it a successful business, said Frank Prante, director of Logan's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

"Usually single products, unless they are quite significant, are not a large enough base to start a business on. I would suggest that if someone wants a business, they have a good variety of product or service offerings," Prante said.

Prante said someone called him recently wanting to start a soap-making business.

"There is a quote, 'Any fool can make soap, but it takes a smart person to sell it,'" Prante said. "That was my reaction, you probably make very good soap, but that doesn't necessarily make a business."

For those who are starting a small business or already own one in Utah, feedback and entrepreneurial education is just a step away at the SBDC, and the service is free. Established in 1980, the center at Utah State University was one of the first regional centers established, according to the USU/SBDC website.

Prante said the center sees about 160 people a year. The center is funded by the federal government under the Small Business Administration (SBA), the state of Utah, and USU, according to the website. Utah's SBDC has a network of 11 regional centers throughout the state.

The Logan center serves Cache and Rich Counties, as well as clients within a reasonable proximity in southern Idaho, and areas of Box Elder County. The center is especially dedicated to minorities and disadvantaged people, according to the Utah SBDC pamphlet.

Prante said the SBA defines a small business as less than 500 employees. He said the types of businesses they help are manufacturers, retailers and services.

The center provides business plan consulting, cash flow projections, financial analysis, and problem solving, according to the website.

Prante said while they can help improve advertising, they are not advertising experts. He said they don't help set up websites, but they can help a site come up higher in online rankings. Also, the SBDC does not provide legal or tax services, according to the website.

Why should small business owners or those

thinking of starting one visit the SBDC? Prante said the SBA has found a failure rate of 35 percent in businesses in their first four years. To try to help small business people overcome this, the center tries to teach flexibility.

"I think one of the biggest problems is someone who is not flexible. They don't adapt and change according to their environment," Prante said. "For example, people should realize the money doesn't always come in right away, even if you make the sale."

Prante said while it usually takes 30 to 60 days to collect the money, it could take 120 days.

"They don't have to be good business people in terms of knowing a lot about business, they have to just be willing to learn and be flexible," Prante said.

He also said a Stanford University study showed if a person had five or more years of business experience, not necessarily all in the same industry, they had a 92 percent success rate in starting a small business.

Prante said these people understand they need three perspectives to be successful: that of a technician, the person doing the job; that of an entrepreneur, to know where the business is going; and that of a business manager.

An example of a woman who had only the skills of a technician came to the SBDC "practically dead," Prante said.

"She'd get up at four in the morning and bake bread all day, and then go to the store all day and work until late. She was not getting much sleep, and she did not have a manager. She was killing herself," Prante said.

What this business owner didn't know, Prante said, is if a business has employees, they are more likely to succeed. It can be complicated to have employees because there is more paperwork, including taxes, he said.

"Having employees frees up their time to focus on business aspects they should, like improvement," Prante said.

This topic recently came up for Prante when an owner came in after his manager said he should file for bankruptcy for his manufacturing company. Prante said the center did a financial analysis of his business, even though it had already been done, but did it differently. Prante said they did it by product line and not just overall sales and variable costs.

"We could see that by reducing his costs by a few pennies and raising some prices he didn't think he could, he could see that his business was solvent with just a few changes," Prante said. "We wrote up a summary of what was happening and why it was good, and brought it to SBA, who was foreclosing on him, and they let him refinance his business under another name."

One of the biggest mistakes people make when they are starting a business, Prante said, is they don't realize they need personal investment in the business.

They may try to start a business without enough capital, so they can't overcome the ups and downs that occur that they don't expect, and there is always something unexpected that happens, Prante said.

He said a personal investment should be 30 percent of the business loan needed as well as collateral, like a home.

"If you don't have that, you won't get a loan.

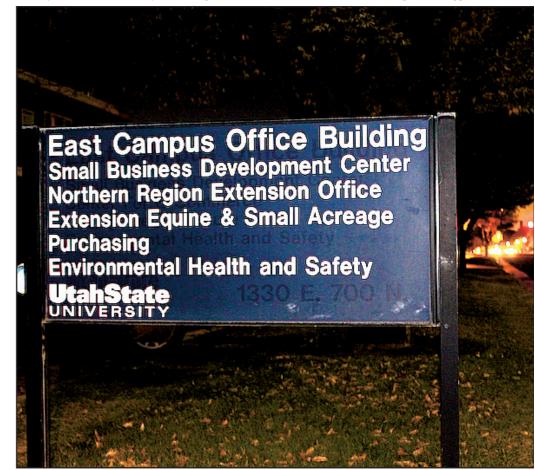
You have to have your own neck on the line. Different banks and credit unions are different, some will consider a startup and some won't," Prante said. "Those who consider it want to know it is a secure thing to invest in. The SBDC can help work with people on loans because we are aware of lots of different sources."

"People love our work, and we get very high marks from the SBA. I love this job because I get to work with the people," Prante said.

The center offers a business success course held in September and May that goes for eight sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Prante said.

Th SBDC is located at the East Campus Office Building. For more information on the Logan SBDC, visit the USU/SBDC website.

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THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER is a free service for the USU community. The center evaluates problems that small businesses may be having and makes recommendations based on their findings. *BENJAMIN C.WOOD photo*

Nursing: Clinical time is required

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Degree in Nursing at WSU.

"It is hard going to USU for all my schooling and then not being able to graduate from here, but I am glad that they do have the nursing program," Bell said.

According to the nursing website, coursework covers such aspects as nursing care, diagnostic procedures, the use of specialized equipment and medical and surgical intervention, as well as prerequisite courses in anatomy, physiology and chemistry.

All students admitted to the program and required to join the Utah Student Nurse Association (USNA) for opportunities to interact with members of the profession while developing professional attitudes and respon-

In addition to normal coursework and joining USNA, nursing students have to complete a clinical experience.

"We are not like traditional college because we add a clinical portion to it, which takes a lot of time. Most of the time it requires going to a hospital once a week and working a 12hour shift," Kelly said.

The number of clinical hours a student has

to complete is determined by the course and

"There are a lot of assignments that must be completed every week for clinical but I enjoy going and following a nurse around and perform the skills I have learned," Price said. The program is designed to prepare students to provide nursing care in beginning staff nurse positions as registered nurses.

According to the nursing requirement sheet, the nursing program is based on the concept of career mobility; it takes into account the various types of nursing programs and job possibilities. This allows flexibility for student's career aspirations and goals.

"I want to be a nurse because I enjoy working with people and I want to help those who are sick," Price said.

Bell said she didn't always want to become a nurse. She wants to open an orphanage in another country. She said she since so many developing countries need medical help, a nursing degree would help her reach her goal. "I just want to help those in need," Bell said.

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associate degree from Weber State University while going to school here in Logan. ANI AGHABABYAN

Costume: Unity and cooperation

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qualified costume designer with a master's degree from Utah State. She has worked for theaters all over the country and was on television for Saturday Night Live.

"When I tell people that I'm a costume designer they always say the same three things: First, 'Really, that's a real job?' Yes really. You have to have a master's degree in costume design to be a costume designer," she

She said the second reaction she often gets is, "You must really love Halloween."

"No I really don't enjoy Halloween, I do Halloween 364 days out of the year," she said. The third clarification she said she must often make is that the actors don't own the costumes. No actor brings their own costumes to

"If you look at the credits of a movie, you'll see how many people are involved in one production. We're all different puzzle pieces

in a gigantic puzzle and we all have to come together to make it work," Profraizer said.

Unity is also a big part of the costume

"I think the reason people love the costume shop so much is it's a home away from home," said Annie Lyman, a graduate student in set design. "We can tell our secrets here and share our funny stories with our friends but it's still a work environment and we get a lot done here while having fun."

Many different people create the story that shows up onstage, and collaboration is important for everything to flow smoothly.

"I like being a collaborator, a storyteller, I tell stories through the clothing. People don't realize how powerful and important it is to the telling of the story," Lyman said.

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'Tis the season for the dreaded group project

those things people just can't escape - much like a pandemic or Facebook comments about latest episode of "Glee." It's

loved and anticipated by many a college student, and sheepishly despised by oth-

STEVESCHWARTZMAN

It's the sure symbol of tough decisionmaking and disregard for embarrassment. People do well to avoid it for fear others will see, but no one is safe. Run, hide, try if you must - but over time

ou will be overtaken. From my mouth to heaven's ears, you will be assigned to do a group video project. Did I scare you there for a moment? I'm

sure I did, and I can't blame you. Video projects can easily be viewed as a most horrifying aspect of collegiate studies.

It combines the melting pot of great ideas with the fear of peers seeing you in a giraffe costume exclaiming, "and that's why bi-partisan government, according to the textbook, is wiiild!" In many ways it is quite the spectacle.

Most every video project follows the same process. At first the adventure-seeking professor assembles everyone into random groups. You get situated into a group of four or five who sit together in a circle of desks and do their absolute best not to look each other in the eye.

The first three hours as a truth-seeking squad is mostly occupied by "brainstorming," which encompasses one of the team members asking millions of questions while the rest of the group gives the most reliable response: "I don't know." This is generally followed by shrugging shoulders and texting people about "Glee."

By the end of the first day, a team member has finally come up with a good idea for the project. Shock and awe! But don't let that get you down, for you still have three weeks to hold the project to the absolute last minute.

The next several days are made up of a consistent barrage of dodging frequent phone calls and texts from the token overexcited team member who wants to meet in the library to talk about the project.

You respond that you are "busy," which literally translates to either "with girlfriend," or "at Arbys." You use what's left of your free time fulfilling your group assignment

for the video, which in this case is meandering around the DI looking for clothes that will make your fellow team member look like economist John Maynard Keynes, even though you keep mistaking him for Teddy Roosevelt. The rest of your week is booked with

attempting to write scripts and a hearty exercise of eating corn dogs and determining which of your roommates looks the most like the Gerber baby. This is usually when the chaos ensues.

Before you know it, WHAM! It is two days before the project is due, and all your group has together is a team name and a Sesame Street clip you thought would be funny to use as an "ice breaker."

It is now time to pull out the no-huddle offense. You meet with your group in a small apartment as soon as you get back from a three-hour drive home to grab that old camera in your family's basement - not realizing the camera doesn't work and you'll have to settle for your roommate's iPhone - prepared for the course-materialinduced all-nighter of your life.

The duration of the evening kind of goes in a blur: Put on costumes. Pass out scripts Start camera. Stop to giggle. Check first clip eight times. Start second clip. Giggle Continue giggling.

Resume filming again until someone farts. Join in 20-minute long collective giggle. Change costumes. Cut out four scenes Pizza break. Continue filming. Giggle. Talk about "Glee." Change project idea. Smack guy who hasn't stopped giggling since the

farting incident. Finish filming. Marathon over. Couple that with a morning laden with skipped classes and endless panicking over the videos not burning onto a disc, as well as not being able to sync the beginning of the video with "California Gurls" by Katy Perry, and you have got yourself a finished video project.

Now to commence curling up in your desk wondering what in tarnation you were thinking while everyone watches your video in class. Your video, though gripping, leaves only one final question, "why did we have Jeremy dress up as a mime again?'

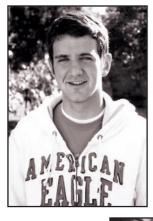
It was embarrassing, but after that long haul of duty and stress, it may be the best B- you ever got. Lesson learned: next time, just choose to do a power point.

And for the record, what's "Glee" even about anyway? Tinsel?

> Have an opinion on Steve's column? Email him at steve.schwartzman@aggiemail.usu.edu

Street Speak

When do you think is an acceptable time to play Christmas music?



Thanksgiving

would be less

Halloween."

- Vanessa

Peterson,

junior

biology

annoying, but ... I

think it's accept-

able to play it after

"The day after Thanksgiving obviously. You have to get Thanksgiving closure first before moving on to Christmas.'

> Jashon Bishop, sophomore political science





Shrader, freshman public health



"You need to focus on each holiday so I think after Thanksgiving is best."

> – Braquel Woodward, sophomore business

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OurView

An academic discussion of delicate issues

egardless of where we all stand on the issue of homosexual marriage and religion - and God (or is that gods?) knows we've heard a range of opinions on the subject - we can't help but applaud the frank discussion on the topic during Tuesday afternoon's panel discussion.

The panel, which included members from seven major religions, not only spoke of their respective faiths' stance on gay marriage, but also explained why it is that their faiths have adopted each stance. Not only that, but the panel members fielded questions from the audience, including students from the GLBTA community.

And, we are told, no protests took place and no violence occurred. But what else would you expect? This is America after all, and last we checked, free speech, even in this era of politically charged feelings, is still observed. It's a far cry from other nations, where extremes prevent the debate over whether to grant homosexuals couples the same rights as heterosexual couples from even taking place. And we're not just talking about nations claiming to abide by Islamic Sharia law, for which, in some cases, the punishment for proclaiming oneself to be a homosexual is death. In fact, we're just as perplexed by countries that impose hostile measures on faith groups which argue take a stand against granting homosexual marriage. People ought to be able to take a stand on something, and regardless of how you feel on the issue, it's nice to know we can come down one way or another on the issue without risking financial repercussions or worse.

Most of all, we're happy to know that this timely discussion is taking place in Utah, and taking place here at Utah State. Regardless of what the rest of the country may think of us, we're not all close-minded or all members of the LDS faith. In fact, some us are very open members of the LDS faith who've struggled with the subject, and some of us are Catholics and Protestants and Buddhists who are still working on rectifying our own personal emotions with our desire to honor the tenets of our faiths.

As America goes to the polls and the heat of the political arena turns up, just remember that we have a unique privilege in this country. It's the privilege to not only engage in the decision-making process, but to give open and honest thought to the decisions we make with both God and country in mind.

Feeling a HOWL of a headache after event

Based on the crowd at the HOWL this year, I can assume that many of you reading this haunted the party in your own creative costume Saturday night. Like me, if you participated in the main attractions of the Howl, you likely left with a headache. In my opinion,



the line to get into the annual Halloween bash here at Utah State was only the beginning of a night of poor planning. I just didn't expect it to be that long. True, I did show up at around 9 p.m. which seems to be prime time for Howl attendees. Even so, entering through the South door of the TSC seems like a terrible waste of the Sunburst

Last year, entering the party was a relative breeze through the Fieldhouse. There was music in the Sunburst lounge, and performances by the magician and dance teams took place in the Ballroom. For me, it seemed less crowded and better organized in this format. This year the hallway of the TSC was clogged as the Sunburst Lounge was blocked off entirely. While the line stretched beyond the institute in the cold fall weather, the interior switchbacks sat mostly empty as a trickle of costume clad party goers passed by zombie-themed volunteers meant

All safety and fire hazard issues aside, it seems like it would make more sense to keep the line inside, as was done in previous years, allowing the scores of skimpy costume wearers to keep warm. Once inside, however, this became the least of my concerns. My group chose to beat the rush to the magician by hitting the 9:30 showing. Believe it or not, his dismal performance was not the worst part! In case you have never taken a physics course, the acoustics in a vast space consisting of a cement floor,



Forum Letters

To the editor:

There were three articles in Wednesday's Statesman to which I am responding.

American

democracy

The front page article about students leaning right in political preference quotes Professor Lyons as saying, "There is no such thing as a viable democracy without political parties, I would fear any attempt to operate a democracy without parties."

Even our head of the Honorsprogram, Christie Fox, mentioned in Wednesday's paper that we should be 'contributing member[s] of a democracy..

Guess what?! We're NOT a DEMOCRACY. Never have been and God-willing NEVER will be. The USA was set up as a CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC. The Founders were against direct democracy as a form for our national government. I think university professors should know

Our original American Federalism was astoundingly brilliant, with the people, the states, and combinations of the two, all having representation on the national level. Unfortunately the 17th Amendment and modern unconstitutional practices of executive order and judicial review (legislation by the wrong branches) have mocked and destroyed these crucial checks and balances.

Justin Hinh wrote, "with the loss of (moderates comes)the loss of any sanity in our political process." This is very sad but in practice has been true. Why? Because of the flawed party system we have allowed to develop.

In regard to Hinh and Lyons, I quote George Washington's famous farewell address, citing the flaws and danger of political par-"They (political parties)

serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation, the will of a party, often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community."

He is right.

Solutions? A moral and educated populace is always the first and foundational answer. Vote on principle, not party. If enough of us did this instead of blindly voting party, there would be be choices in our political system, not just the fast or super-fast options of the same socialist train.

Dave Nilson

Reid's voting history inacurate

To the editor:

By the time this letter is printed in The Statesman, election day will have passed and, barring a recount or legal battles, the race between Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and challenger Sharon Angle will have been decided. I am perfectly fine with Renae Cowley's support of the Tea Party-backed Angle despite my own personal disagree-

What I am not perfectly fine with, however, is Cowley's willful ignorance of the facts concerning Harry Reid's record in office. She writes "The decision to legalize abortions, allow for gay marriage, implement universal healthcare, and end Bush's tax cuts DO play a part in my life," thereby implying Sen. Reid falls into these catego-

the editor •

A public forum

I wasn't aware Harry Reid was on the Supreme Court in 1973 that legalized a woman's right to choose. In fact, Cowley may be surprised to know that Sen. Reid has twice voted against partial-birth abortion, voted in favor of banning abortions on military bases, and in favor of prohibiting minors from crossing state lines to receive an abortion.

As far as gay marriage goes, Sen. Reid voted in favor of The Defense of Marriage Act which prohibits the federal government from recognizing gay marriages, and protects states from having to recognize gay marriages performed in other states. Reid, as an active member of the LDS church, supports "marriage between a man and a woman."

The recently passed health care bill is certainly expansive, and Cowley is free to disagree with its passage as I do, but it can hardly be deemed "universal healthcare." And finally, I was surprised to learn that Ms. Cowley in her position at The Statesman makes over \$250,000 a year and will therefore be impacted if the Bush Tax cuts on those over that threshold are not renewed.

Cowley is free to politically disagree with Sen. Reid and to support his opponent, but as a journalist she is not free to make up her own facts to support her position. By doing so she unnecessarily mischaracterizes a distinguished USU

Isaac Higham

A few little things to be grateful for

Darling Students:

As of this morning the temporary media insanity is finished. It's a short



reprieve because of the way we Americans run our elections, I'll grant you, but as of this morning there's a beautiful silence from one corner: we are no longer being assaulted by the never-ending, unvarying paid political ads on TV. As I write this I've voted, but I don't know who the winners are and though I have plenty of opinions about who should win - and more than a few rants left unsaid, of course - the last thing I want to write is an analysis of election season.

So, I won't. Since we're moving toward my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, I'll share some things I've learned to be grateful for. Of course I'm grateful for my family, my friends, their dogs, my cat. A comfortable house to shelter in and a hot tub on the deck. Chocolate. Coffee. The smell of orange peel. Flannel sheets. Central heat.

But there are others. These are more difficult gratitudes, things I've learned to appreciate the hard way in my decades of riotous living.

1. Deadlines. The hard boil of blood rising in my head that pounds out the relentless tempo of the clock, the tick-ticking I still hear even though most clocks are digital. I'm an analog woman at heart, living in a world of sound even while embracing the wonders of instant connection with friends halfway around the world. I still want the tall, dark walnut and deep chimes of a grandfather clock. I want sweep-second hands on a clock face to count down to important moments like the dawn of a new

But back to deadlines. I work hard to avoid them. I loathe how they shove my life around. But without deadlines, I'd have nothing to push, bend, break or trample. I'd get very little accomplished. I start the day by writing three pages longhand in a spiral notebook. It's not a journal - it's

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- Football vs. NMSU Aggie Basketball
- against Grand Canyon. B.J. Novak in the
- Two days without classes.

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Dentist: Don't learn tooth care the hard way

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the equivalent of brushing my teeth. It's just free-writing with a fast pen, whatever bubbles (or spews) out of me. It's a deadline that makes my day, my week, my life more focused and anchored, when I don't blow it off.

Journalism saved my life by screaming deadlines at me several times a day. I hated that, but I depended on it, and I still do.

2. November. Tree branches giving up their last golden leaves in soft piles. The sun angling lower into the southern sky, bringing twilight faster. The rise of Orion the

garden needs no

the wood stove

Hunter in the night sky; I've always imagined "Now it's a gift, he's chasing the Pleiades a time when the as that fuzzy star cluster makes its way just ahead of him. When I attention, the was younger, November harvest is in, and was merely a dreary season to be endured on the way to the wonder of invites us to curl Christmas, a trial run for up with a warm the agony of February. blanket for an Now it's a gift, a time when the garden needs evening with a no attention, the harvest good book." is in, and the wood stove invites us to curl up with

a warm blanket for an evening with a

3. Going to the dentist. When you're young you know for certain you and your teeth will never die. I learned the hard way that this is a lie and have a mouthful of root canals and crowns to show for my foolhardiness. Brushing and flossing will go a long way, but nothing replaces regular check-ups by people who can see into those dark nooks and crannies of tooth and gum, the places you can't eyeball. Don't skimp on visits. And stop whining about your fear of pain. You'll thank me in 20 years.

4. Well-built boots with flat heels. Yes, I know you're a fashionista. Believe it or not, I used to be one too, and in my heart I still am, but if you spend a month's food budget on those gorgeous, pointy-toe, grey suede, spike-heel boots and wear them to greet Logan's first real winter snow in three weeks, and you biff it on a patch of our famous

black ice, you aren't going to look nearly as attractive in the velcro boot the doctor makes you wear for six weeks while your broken ankle

5. Walking. Seriously, if you walk 10,000 steps a day you'll stay in pretty good shape for years, without having to pay big bucks to join a gym. Walking is an invisible but steady way to keep up your health, like eating an apple a day. I used to run - loved to run, used it like a medi-

tation – until some catastrophic medical adventures in my 40s destroyed my hips. After getting back on my feet with a couple of bionic joints, my doctors said my active life was limited to non-impact sports like golf. The only part of golf I enjoyed was the walking, and that's what I found myself grateful for once I couldn't run. Walking is much more zen than running. It's Jerrick's Fine Jewelry

tough to appreciate the roses when you're zooming by them.

6. Paying attention. Keep up with what's happening in the larger world outside of campus. Find a way (Internet, public radio, TV, or a daily metro newspaper) that works for you to stay informed about what matters. Turn off cable news, especially Fox. Learn to recognize when you're being bamboozled or ill-served. The more you know about how media messages work, the angrier you'll be, but you can't change something you don't understand. It's up to you to inform yourself, and it's a critical time in the history of the world.

It's coming up on your turn to save everything. You simply must do that. A good place to begin finding out who's paying for what, is Open Secrets (http://opensecrets.org).

I've been learning things since the Earth was cooling and I love to share, but I'm out of space. Please take care of yourselves. I teach because I love you (well, most of you, most of the time). Don't forget that, and don't forget to call home.

Much Love, Your professor.

P.S. There's still no Februarary.

Nancy Williams is an emeritus professor in the department of journalism and communication.

An apology to party goers lost in line

On behalf of ASUSU I want to address an issue that occurred last Saturday night at the annual Halloween HOWL that deeply concerns me. Many of you who attended the HOWL were forced to wait in line for more than two hours. Some walked away out of frustration even though you had paid for tickets.

I received an email from an event-goer saying that an individual announced to those standing in line that there was "no use sticking around" and that they should "all just go home." Others overheard that the event was oversold and they were never going to get in. While it is true that the HOWL sold out, it was not oversold, and everyone that bought a ticket had the right to participate in the event. Waiting in line for more than 40 minutes for any event is unacceptable, let alone two hours or more. The fact that you did not get into the event in a timely manner is inexcusable, and I can't tell you how sorry

While I could give a detailed explanation outlining the reasons for the line delay, what matters most is that it does not happen again. I assure you that every effort possible is being made to avoid this situation in the future. Many of you who did not endure lengthy line delays experienced a wonderful event. As always, the costumes were amazing. DJ Marcus Wing custom-built his stage set-up



just in time for the Howl, and his dance was nothing but pure energy and very sweaty bodies all night long. Magician Dan Martin had an amazing show and so did Tyrone Wells. The Velociti and Full Circle dancers, along with LDSSA contributed greatly to the event. We had an exciting performance from The Higher and the stage and lighting setup was spectacular. We The Kings put on an absolutely astounding performance, and I have never seen a more captivated audience watching a band perform.

I want to personally thank all the volunteers who helped with the event. You don't understand how appreciative we are of all you did. If anyone has concerns or suggestions regarding the HOWL, please visit me in my office, room 344 in the TSC, or e-mail me at

tjatwood@gmail.com. Again, thank you for all those who participated and you have a lot to look forward to as we are planning some amazing things for the spring semester.

Tom Atwood is the ASUSU programming vice presi-

Letdown: If the party format isn't broke, don't try to fix it

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brick walls, and an un-insulated metal roof are TERRIBLE! The echo made it nearly impossible to hear the bad jokes and inane banter paired with predictable tricks performed

To escape the disappointment, my friends and I made our way to the ballroom. The music was good for dancing, of course. Again, however, the crowding was excessive. Last year, the Sunburst lounge allowed room to breathe. Not to mention the disaster waiting to happen if the hundreds of people had to suddenly exit the ballroom through

After a sufficient amount of sweating, we went back to the Fieldhouse. Remember what I said about the acoustics? A one man show with a microphone was bad enough. A four-man band with drums, distorted guitar, and over-amplified bass reverberating off every surface literally rattles the brain. I am not sure how anybody could think a loud concert in a metal box was a good idea.

Now, I enjoyed the Howl. The only problem was poor planning. It worked last year, not so much this year. Apparently, the not-broke plan needed fixing, just to shake things up. Perhaps next year they should have the dance party in the Sky Room, the entrance through the statesman office, and the magician performing in the hub behind one of the columns. Live music in the Quick Stop anybody?

But seriously, I do appreciate all the volunteers and their attempt to make a bad plan work. I was almost scared by the zombie with the white painted face and stumbling posture. Oh wait; maybe that was Lady Gaga ... same difference. So, until next year, let's hope they return to the working format and schedule a genuine magician.

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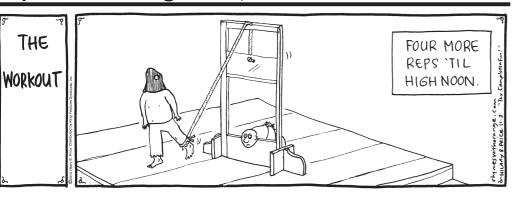
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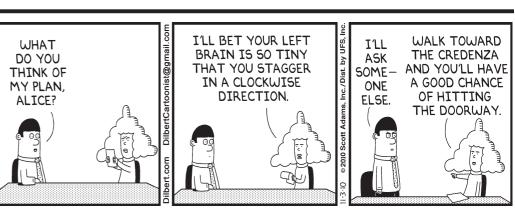
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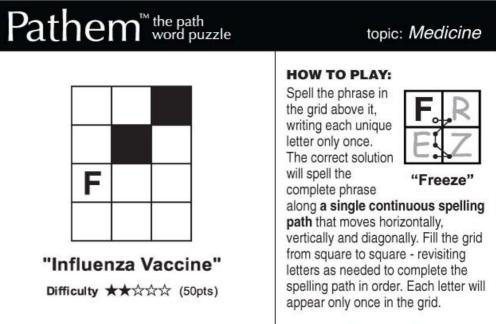


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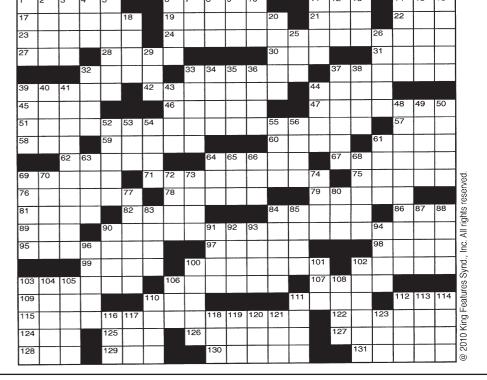
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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Ted Ethington, a junior majoring in social studies education from Riverton, Utah.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1964, residents of the District of Columbia cast their ballots in a presidential election for the first time. The passage of the 23rd Amendment in 1961 gave citizens of the nation's capital the right to vote for a commander in chief and vice president.

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Wednesday

Nov. 3

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- Sustainability Week, All Day
- Meditation Club, TSC 335, 12 p.m. ■ ARC Workshop, TSC 315, 3:30 p.m.
- Movie Night, NR Atrium, 7 p.m.
- Suessical the Musical, Morgan Theatre,
- Jazz Combo Concert, Spectrum, 7:30

Thursday

Nov. 4

- Sustainability Week, All Day ■ Blue Goes Green Walking Tour, NR
- Atrium, 11 a.m. ■ Multicultural Student Group, TSC
- 315a, 12:30 p.m.
- Blue Goes Green Walking Tour, NR Atrium, 1 p.m.
- Anne Garrels, Performance Hall, 2
- Dodgeball Tournament, Logan Rec,
- Women's Volleyball vs. Boise State, 7
- Suessical the Musical, Morgan Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Nov. 5

- Parent and Family Weekend, All
- Women's Volleyball at WAC Tournament, 11:30 a.m.
- Men's Volleyball, HPER, 5 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. U of Mary, Spectrum, 5 p.m.
- Masquerade, Bullen Center, 6:30
- Reduce, Reuse and Rock, International Lounge, 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Grand Canyon,
- Spectrum, 7 p.m.
- Suessical the Musical, Morgan Theatre, 7 p.m.

Dodgeball tourney You need to know....

On Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a dodgeball tournament in Logan's Rec Center. Teams may register by e-mailing dodgeforseed@gmail.com. Teams consist of 6 players and a fee of \$50 is required to play. It is double elimination and there are prizes for winning teams. Come help raise money for the SEED!

NPR discussion

Open meeting for JCOM students (and others) on Nov. 3 with NPR foreign correspondent Anne Garrels. Discuss covering the world, the U.S. invasion of Iraq, reporting wars. AnSci 303 2:30-3:30 p.m. Also, Anne Garrels, "Bearing Witness? One journalist's take on covering the world." Morris Media & Society Lecture. USU Performance Hall Nov. 4, 2-3:15 p.m.

West Side Story

"West Side Story" is playing on the big screen at the Logan Arts Cinema on Nov. 4 and 5. The cost is \$5 per person. Proceeds from ticket sales for this event go toward SEED. Come for a good time and for a good cause!

Prospects in math

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics is holding a Prospects in Mathematics talk at 3 p.m. Nov. 4, in ENGR 101. Dr. Jim Cannon, Orson Pratt Professor of Mathematics, BYU. Refreshments will follow the talk at 4 p.m.

Rock concert

Reduce Reuse and Rock Concert featuring Buffalo. Free concert to wrap up Sustainability Week on Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the TSC International Lounge. Free coffee and hot chocolate from Caffe Ibis if you bring your own mug or thermos!

The Men's Volleyball team has their first tournament of the year playing host to teams from Utah, UVU and others. Nov. 5 5-10 p.m. and Nov. 68 a.m.-4 p.m.

Test Anxiety Wed. 3:30-4:30 p.m. in TSC 335. You do not have to register to attend. For questions, contact the Academic Resource Center at (435) 797-1128.

HUG BIG BLUE, Break a World Record, and Support the SEED program! Buy your commemorative pins now to Hug Big Blue on the Quad on Nov. 3rd from 1-2 p.m. \$3 for Students (\$5 for non-students) Pins can be purchased in the TSC ticket office. All proceeds go to SEED which helps with Microloans for businesses in developing coun-

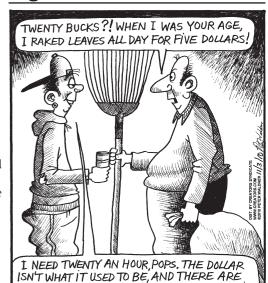
Got Bagpipes? Drums? The **Bagpipe** Člub is now meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the Caine College of the Arts building. Come join us! We're also recruiting drummers. Pipers talk to Matt Earl for more info: 801-694-3997. Drummers talk to Brandon Orr: 801-678-3588

Common Ground Outdoor Adventures will be climbing at the **Rock Haus** on Nov. 4 from 1 - 3 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Common Ground has been providing outdoor recreation for people with disabilities since 1993. Visit us on the web at www.cgadventures. org or call us at 713-0288.

Stokes Nature Center will host Wild Wednesday on Nov. 3 from 5-8 p.m. All are invited for some family friendly nature fun as SNC keeps its doors open late and provides stories, activities, and a chance to explore. November's theme is Snakes & Spiders. For more info, call 435-755-3239 or visit www.logannature.org.

Upcoming dates at **Caffe Ibis**: Chad Floyd and Liz Wooley on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., Todd Milovich on Nov. 7 at 12 p.m., Hilary Murray on Nov. 14 at 12 p.m. The Gypsies on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., Ryan Conger on Nov. 21 at 12 p.m.

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