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## Classroom laptop policy uncertain



By MIKE BURNHAM  
staff writer

The growing presence of technology within the classroom has created a new-age conflict of interest that some faculty members solve by simply prohibiting its use. Teachers are free to set course rules on how students use cell phones and computers in the classroom and abuse of those rules may lead to direct consequences for students around them.

"I know there are some universities that have literally banned computers from classrooms, but here it is left to the teacher to decide," said Veronica Ward, a professor of political science who does not allow computers in her undergraduate courses.

The student code of conduct, under section V-3, prohibits the use of computers "which interferes with or disrupts the work of another student, faculty member, or University official."

Michael Lyons, political science professor, said he requires his students receive verbal consent from him before they use computers in his larger classes. Though he established this rule, he said it is regularly

violated.

"When I walk by classrooms, particularly large lecture halls, typically I find that only a minority of the students are using their computers to take notes," Lyons said.

While there is currently no movement among the teachers to remove computers or cell phones from lecture halls that he is aware of, Lyons said the use and abuse of technology is certainly something on the minds of the faculty and has been discussed before. He said the biggest temptations students face to violate the computer rules he set in his class are games and social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Teachers aren't the only ones that notice the distractions.

Justin Hewlett, junior in computer science, said that last semester he regularly brought a computer to class.

"Taking notes is how I justified it," he said, "but mostly I just ended up on Facebook and e-mail."

Now he relies on a simple pen and paper to avoid the distraction. Of the students in the classroom with computers, he said about half are using it to take notes. In fact, some of

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FACULTY AND STAFF admit technology in the classroom is among their pet peeves, however they also realize the benefits of having these devices in class. Professor Michael Lyons said some of the worst distractions for students are social media websites. CATHERINE MEIDELL photo illustration

## Professor's research used for national TV

By MEGAN BAINUM  
assistant news editor

USU Professor Joseph Tainter will be featured in a National Geographic Channel TV production for his research on sustainability and innovation for societies on Saturday.

"Collapse: Based on a book by Jared Diamond", will look 200 years into the future to recreate what the world may be like if our

civilization collapses. Tainter is among other experts including Diamond, the author of the best-selling book, to explore the possibilities of a societal destruction. The television program will explain Diamond's assertion that societies fail when "overwhelmed by invasions, epidemics and environmental disasters."

Tainter is the author of the 1988 book "The Collapse of Complex Societies," which remains an important work on societal collapse. He has also been featured in an ABC News primetime special, "Earth 2100," in 2009 and Leonardo DiCaprio's 2007 eco-documentary "The 11th Hour."

When it comes to his other works, Tainter said the themes are broadly similar but this production is more to feature Diamond's book. He expects the documentary to address issues of environment like food, climate, and energy, although he said he isn't completely sure of everything that will be included.

Tainter said the best part about what he does is the fact that it changes every year. He started out his

career as an anthropologist who focused on how ancient societies collapsed, which he said is when he realized the things he was seeing didn't just apply to ancient times.

"Once I realized what I was learning about the civilizations didn't just apply to ancient times I switched over to sustainability for our future."

Mark Brunson, the department head of environment and society, said Tainter's research for the causes of societal col-

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**"These days virtually everyone on Earth is connected in ways the Romans or Mayans could never even have imagined."**

— Mark Brunson, Department Head of Environment and Society

## Study abroad offering more programs

By DAN SMITH  
staff writer

New options for students interested in studying abroad include studying science in Slovenia, history in Italy and advanced Spanish in the Dominican Republic.

"People are more amenable to trying new places, we had one student recently

go to Latvia," said Kay Forsyth, study abroad director, during USU's annual study abroad fair Wednesday.

Study abroad has grown to more than 20 faculty-led programs and is starting many new summer programs as well, she said. Approximately 350 students utilize the program each year and England, Australia and Japan seem to be the most popular choices for stu-

dents, Forsyth said.

"The experience is fantastic, being able to look at life through another culture. It opens your eyes to seeing things you never thought of," said David Vance, a senior who studied abroad in Japan.

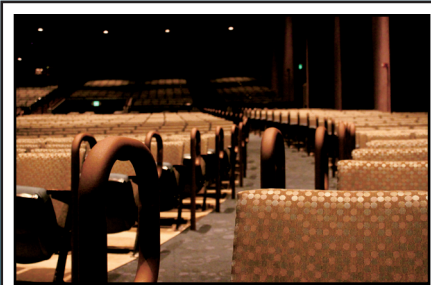
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STUDENTS BROWSE through booths set up at the Study Abroad Fair and make a pit stop to read more about programs offered for students in Russia. ALISON OSTLER photo

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## Nat'l Briefs

### Utah troopers request memorial-case rehearing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Highway Patrol on Wednesday asked the federal appeals court in Denver to rehear a case involving 14 memorial crosses on Utah highways that had been ruled unconstitutional by an appellate panel.

Attorneys for the UHP, the state Department of Transportation and two other state agencies filed a petition for the rehearing, arguing that the full 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals must decide whether the ruling “erroneously” holds that “private monuments erected on public land with the permission of the government” is government speech.

The patrol wants to leave in place the 12-foot-high white crosses, which were erected by the Utah Highway Patrol Association to memorialize fallen troopers.

### Pope said church failed in sexual abuse scandal

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI, beginning a controversial state visit to Britain, acknowledged Thursday that the Catholic Church failed to act decisively or quickly enough to deal with priests who rape and molest children.

Speaking to reporters aboard his plane en route to Britain, Benedict said the church’s top priority was now helping victims heal and regain their trust in the church.

The pope’s comments marked his most thorough admission to date of church failures to deal with the sex abuse scandal, which has exploded anew with revelations in Belgium of hundreds of new victims, at least 13 of whom committed suicide over the years.

### World’s smallest cow: English mini-moo 33 in.

LONDON (AP) — A minuscule cow with a taste for contemporary music has been named the world’s smallest by the Guinness World Records book.

Guinness says the sheep-sized bovine from the West Yorkshire region of northern England measures roughly 33 inches (84 centimeters) from hind to foot.

The 11-year-old cow is named Swallow and her owner, Caroline Ryder, said she would spend Thursday either grazing with her herd or listening to BBC radio in her cowshed.

Swallow is a Dexter cow, a breed known for its diminutive stature, but is small even by Dexter standards.

She already has nine regular-sized calves.

## LateNite Humor

### Top 10 Signs Elizabeth II Is Tired of Being Queen—June 2, 2003

- Has scaled back her grueling 2-day-a-year work schedule.
- Uses scepter to snake her clogged sink drain.
- Was spotted in a Soho hotspot making out with Colin Farrell.
- Been granting several private audiences to Sir Jack Daniels.
- Refers to Prince Charles as that “jug-eared tight-ass”.
- Knighted dude at 7-Eleven to get out of paying for Slurpee.
- She’s destroyed dozens of priceless palace artifacts with her radio-controlled model trucks.
- Very little attending to matters of state — a whole lot of watching “The Young and the Restless”.
- Changed her name from “Elizabeth II” to “Matrix II”.
- Took off her top at a Coldplay concert.

# Home foreclosures up 25 percent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lenders took back more homes in August than in any month since the start of the U.S. mortgage crisis.

The increase in home repossessions came even as the number of properties entering the foreclosure process slowed for the seventh month in a row, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

In all, banks repossessed 95,364 properties last month, up 3 percent from July and an increase of 25 percent from August 2009, RealtyTrac said.

August makes the ninth month in a row that the pace of homes lost to foreclosure has increased on an annual basis. The previous high was in May.

Banks have been stepping up repossessions to clear out their backlog of bad loans with an eye on eventually placing the foreclosed properties on the market, but they can’t afford to simply dump the properties on the market.

Concerns are growing that the housing market recovery could stumble amid stubbornly high unemployment, a sluggish economy and faltering consumer confidence. U.S. home sales have collapsed since federal homebuyer tax credits expired in April.

That’s one reason fewer than one-third of homes repossessed by lenders are on the market, said Rick Sharga, a senior vice president at RealtyTrac.

“These (properties) are going to come to market, but very slowly because nobody wants to overwhelm a soft

buyer’s market with too much distressed inventory for fear of what it would do for house prices,” he said.

As a result, lenders are putting off initiating the foreclosure process on homeowners who have missed payments, letting borrowers stay in their homes longer.

The number of properties receiving an initial default notice — the first step in the foreclosure process — slipped 1 percent last month from July, but was down 30 percent versus August last year, RealtyTrac said.



A FORECLOSURE SIGN IS POSTED outside a home in Los Angeles on Aug. 8. U.S. home repossessions spiked in August to highest level since start of U.S. mortgage crisis. AP photo

Initial defaults have fallen on an annual basis the past seven months. They peaked in April 2009.

Still, the number of homes scheduled to be sold at auction for the first time increased 9 percent from July and rose 2 percent from August last year. If they don’t sell at auction, these homes typically end up going back to the lender.

More than 2.3 million homes have been repossessed by lenders since the recession began in December 2007, according to RealtyTrac. The firm estimates more than 1 million American households are likely to lose their homes to foreclosure this year.

In all, 338,836 properties received a foreclosure-related warning in August, up 4 percent from July, but down 5 percent from the same month last year, RealtyTrac said. That translates to one in 381 U.S. homes.

The firm tracks notices for defaults, scheduled home auctions and home repossessions — warnings that can lead up to a home eventually being lost to foreclosure.

Among states, Nevada posted the highest foreclosure rate last month, with one in every 84 households receiving a foreclosure notice. That’s 4.5 times the national average.

Rounding out the top 10 states with the highest foreclosure rate in August were: Florida, Arizona, California, Idaho, Utah, Georgia, Michigan, Illinois and Hawaii.

# Cal. crews slow advance of growing wildfire



A KERN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER watches a backburn operation Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Lake Isabella, Calif. A wildfire in the southern Sierra Nevada has forced evacuations in some communities along the Lower Kern River Canyon. AP photo

LAKE ISABELLA, Calif. (AP) — A forest fire in the southern Sierra Nevada grew to more than 8,100 acres on Wednesday, but a fierce air and ground attack helped slow its advance and put containment at 65 percent, fire officials said.

Fire commanders say aircraft will be important Thursday in keeping the fire from high-risk areas in the region 110 miles north of Los Angeles.

The nearly 13-square-mile fire has destroyed one home and threatens 250 more since breaking out Sunday in the Lower Kern River Canyon southwest of Lake Isabella. Portions of the communities of Bodfish and Havila are evacuated.

Full containment was expected on Sunday.

Light winds aided the firefighting effort Wednesday as bulldozers carved firebreaks and crews set backfires to help stop the fire’s spread.

Hundreds of residents were forced to evacuate earlier this week when heavy winds kicked up, pushing the

flames to the southeast and closer to homes.

About 200 homes lost electricity because of burned power poles, but crews were hoping to have service restored Thursday.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared a state of emergency in Kern County to free up state resources to battle the blaze. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also authorized the use of federal funds to help fight the blaze.

Authorities have said the fire was human-caused but have not determined whether it was an accident or intentional. Firefighting costs have reached \$2.5 million.

In northwest Los Angeles County, firefighters made quick work of a pre-dawn 20-acre brush fire accidentally ignited by a vehicle along Interstate 5.

County fire Inspector Matt Levesque says 200 firefighters, three helicopters, a helitanker and two SuperScooper planes responded to the 5:07 a.m. Thursday fire.

# France defies EU criticism on Gypsy expulsions

BRUSSELS (AP) — French President Nicolas Sarkozy upended a European Union summit to defend his own nation’s honor, vowing Thursday to keep clearing out illegal immigrant camps despite accusations that France is being racist and unfairly targets Gypsies.

The summit was supposed to be a forum for molding a unifying European foreign policy, but it turned into a drama of discord — with the outspoken Sarkozy usurping the podium to preach his policies and lash out at his critics.

Sarkozy said comments by EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding that linked the expulsions to the mass deportations of World War II were “disgusting.”

“I am head of the French state. I cannot let my nation be insulted,” Sarkozy told reporters.

The wartime comparison stung many in France

and other members of a bloc designed to overcome and prevent the kind of hostilities that divided Europe in the past. France deported some 76,000 Jews from France to Nazi concentration camps, and interned thousands of Gypsies in camps in France during the war.

Sarkozy insisted France’s expulsions of Gypsies, or Roma, are a matter of security and said France doesn’t have to take lessons from anyone, as long as it respects human rights. He called more than 100 Roma camps dismantled in France in recent weeks havens of crime and undignified living conditions.

“We will continue to dismantle the illegal camps, whoever is there,” Sarkozy said. “Europe cannot close its eyes to illegal camps.”

Participants at the summit lunch said emotions flared between Sarkozy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso over the expulsions.

Barroso did not want to comment on his exchange with Sarkozy, brushing off “useless rhetoric or unnecessary controversies.”

“Let’s put this behind us, let’s work now on substance,” he said.

Sarkozy downplayed the exchange. “If there is someone who keeps his calm, and abstains from excessive comments, it is surely me,” said the French leader — who has a reputation for having a volatile temper.

Britain, so often at loggerheads with France over all issues European, backed Sarkozy.

“Members of the Commission have to choose their language carefully as well,” said Cameron, a fellow member of the center-right. He added that “you should, of course have the right to remove people from your country if they are there illegally.”

# Hurricane Karl takes aim at Mexican Gulf coast

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Karl reached hurricane force in the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday and was expected to strengthen more before hitting Mexico’s coast near a port and an oil hub on Friday.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida, said there was a possibility that Karl could become a major hurricane with winds of 110 mph (175 kph) or higher before making landfall.

The Mexican government issued a hurricane warning for a 150-mile (250-kilometer) stretch of coast in Veracruz state. On its predicted path, Karl could make landfall near the coastal city of Tuxpan and the oil hub of Poza Rica.

Authorities in Veracruz — whose southern half has suffered severe flooding over the past few weeks — braced for a hit on its northern coast, preparing sleeping mats, bottled water and other supplies for anyone taking refuge in shelters. Workers in Veracruz city cut dangerous tree limbs that could

become flying debris.

In the beach town of Tecolutla, just south of Poza Rica, fishermen and operators of small tour boats were pulling their craft out of the water.

Some residents were boarding up their windows with sheets of plywood, lashing down cooking gas tanks and reinforcing doors and signs to prevent them from being blow away by the hurricane’s wind, said town civil defense director Edilberto Peralta.

“We are getting ready and warning people early, to avoid any loss of human life,” said Peralta, whose town of about 25,000 was lashed by Hurricane Dean in 2007 and severely flooded by a tropical depression in 1999. “We are ready to take drastic measures.”

“We are hearing it may hit as a Category two or Category three on Friday, so we’ll have to see whether we evacuate people tonight, or tomorrow,” said Peralta.



FISHERMEN TRY TO SECURE their boats as tropical storm Karl arrives in the town of Mahahual, southern Mexico, Sept. 15. Karl is expected to quickly weaken into a tropical depression as it slogs across the flat peninsula before heading back out over the Gulf of Mexico. AP photo

# Utah Open Lands receives annual award

By RHETT WILKINSON  
staff writer

Utah State University's Utah Botanical Center presented its fourth annual Environmental Stewardship Award to Utah Open Lands and were recognized in an on-campus ceremony August 12.

Utah Open Lands is a non-profit organization of 20 years, designed to protect lands by assisting landowners to conserve land through both business and legal navigation, and through the outright purchase of land, which is in turn managed and cared for by the landowners.

Noelle Cockett, vice president for USU Extension and dean of agriculture, presented the award, and in her presentation was complimentary of the efforts that Utah Open Lands has put forth to preserve natural land, an effort that has produced 50 land preservation projects in the two decades of its existence.

"To truly describe the organization we must begin with words like 'visionary' and 'uncommon foresight,'" Cockett said. She said the group stewards over 53,000 acres in different parts of the state.

In her presentation address, Cockett also

was sure to highlight other members of the award selection committee's compliments of Utah Open Lands executive director Wendy Fischer.

"One member of our ... committee said, 'Wendy Fisher is tireless if not relentless, and Utah would not have some of the things we have were it not for her,'" she said.

Among the members of that committee was Charles Gay of the USU College of Natural Resources. Gay said he was particularly impressed with Open Lands' conservation success in the past year.

"Utah Open Lands has worked tirelessly, thoughtfully, and collaboratively to help landowners and government come together to ensure that these lands, upon which we gauge our quality of life, remain for the future against the relentless pressure of development," Gay said.

Cockett said, "Some of the things we have, and will always have, because of Utah Open Lands are wetlands, red rocks, farmland, hiking trails, wildlife habitat, alpine meadows and rangeland."

Fischer said she was gracious for the recognition, especially considering the time of Open Lands' existence and the source from whence it came.

"To have the recognition of some of our



**THE BEAR RIVER** is one of many Utah landscapes preserved by Utah Open Lands. Photo courtesy of Utah Open Lands

peers in the conservation community, certainly was a thrill... the fact that it coincided with our 20th anniversary was icing on the cake," she said.

Fischer remarked that she was grateful for the award in light of all the other organizations who have undergone the same land-saving endeavor as Open Lands.

"It was a humbling experience to be recognized by other entities and individuals who are also doing

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## College of Ag recognizes the best in class



**THE COLLEGE OF AG** awarded Christopher Dschaak, far left, Graduate Researcher of the Year, Clifford King, Undergraduate Researcher of the Year, Karmella Dolecheck, Scholar of the Year, and Ammon Hedin, Graduate Instructor of the Year, Thursday night for their achievements. Photo courtesy of Gary

## Tainter: Relates ancient civilizations to modern day

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lapse is important to everyone, including Utah State students.

He said if a modern civilization were to collapse, it would affect everyone on the planet, compared to ancient times when that wasn't the case.

"These days virtually everyone on Earth is connected in ways the Romans or Mayans could never even have imagined," Brunson said. "For this reason, Professor Tainter's research is especially critical for people to understand."

Temis Taylor, graduate student in bioregional planning, said Dr. Tainter's work provides a framework for understanding societies, and the ways in which they deal with the problems they face. She said being able to understand what strategies people have used over time, and how those methods of coping and adapting did or did not work can be important to helping us better meet our coming challenges.

"One aspect of Dr. Tainter's work is to clarify what we mean when we talk about sustainability, which can help us better formulate and reach sustainability goals," Taylor said.

Brunson believes that in many ways, our society faces the same situation that faced the Roman Empire. He said he had a sign up in his home that read, "The chief cause of problems are solutions," explaining that when an individual, family, or civilization perceive a problem, they usually want to impose a solution without recognizing "the potential new problems that their 'solution' inevitably causes."

He said as societies grow more com-

plex, larger and more influential like America has become, the number of problems increases as well as attempted solutions. This then adds more "layers of complexity" and as a result there is no way to support the society any longer.

Tainter gave an example of what Bruner talked about by comparing ancient Rome to America. He explained that as Rome was growing, they didn't have enough silver currency to keep up with demand so they started to add more copper into circulation. As a result, currency became less and less valuable, similar to cost inflation here in America. He said this is just one example of how creating a solution to a problem creates new problems. A present day example Tainter mentioned would be the United States dealing with terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The government developed new agencies, reorganized other government agencies, and have been developing new technologies for airport securities, each of which, have caused new problems," Tainter said.

These aspects of society become more complex, have more parts, and all of that costs. He said this is the same problem the Roman Empire had in the third century had because of invasions and civil wars. These created the need to grow an army and grow their government which is very costly. The difference he goes on to say, is that Rome had a fixed energy, solar power. Having a fixed energy source made it so they couldn't grow their economy

and as a result, the society collapsed.

"Complexity causes fiscal weakness which causes collapse," he said.

He said that the combination of growth in complexity to solve problems, which costs money, and not having enough resources, or energy, to support that growing complexity, is what causes societies to topple.

Taylor said it is surprising to realize just how similar America is to past societies and how learning from the past can give us an opportunity to avoid their mistakes.

"If we don't have a good understanding of the problems we face, we are unlikely to come up with effective solutions," she said.

Tainter explains the problem like this: energy and the economy are like a pie. If we have to spend a larger share of that pie on things like health care and rebuilding roads, the part of the pie that is available for consumption - money and energy - decreases. As a result of that decrease, the standard of living decreases as well.

Tainter said the most important thing we as a country have to look to is energy. Energy, such as fossil fuels, equals development and wealth.

Taylor also said energy is the most important thing right now when it comes to our civilization.

"The fact that energy is at the root of our ability to create culture and civilization makes it so important," Taylor said. "How we meet and manage our need for energy is going to be a critical factor in the future. It's not going to be a simple solution."

Tainter said fossil fuel can't last forever and the key to the future is energy and innovation. He said since fossil fuels won't last forever, and it will take decades to transition into a new energy source, we need to start now in developing new options.

"There isn't a lot we can do about finding new energy sources right now," Tainter said, "but we can support programs and vote in politicians that are looking toward the future to think about those new energy developments."

He suggests that investing more money into innovation, taking part in conservation and making individual choices in the right direction are ways to move forward with these problems positively.

Bruner agrees by saying that thanks to Tainter and other researchers, we know much more these days about how this "phenomenon" works.

Taylor also said by learning about Dr. Tainter's research, students will be better prepared to participate in those processes.

"Hopefully if policy-makers and influential scientists and journalists understand the processes that lead to collapse," Bruner said. "We can recognize the signs sooner and look for ways to reduce the negative impacts."

When it comes to if problem-solving that reduces this complexity instead of increases it is possible, Bruner said he hopes so, "because our futures may very well depend on it."

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## Briefs

Campus & Community

### Students win national contest

USU biological engineering students Alex Hatch and Kirsten Sims earned first- and second-place honors in the Annual Bioethics Contest sponsored by the Institute of Biological Engineering. Their essays, which addressed challenges associated with synthetic biotechnology and ensuring public safety, were chosen as winners by a group of professionals in the biological engineering field.

Hatch, who was a junior when he submitted his essay, is a senior in biological engineering, and Sims is a master's student in biological engineering. They submitted essays on the topic "Synthetic Biology and Public Concerns." Five semifinalists, including Hatch and Sims, were invited to present their essays at a special session of the annual meeting of the Institute of Biological Engineering in Cambridge, Mass.

### Dahl's birthday to be celebrated

USU's Museum of Anthropology plans a "splendiferous" event to honor Roald Dahl's birthday.

Activities are part of the museum's "Saturdays and the Museum" ongoing series and are offered Sept. 18. All are invited.

Folklorist Jeannine Huenemann is the guest for the day and she will explore how Dahl used fairytales and fables from his childhood to make his stories come alive. The celebration marks his birthday which is Sept. 13. Museum guests can dine on snoozcumbers, make gloriumpitious letters and find out why his stories are so whizzpopping good.

Storytelling times are 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Many activities for children and the young at heart will be provided.

"This event will be a great way to introduce your children to the wonderful stories of Roald Dahl, or if they have read some of his books, to celebrate the magical worlds he created," said Aurora Durfee, Saturdays Program coordinator.

In addition to its Saturday program hours, the Museum of Anthropology is open to USU students and members of the public six days a week, with regular hours Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For Saturday activities, free parking is available in the adjacent lot, south of the building.

The USU Museum of Anthropology is on the USU campus in the south turret of the historic Old Main building, Room 252.

Funding for Saturday events is provided by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. More information about the IMLS is available online at [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

### Fair to narrow in on medical studies

In conjunction with the Grad Fair next Wednesday, September 22, the National College of Natural Medicine will be holding an Information Session. It will be held right after the Grad Fair (that goes from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the TSC) at 3:00 p.m. in the University Inn 511 (5th floor). You are invited to attend this presentation to find out about careers in Alternative Medicine.

Naturopathic doctors and Chinese medicine practitioners cover all aspects of individualized health, from prenatal to geriatric care, with special focus on whole patient wellness.

Lesson topics to be presented on different aspects of practicing medicine include "The Healing power of Nature," "Identifying and Treating the Cause," "First Do no Harm," "Doctor as Teacher," "Treating the Whole Person," "Prevention," "The Art and Science of Medicine," and others.

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## Italy: Program now caters to history buffs

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Students can experience new things and have the opportunity to learn a new language, he said.

Some of the other countries included in the study abroad program are Chile, Costa Rica, Sweden, Germany, Thailand, Korea and the Netherlands, Forsyth said.

The majority of USU students who study abroad go through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). This arrangement allows students to visit another country for about the same cost as tuition at USU, or \$5,900 per semester, Forsyth said.

"My goal was to get good at the language. I would definitely recommend going for an entire year," Vance said. Study abroad is not required for his major, Asian studies, but he said it is encouraged.

The only academic major that currently requires students to study abroad is international studies, Forsyth said.

Options for length of visits to other countries include a single semester, an academic year and short-term programs. Depending on a country's currency exchange rates and group size, some short-term programs go down in price from year to year, Forsyth said.

She said a full semester of credits can be earned, depending on a student's classes and major, and it is possible to achieve in a short, 4-8 week program.

Students interested in going abroad to teach English have the opportunity to do so through the International Language Program. Students can choose to go to Russia, Ukraine, China or Mexico

**"You teach part-time, never work weekends, and you teach basically by playing with little kids. They even give you vacation time to give you a chance to see the country you're in."**

— Jeanette Mauerman, USU Police

during the fall, spring, or summer, said International Language Program representative Jeanette Mauerman.

"You teach part-time, never work weekends, and you teach basically by playing with little kids," Mauerman said. "They even give you vacation time to give you a

chance to see the country you're in."

The \$2,520 fee for study abroad pays for airfare, housing, food, visas, language and culture classes and training, Mauerman said.

The study abroad fair also featured an "apply for passport here" table. Representatives from area post offices were on-site to assist with passport applications and answer questions about the process.

The passport fee for a person 16 or older is \$135, plus a photograph fee of \$15, said Joyce Lamont, Tremonton postmaster. Necessary identification to attain a passport include an original birth certificate, old passport or naturalization papers and a current state-issued identification card, Lamont said.

Passport applications take 4-6 weeks to process. For \$93.26 extra, the process can be expedited in 2-3 weeks.

For additional information about Utah State's study abroad program, the office of study abroad is located in TSC room 311.

Financial aid and scholarships almost always apply to travel expenses, Forsyth said. The deadline for study abroad for spring 2011 is Oct. 1, 2010.

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## Laptops: Professors address their impact in class

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the teachers within the computer science department don't allow computers to be out during lecture Hewlett said.

On campus, use of social media has become so ubiquitous that a small school in Pennsylvania recently made national news due to a week-long ban of social media on campus. The Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Pennsylvania has made websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and instant messaging programs inaccessible via campus computers for the duration of the week, an exercise that the school's provost, Eric Darr, states is more academic than disciplinary.

Still, despite the many distractions that technology may introduce, computers and cell phones may provide an academic advantage to those that use them properly. Justin says that many computer science students bring their computers to class when there are in-class demonstrations so that they can participate.

"Computers are fantastic resources to have if they are properly used," Lyons said. "Sometimes if my facts are hazy or when I'm guessing, a student can confirm that I'm right or wrong by running a search on their computers."

He also acknowledged other advantages such

as the ability take notes faster and incorporate them directly into course handouts and material, as well as organizing them into a search-able database.

These are advantages that students are willing to pay big bucks for, too. Aug. 23, the first day of USU Connections classes, a total of 110 13" MacBook Pros were purchased at the bookstore. At about \$1,000 a unit that's \$110,000 spent in just one day by the incoming freshman class. And that's only on one model of laptop.

Students aren't the only ones reaping the benefits of computers. Lyons himself uses a computer and projector to show clips of campaign ads via you tube to his U.S. government class.

"I would be severely handicapped in my own teaching if I didn't have access to a computer," he said. He said this is part of the reason why he believes a campus-wide removal of computers would be "inappropriate."

"Professors want to be free to teach in the style that they teach," he said. "Computers have made things possible that weren't only 5-10 years ago."

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## Conserve: Organization maintains nature

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other great things for the state," she said.

Among those entities is the Utah Botanical Center (UBC), which is located in Kaysville, Utah, but is owned and operated by the university.

Dave Anderson, UBC director, said the award, a four-year-running program, was created for the purpose of recognizing those who have produced "very clean and pronounced environmental stewardship," and have "provided a learning place and educational facility, a user-friendly place with its purpose to beautify and enhance the environment, a purpose that is more of a spiritual stewardship."

"Many times these entities don't receive much recognition," he said.

Envision Utah, the Nature Conservatory, and the Utah Mitigation and Conservation Commission (URMCC) were the recipients of the first

three awards, Anderson said. However, Fischer said that the efforts of these and similar organizations can continue only based on the generosity of the public.

"We are dependent upon members and owners for the growth of the organization," she said. "(Open Lands) provides as an organization to land owners who want to preserve open space, and we've seen great progress in those land owners who are interested in conservation."

Fischer, who has been with Open Lands since its inception, said she views the work as something of sentimental purpose as well. She said she has a passion for preserving land as a way of helping to "shape a community" after having grown up with a horse and appreciating the wildlife that inhabited the land where she was able to spend time riding.

"I think we sometimes don't see the direct correla-

tion between the wildlife and our lifestyle," she said.

"(Natural environments) had an impact on my childhood, and on my character, and so what I enjoy most is the fact that we are helping to preserve some of those memories and values that shape our community," she said. "Preserving the legacy for the next generation is what inspires this kind of work."

And that work continues for the award recipients. Within the past month, Utah Open Lands announced it had raised \$900,000 required to purchase and preserve 256 acres of pine and aspen forest at Killyon Canyon, just minutes from downtown Salt Lake.

"We look forward to seeing what (Open Lands) will accomplish in the next 20 years," Cockett said.

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## Cupcake bakery tempts Logan with sweet treats

By CHELSEE NIEBERGALL  
staff writer

Almond Joys, Cookies n' Cream and Kit Kat aren't only candy bars—they are cupcakes, too.

Sweet Temptations bakery takes every flavor imaginable and packs it into one delicious cupcake. They serve six every-day flavors as well as some unique flavors.

Owners Taylor and Derek McMurdie, who opened Sweet Temptations May 9, have a wide variety of unique flavors including strawberry lemonade, pina colada, banana split and chocolate mint.

"We came up with the idea ourselves," Taylor McMurdie said. "I was going to be the baker but then I remember that I'm not a good cook! So my husband is the baker and I am his assistant."

The McMurdies owned a few other businesses, including a salon and a hunting club, before they opened Sweet Temptations.

"Opening a business is a big production. Though we have done it a few times, it is still a lot of work," McMurdie said.

And work is exactly what it took to open Sweet Temptations. Derek constructed the whole inside of the bakery, from installing the wood floor to the detailed woodwork on the counters. He also spent a year perfecting his cake recipes.

Derek learned how to cook from his grandmother, who he said is a good cook herself. He goes into the bakery every morning at 6:30 to ensure his cupcakes are baked fresh daily.

"My husband is really a go-to guy, he does it all," McMurdie said.

Most of Sweet Temptations' business comes from in-store sales. However, they do cater weddings, birthdays and other events. The catering

business has started to speed up in the past couple of months for the bakery, McMurdie stated.

Last week, the bakery was preparing for a big wedding. McMurdie said it was so comical trying to get everything ready, she thought they could be on the Food Network show "Cupcake Wars".

"Customer service is a big thing here. We take the time to really get to know our customers and make it a fun experience," McMurdie said.

"It's a really fun environment to work in. Also, I have been to cupcake bakeries in New York and Sweet Temptation's cupcakes are different than anything I have ever had," said Mel Maudsley, an employee at Sweet Temptations.

McMurdie said this is because Sweet Temptations bakes from scratch and makes fresh cupcakes every day. They use unbleached flour that is enriched with vitamins and minerals and use only the best ingredients for their cupcakes.

"We are actually doing a lot better than I thought we would," McMurdie said. "There were people waiting for us to open and we even have people from Salt Lake come to try our cupcakes."

Becky Olsen, cupcake enthusiast and food blogger, said she noticed a trend in cupcake shops when she moved back to Provo from New York in 2008.

"Sure I'd loved cupcakes before, but my eyes were opened to the cupcake culture. I was living, eating and breathing in the cupcake Mecca," Olsen said.

Since the start of Olsen's blog, [utahlovescupcakes.com](http://utahlovescupcakes.com), "cupcakeries"—as they are called in the trade—have popped up on the map from St. George to Ogden and now to Logan with Sweet Temptations bakery.

These bakeries have everything from mini-



**TAYLOR MCMURDIE, CO-OWNER** of Sweet Temptations, shows off its cupcakes. The bakery opened in May and has been serving Logan unique creations ever since. ANI MIRZAKHANYAN photo

cupcakes, vegan cupcakes, gluten-free cupcakes and now cupshakes, cupcakes blended into a shake, Olsen said.

"I travel all over the United States to try new cupcakeries and though I may be a bit biased, I'd say Utah is one of the best places to get a cupcake," Olsen said.

Olsen said she has tried about six different flavors from Sweet Temptations, and black n'

white and vanilla squared are her favorites.

"I think what separates Temptation's cupcakes from the rest is their light frosting. I like how it is not too sweet, it doesn't bog you down. It was refreshing to find a cupcakerie that doesn't kill your palate with loads of sweetness," Olsen said.

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## Chase Fine Arts center gets a much-needed facelift

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Once, during a "Thriller" production at the Kent Concert Hall, a dancer got a 5-inch sliver in her foot from the splitting stage planks, a student stage technician said.

Ben Bielefeld, a senior majoring in sound design, said the recent upgrades to the hall are a "huge upgrade in safety and aesthetics."

The Chase Fine Arts Center was built in 1967 and little has been updated since then, said Jarrod Larsen, director of production services for the Caine College of the Arts.

However, due to safety issues, the Kent Concert Hall and many other aspects of the Fine Arts Center have been updated over the summer, and there are many more to come, Larsen said. He said the changes are independent of the new college formation.

Larsen said the stage in the concert hall was made out of maple planking and wore out to the point where it couldn't hold up a piano.

"We had to identify holes in the stage with caution tape so we could maneuver pianos around them," Larsen said. "We still lost some upright pianos and it was not somewhere you'd have walked in high heels."

The college has been lobbying the state legislature for maintenance money to fix the safety concerns for the past 10 years. They finally received approximately \$750,000 last year, Larsen said.

Shaina Runolfson, also a stage technician and senior majoring in stage management, said, "There were at least 20 sections of yellow caution tape we had to move pianos around and it was hard to keep it clean. The new stage is great; it is black, so it is a little more theatrical than the previous wood color."

Runolfson also said the new "mouseholes", or tracking, allows cables to be run under the stage, not over it.

"It was dangerous having cords running over stage during a show. We had to tape and carpet them," Runolfson said.

Another problem that has been fixed were airflow problems. Larsen said when fog and haze effects were used on stage for a show, the smoke would escape to the hall because of the poor design. This made for poor visibility backstage and in the halls as well as the problem of the effects setting off smoke detectors.

To remedy the problem, airlocks were put on the doors to keep smoke from getting out. The seals also block sound and light so the hall is isolated, which is better for shows and classes, Larsen said.

Another major concern was American Disabilities Act issues. Larsen said there was not enough handicap-seating, so a new section for wheelchairs was added. Before the renovations, handrails ran down the middle of aisles, making them not wide enough for a wheelchair. Now the rails run on the sides of the aisles.

The changes haven't been simple, Larsen said, but a little like "If you give a mouse a cookie" in the sense that if one thing was taken out and fixed, another thing had to be taken out and fixed as well to avoid complications later on incomplete projects.

"The college does not have the money to fix some things now and have to re-fix them later to fix something different," Larsen said. "Anything we are doing now, we won't be able to do for another 40 years."

For example, pulling out the handrails caused damage to the carpet, so it had to be replaced. When the carpet was pulled out, this exposed access to the aisle lights, which were energy inefficient and inadequate, with bulbs lasting only three months.

Larsen said the new lights are LED and much brighter and efficient; the lights will now last for 11 years.

"While it is safety driven, the hall has a whole new look and feel, especially getting rid of the orange carpets and seats," Larsen said.

When the stage planks were replaced, the floors were "sprung," creating give for dancers.

Larsen said, "If wood sits right on top of concrete, there is no give, causing shin splints for dancers."

The Kent Concert Hall renovations are not the only ones. Another project in the works is a café for the building. The café will go to where the vending area is. USU dining services will run the café, Larsen said.

Larsen said they found that most students in the building spend 30 hours a week there, and that is about 4,000 students. "There is nowhere to eat here. Students have to leave and

come back, and sometimes they just don't eat," Larsen said.

Runolfson started a committee to get signatures to petition for the café.

She said, "I want a café so bad. I was part of the beginning of this project. Today, I haven't left since 8 a.m., and many nights I don't leave until 11 because of shows. I just want a hot bowl of something or a cup of coffee."

But the mouse-cookie scenario has struck again. As the ceiling and wall was torn out to make room for the café, problems with electrical and fire alarm systems were exposed, Larsen said. This has set the project back from its August completion date to January.

Funding has come from renting the venues at the center, and some from the student music and theatre fee. Larsen said this fee makes music and theatre programs free to students, as well as helps with the update costs. So far, \$18,000 from the fee is going towards the café.

"The administrative fee committee decided the café was

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**BEN BIELEFELD AND SHAINA RUNOLFSON**, stage technicians, stand in front on the stage in the Chase Fine Arts Center. Many portions of the center have been remodeled, including the addition of a café in the vending area. BENJAMIN WOOD photo



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# 'The Switch' just another chick flick

"The Switch" wasn't good enough for me to start this review with a full blast of excitement and exaggeration, but it was not bad or boring enough for me to go on a rant about how terrible each aspect of the movie was.

So, here lies "The Switch," smack-dab in the middle of mediocrity and magnificence. In short, it was good. Well, as good as any ordinary chick-flick could be.

Kassie (Jennifer Aniston) is a single woman and movie producer whose biological clock is no longer merely ticking but ringing like a fire alarm, impossible to ignore.

Kassie has come to the conclusion that she is no longer going to wait around for Mr. Right in order to mother a child of her own. This, of course, could only mean one thing, artificial insemination—just forget about adopting starving children in developing countries.

Her neurotic best friend, Wally (Jason Bateman), is the first to find out and is not exactly jumping with joy when he



hears the news. Stuck in the friend zone for more than 13 years, Wally is hit by a giant pile of reality, gets a little tipsy and spills the designated donor's ... um, donation. He is then forced—so it would seem, under the influence—to "refill" the baby-making formula.

Fast forward seven years: Kassie has a son, and as for Wally, well, nothing really changed. Wally decides to step out of his comfort zone to reveal his long-held secret and buried feelings. POOF! You've got yourself a predictable chick-flick.

The Switch was not quite an original idea but it still differed from similar movies like Baby Mama and The Backup Plan. It was not as hilarious as the Tina Fey-Amy Poehler combo, or a waste of time and money like J-Lo's latest, and it did have a little something for everybody: humor, mystery and romance.

When a movie is really well-done, I don't feel like I am just another person sitting in a audience watching a piece of moving art for two hours. I become so consumed in the story that I forget I am in a movie theater at all.

Such an effect was minimal in "The Switch." There was nothing bad about it, but there just was not anything that made this romantic comedy stick out among the others.

The acting was great however, I will give it that. Jennifer Aniston has become a successful actress not because of

how long she has been in the business but because she is actually good at what she does, and getting better.

As for Jason Bateman, who I've only otherwise seen in Juno, he was rather refreshing. A little irrational behavior and an interesting sense of humor added to Wally's character and gave this film an extra boost.

But without the adorable little actor Thomas Robinson, the film would be nothing but mediocre. Thomas played the role of Sebastian, Kassie's son. Also a little neurotic, he collects picture frames but keeps the original pictures in them. That's right, the fake family model photos. He does this because he does not have much of a family so he pretends those people in the frames are his. Precious, I know.

Being a child actor usually only goes one of two ways; you got the job because you are cute or you got the job because you have talent. Thomas mastered both, and once his big, brown doe-eyes met the screen for the first time, I was sucked in and he wasn't letting go.

Yes, it is a chick-flick, but men can enjoy this rom-com, too. The Switch is a simple feature film that has a lot to offer. Men, if you do not believe me, then at least take your girlfriend to see it. That will get you some bonus points, and even more if you cry!

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# Science fiction genre has much to offer, including 'For Us, The Living'

Over the past decade or so, the science fiction and fantasy genres have broken out of the obscurity of things geeks read. They have now merged into the mainstream world over the last decade or so with phenomena like Harry Potter and Twilight.

Helped along by book-to-movie successes like "The Time Traveler's Wife" and the most recent Star Trek film, the entertainment value of formerly nerds-only reading material has begun to gain recognition from the masses, and more importantly, the average reader.

One of the my favorite science fiction authors, Robert A. Heinlein, wrote his first novel in 1938, but it didn't see shelves for over 60 years, passed over in favor of books like "Time Enough for Love," "Starship Troopers" and eventual cult-classic "Stranger in a Strange Land."

In 2003, 15 years after Heinlein's death, acclaimed sci-fi writer Spider Robinson uncovered the buried treasure chest that is the almost-ironically titled "For Us, The Living: A Comedy of Customs," with a foreword Robinson wrote himself.

While living, Heinlein wrote this story of a young engineer in what was then the present, who suffers an accident and wakes up in the year 2086. After his death, the book was a time capsule of immeasurable value.

Not only does the book contain little hints of what Heinlein would later develop into full-length novels of their



own, it contains great insight into the development of science fiction as a story-telling mechanism and a genre.

As a fan of Heinlein's work, it made me giddy with excitement to catch sight of what would later be and yet already was while reading, but as a reader and a critic, it was something else entirely.

The title "For Us, The Living," implies that the story is meant for all those navigating the waters of life, author included – ironic, then, that it was published long after his life was over. It leaves a spooky, message-from-beyond-the-grave feeling about the entire thing, especially after reading Robinson's profound foreword.

The novel follows the chronologically challenged engineer, Perry, as he attempts to navigate life, not just as a human being, but as a newcomer to a world he doesn't understand and yet must immediately accept in all its crass, new-fangled, strange and awesome glory.

It has humorous moments, involving the uninhibited woman who finds Perry and takes him in, her cat and many other aspects that the future Perry encounters, as well as profound moments touching on themes of utopia and feminism.

Perry eventually requires psychiatric assistance to come to terms with the changes from his time to the one he lands in after punching a friend of his host in a fit of jealousy. He must come to terms with a zero-tolerance violence policy as well as what were, at the time the book was written, radical concepts like womens' freedom to choose a career or the lack of marriage as an institution.

Robinson himself has said the book reads more like a series of lectures or essays rather than a popular novel, and this should be kept in mind when reading. It was originally rejected by publishers – for a good reason because it is not his best work – but many great novels blossomed out of it.

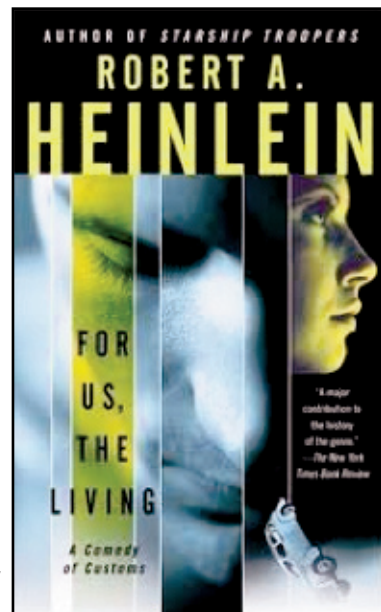
I benefited a great deal from reading this slowly over time rather than devouring it like I do with most sci-fi I pick up. The subtle message for me, the living, came through much more clearly here than it does in a lot of similarly themed novels written for mass entertainment. It is well worth the patience needed to find Heinlein's message for you, the living.

This novel is not an undertaking for the casual reader. It is part entertainment, part history lesson, part cultural commentary, which are all valuable and deeply fascinating, but not necessarily in the 'fun' category.

If a heavier novel is not your thing, or you are too busy to take it on right now, there are a lot of great sci-fi options that can ease you into the genre or entertain even the seasoned reader.

Try the new "Leviathan" by the aforementioned Westerfeld, classics like writers Orson Scott Card (Ender's Game, et. al) and Isaac Asimov (I, Robot), or the highly underrated Ursula K. Le Guin, who wrote a brilliant dream-turned-reality novel called "The Lathe of Heaven."

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# Benefit concert brings western music to USU

By COLBY MOWER  
guest writer

Local western music star Brenn Hill from Hooper, Utah played a concert at the Taggart Student Center Tuesday night. The concert ended with the College of Agriculture donating all the proceeds of the concert to help with the cancer treatment of Hill's son.

Hill has a young son undergoing brain stem cancer treatment. A fund has been set up to help cancer patients, called "Team Briggs." The donation came as a big surprise to Hill, who had no idea the concert was being held to help with his son's cancer.

"I really appreciate being back in Cache Valley and USU and you guys are so good to me," he said after receiving the donation.

When Hill was called back onto the stage after the concert and told of its real purpose, he said he was very thankful to the College of Agriculture and all those who came to the concert.

Hill was not the only one that got something that night. All the people that came to the concert had a night full of entertainment and western music. Hill described his music as western because it embodied the western lifestyle and, as he phrased it, "cowboy music."

He has unique songs that cover a wide range of topics, from drug cartels in "The Ballard of Ed Cantrell," to love, in "Hell on Yer Women." He also tapped into the different emotions of the crowd with comical songs like "Caffeine," to a theme song of his son's cancer treatment and the trials that come with it in "Monster on Your Back".

Because of his ties to the west, many people in the audience felt a strong connection to the songs.

Many of the people in attendance voiced a positive opinion of the Hill and his concert.

"He is one of my favorite artists," said Eric Olsen, director of the Taggart Student Center.

Hill's concert was opened by USU student Sarah Olsen, a music therapy major who sings country music and released her first CD last May.

Olsen is also a songwriter and was able to share some of her songs with the audience. She said she has been involved with music for more than five years and is inspired by a number of different things. For example, she said one of her songs came to her after riding her horse, which prompted her to write a song about being close to land called "Going Home."



**BRENN HILL SIGNED** autographs for members of the audience at the concert last Tuesday. The proceeds of the concert went to the cancer treatment of Hill's son. *photo courtesy of COURTNEY RHODES*

# Salsabration shows off Latino musical styles

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

LOGAN, UT – The Latino Student Union at Utah State University is hosting a concert, followed by a dance, to display native Latino music through instrumentalists, musicians and USU dancers.

The cultural showcase is presented in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom at USU, Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available in the TSC Card Office, Room 212, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, \$25 for a group of six and \$2 for a ticket to the dance only. Tickets are also available at Rita's Market and La Rancheria.

Entertainment will include Los Hermanos de los Andes, an instrumentalist group performing traditional Peruvian music. Their instruments, including pipes and drums, date back to Incan civilization. Mariachi Zavala, singing traditional folk music, will also perform. Zavala's performance will celebrate Mexico's 200th anniversary of its independence through song. Dancing salsa, the USU ballroom dance team, will add to the cultural event, as well as USU's Folklorico dancers, who will be performing Latin cultural dances.

A dance follows the concert in the Taggart Student International/Sunburst Lounge from 9 p.m. to midnight. The Latino Student Union promotes Latin cultural awareness at USU and throughout the community. Along with promoting awareness, it provides support to other student and community entities.

Those attending can receive \$1 off the concert, or just the dance, with a canned food donation. The food drive supports the USU Student Food Pantry Program. (The discount excludes group ticket purchase.)

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# Aggy's has good eats as well as good seats

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A sports bar, for those unaware, is a restaurant specifically designed to watch sports games and enjoy good food. They have a large television that sits in the middle of the room over the bar area. It has 3 different screens, for optimal viewing for everyone in the restaurant. The booths are all semi-circles facing the screens.

Why watch the game on the small television your roommate brought from home? Head over to Aggy's and watch it life-size!

Good service can make or break your dining out experience. Aggy's has their service staff ready and willing to help. Living in a college town as we do, the service team is young and full of energy. They are very knowledgeable about the menu and know which items you cannot miss. They are always ready to help and give a recommendation when you ask.

"The service was great! I never had to ask for refills, and the burger she told me to get was delicious," said USU sophomore Troy Butterfield.

Aggy's is a great place to take a bunch of friends and watch your favorite football team. Going on right now, every Monday they have "Monday Night Football" night. You can watch the Monday night game on the big screen and be entered in the chance to win a team helmet! This is going on now, so go and check it out!

They also have a game day deal for Utah State football games. If they Aggies score meets the "points plateau," 20 points, Aggy's gives you a free burger and fries with any other entree purchased.

A deal you need to take advantage of right now is their Grand Opening Special week. Through Sept. 19, Aggy's has a different special each night for everyone that comes in to celebrate their opening. They are also doing prize giveaways and drawings.

They have running deals that go on throughout the week, happy hour for half-priced appetizers, and Tuesday drafts. Aggy's food tastes great, but you can also get a great deal as well!

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# 'Mafia 2,' nothing new

"Mafia 2" is out in stores, and if you've been waiting for this one, there is good news as well as bad news. The good news is: the game is fun. The bad news: it is nothing special.



**"Mafia 2"**  
**Grade: C-**  
**Gaming Review**  
**BILLY HARLOW**

Having shootouts in bars, finding a mobster dismembering your friend, and going to brothels to try your luck with the ladies are all great times. But, the game is definitely lacking in areas and feels repetitive.

Mafia 2 casts you as Vito Scaletta, a young Italian who returns from WWII to find his mother and sister owe money to a loan shark. Vito decides he does not want a sub-par life in the slums and goes down the organized crime route to make ends meet. You will be with Vito as he whacks dudes, steals cars, tries on new outfits, and turns into a bona fide gangster.

All of this is going on in Empire Bay, a New York-esque town packed with all the things that makes New York the way it is. Empire Bay looks like an open world map; one with missions and quests for you to accomplish with Vito. It isn't. You'll have one mission at one time and it is always one that moves the main story forward.

Mafia 2 is a game built around the main storyline and doesn't give you freedom to do much else. Is this a terrible thing? Of course not, it's just something worth pointing out, because I don't want you thinking it's like the Grand Theft Auto series.

It's a shame, because I felt they could have made a much better game if they went in the open-world direction. But don't get me wrong, I liked the storyline and what it had to offer. I just wish I could affect it more and put my own personal touch on it.

The snag is, the story is the most entertaining part of the game. I felt like everything between the cut-scenes was just stiff and monotonous, made to get me to the next one.

The mechanics of Mafia 2 are pretty much

those of a basic third-person shooter. You have a bunch of guns and you kill everybody so you can move on. Mafia 2 demands that you crouch behind objects, pop out and shoot, and then go back to cover so you can regain health.

The cover system is pretty smooth, which is nice. Most of the time you just move forward gunning down anything in the way.

The fight scenes feel stiff, the aiming is unnatural and I never have a good time waiting for my health to regenerate. The gun-play isn't terrible, its just not that interesting.

Mafia 2 also struggles with pacing the storyline. There are great moments, like when you're driving a dead body in your car to go hide. But there are mundane parts where you watch Vito pick up the phone and stare at the wall like a robot.

You will finish a mission on one side of the town, have to drive your car all the way home to park it, walk inside your apartment building, walk to your bed, and go to sleep. Nothing essential happens in this time at all.

Police in Mafia 2 can be interestingly aggressive and annoyingly painstaking. The game cops will report your license plate or clothing description, and then it's up to you to switch your license plate or outfit. Other times they'll be stopping you for speeding or fender benders, time-consuming stops that don't affect the storyline.

Mafia 2 is an interesting mobster tale with some great voice-acting and cool cut-scenes, but be prepared for a pretty standard third-person shooter in the gameplay department. The "take cover, kill everyone, do it again" mechanic bored me, but it didn't let me down either.

Overall it was an entertaining game that I didn't expect much of, and got what I asked for. It doesn't take very long to beat and there are not any special features to the game that would make you play it after you beat the storyline, so I would recommend renting the game rather than buy it.

**Positives-** Cutscenes, voice acting, and standard gangster fun.

**Negatives-** Wasted travel time, annoying cops, and mundane fight scenes.

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## Center: Renovation ongoing

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the priority for funding this year. As a total, we are looking at roughly \$98,000, right now we have \$40,000," Larsen said.

Dining services has developed a menu that will be unique to the building as well as hours that will better match the schedule of students, like the 60-70 students in the symphony orchestra who are in the building until midnight, according to Larsen.

When and if funding becomes available in the future, other renovations include bringing the building up to code for seismic activity as well as fire and electrical safety issues.

"We'd like to update to current standards. We don't have to, but we should. The ceilings for example don't meet code, they are just safe enough," Larsen said.

Currently, the building does not have enough restrooms. However, there is not anywhere to put them, an addition would have to be built, Larsen said. Also, the fine arts center's electrical service is capped out, and can't add any more plugs without taking from other places.

"Right now we have some computer needs, but back in '67 they did not have a lot of computers," Larsen said. The sum of all renovations for the center would be approximately \$17-20 million, he said.

"These updates are not exactly sexy since it is all about things behind walls, but these projects make our center safer," Larsen said.

*The Fine Arts Center is installing a Cafe. This is a sample of what the menu may include.*

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**UTAH STATE RUNNING BACK MICHAEL SMITH** breaks a tackle in the backfield during Saturday's 38-17 win against Idaho State. Smith, who had 86 yards on 12 carries against Idaho State on Saturday, will team up with fellow running back Kerwynn Williams and Derrvin Speight when the Aggies take on Fresno State. **TODD JONES** photo

## USU to hold-National Anthem tryouts

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State Athletics will be holding open try-outs for individuals interested in singing the Star Spangled Banner at Aggie Athletic home events on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.

Each performance is limited to two minutes or less. Selected performers will have a chance to perform the National Anthem at a variety of Utah State Athletic sporting events, including volleyball, gymnastics and men and women's basketball.

The tryouts will be held on the third floor of the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Individuals interested in auditioning need to enter the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum from the west side, where parking will also be available.

For more information or for questions, please contact Shanell Titensor at 208-206-9412 with the Aggie Athletics Marketing Office.

## USU hosting major Volleyball tournament this weekend

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State's women's volleyball team will host Loyola Marymount, UC Riverside and Utah Valley in its inaugural Utah State Invitational, sponsored by Gossner Foods, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18.

Utah State will begin the Utah State Invitational on Friday at 10 a.m., against Loyola Marymount followed by a match against Utah Valley Friday night at 7 p.m. USU will then conclude the tournament against UC Riverside on Saturday at 12 p.m. In other matches at the Utah State Invitational on Friday, UC Riverside will play Utah Valley at 12:30 p.m., and Loyola Marymount will play UC Riverside at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, Utah Valley and Loyola

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# Aggies gear up for first WAC challenge

By ADAM NETTINA  
sports editor

If football head coach Gary Andersen was still celebrating his team's 38-17 win over Idaho State during his weekly Monday morning press conference, he sure wasn't letting on to it. Not yet 48 hours removed from the dominating offensive and defensive performance, Andersen was already looking toward the next challenge for Utah State (1-1), which will take on the Fresno State Bulldogs (1-0) Saturday.

"With Fresno State, to put it quite simply, the path gets quite tougher this week without question," Andersen said. "They are an improved football team from last year, and I thought they were really good last year."

Fresno State went 8-5 in 2009, winning seven of nine games to close out the season en route to a bowl appearance. The Bulldogs beat the Aggies 31-27 in Fresno last season, but if the first week of this year's college football season is any indication, than Andersen may be right on the mark.

Fresno State had no game this week, but was nothing

short of dominant in their season opener two weeks ago, beating Cincinnati 28-14. The Bulldogs were effective

receivers on offense, as well as an aggressive pass rush of defense.

"I thought their quarter-

Andersen is especially concerned with Fresno State's defensive line, which had eight sacks in the season

the WAC and National defensive player of the week after his week one outing, when he notched 3.5 sacks and 4.5 tackles for a loss. Together with Carter and the rest of the Bulldog defense, Harrell kept Cincinnati off the scoreboard in the second half, and allowed only 15 rushing yards on the night.

"They are very solid up front," Andersen added. "I would say that it is one of the best front-fours that we will face all year."

Andersen should know. As the Aggies' defensive line coach as well as head coach, he's familiar with just how important it is to create havoc for opposing offensive lines. Andersen called USU's own offensive line play "average" following last Saturday's game, and said that the team will likely have to double-team Fresno defensive end Chris Carter if the Aggies are to protect quarterback Diondre Borel this Saturday.

"You have to be in a position sometimes to double-team (Carter)," Andersen said. "You have to try and tweak the game plan for how he plays, when he tries to get up

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## Quick hits: Fresno State at Utah State



(1-0, 0-0)

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By ADAM NETTINA  
sports editor



(1-1, 0-0)

**Setting the Stage:** The Fresno State Bulldogs roll into Logan with a 1-0 record after defeating Cincinnati in the season opener and a bye last weekend. Fresno is led by quarterback Ryan Colburn, who threw four touchdown passes to four different receivers in the 28-14 win over Cincinnati. The Bulldogs are ranked No. 27 in the country and have defeated Utah State the past three seasons, although in close games. The Aggies are coming off a 38-17

win at home against Idaho State a week after nearly upsetting the Oklahoma Sooners. Saturday's game should be especially intriguing for both teams, as it will be played just days after the announcement that the WAC will seek legal action against the Bulldogs for leaving the conference.

**When Fresno State has the ball:** Expect the Bulldogs to come out with a balanced attack which will attempt to utilize

the run to open up the passing game. Fresno State teams have traditionally relied on a solid running game (last year's offense was anchored by current NFL player Ryan Matthews) to open up plays down-field, and despite struggling against Cincinnati in establishing the run game (49 yards on 30 carries), coach Pat Hill's team isn't likely to give up on the ground

opener. The Bulldogs are led by former first team All-WAC defensive end Chris Carter and defensive tackle Logan Harrell. Harrell was named

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# Women's rugby ready to start hitting Saturday

By BLAZE BULLOCK  
staff writer

Utah State University's women's rugby team kicks off its season this Saturday at 11 a.m. against the Salt Lake Slugs in Murray, Utah.

Hannah Turner, head coach for the Aggies, said the girls will have to play to their strengths if they want to beat the Slugs.

"We're definitely going to have to depend on our fitness," Turner said. "Experience is great, but you also need fitness."

Turner said she thinks the Aggies, will be in better shape than the Slugs because most of the players on the Salt Lake-based team are alumni of USU and in their 30's or 40's and have a lot of previous experience.

Being in better shape than the Slugs will be critical if USU's club team wants to leave Murray with a victory. The Aggies have about 30 players on the roster and only nine of those players were on the team last season. The game versus the Slugs will be a learning experience for the Aggies because so many of USU's players haven't played together, or played the game at all.

"The first game is always a learning experience just because rugby is such a foreign sport to so many people," Turner said. "You realize the

fast pace of the game and the level of intensity that's required where there are no timeouts, there are no huddles, there are no breaks."

Turner said the Slugs will be a good team for the Aggies to play at the beginning of the season because the two teams have a good relationship with one another.

"We have a very good relationship with the Salt Lake Slugs," she said. "Rugby is such a great little community where the other team will recognize that for a lot of people it's their first game. And so we'll actually be able to break things down and say 'you just got laid out, here's why.'"

In spite of USU's youth and inexperience, Turner said the Aggies "definitely" have a chance to beat the Slugs.

Last season, USU's injury-riddled team won less than half of its games. Turner, a senior, was among those injured last season, suffering from tears in her ACL and meniscus. Turner said she expects the team to do better than they did last year because of senior team captain Shannan Woolley. Woolley, who is one of the few players returning from last season, said she's looking forward to the team's first game of the fall.

"I'm always excited for a rugby game," said Woolley, who dislocated her thumb last season. Turner also said she's looking forward to the

**"It's always fun... Whether you're getting laid out, you're laying someone else out, or you're just watching people get laid out. It's always a good time"**

Hannah Turner,  
rugby player



**THE UTAH STATE WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM** practices on the HPER field on Tuesday afternoon. The team is young and untested, but not lacking in talent. They will play their first game this Saturday when they take on the Salt Lake Slugs in Murray, Utah. **ADAM NETTINA** photo

game. "I mean, it's always fun," said Turner. "Whether you're getting laid out, you're laying someone else out, or you're just watching people get laid out. It's always a good time."

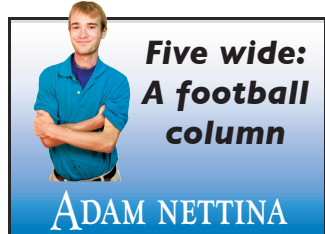
Woolley and Turner agreed on what the single best aspect of rugby is – tackling. Turner

elaborated a bit further on why tackling is her favorite part of the game.

"You'll know it when you hit the right spot," said Turner. "It's just knocking the wind out of them when their back hits the ground."

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# James Madison exposes game's dirty little secret



**Five wide:**  
**A football column**

ADAM NETTINA

It didn't take long for the Facebook message statuses and twitter posts to light up following Virginia Tech's 21-16 loss to James Madison last Saturday. Even before the final second ticked off in the game, fans and media members alike were shooting the "LOLZ @ VIRGINIA TECH" messages and proclaiming this upset among the greatest in college football history. Unheard of, they said, that the Atlantic Coast Conference favorite should lose to James Madison. We were wrong all along, they claimed, to assume that Virginia Tech was "for real."

That the ACC laid a collective egg on Saturday - with its highest profile teams, Miami (FL) and Florida State going down to national powers Ohio State and Oklahoma, respectively - didn't help the case for the Hokies, who went into week two as the No. 13 team in the nation. Neither did it help the case for Boise State, which garnered eight first place Associated Press votes in the week two Top 25 poll after beating the Hokies 33-30 the week before. That game, which had for months been talked up as a clash of legitimate national title contenders, appears to be "just another" good game now that the Hokies have been "exposed" by James Madison, which as a Football Championship Subdivision team (FCS) was never expected to knock off an FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision) power like Virginia Tech.

But JMU's win, while historic, shouldn't have been completely unexpected. If anything was exposed in the Dukes' win, it was the strength of the top FCS teams, not the lack of national staying power of a program like Virginia Tech.

Call it the "dirty little secret" of college football, if you will. At least that's what JMU head coach Mickey Matthews was calling it after

Saturday's upset.

"The dirty little secret is the top six to eight teams at our level can play with anyone," said the Dukes coach, who led JMU to a FCS National Championship in 2004. "I don't know if we're a Top 25 team on the FBS level, but I'm sure we're better than Virginia Tech wanted us to be. They needed to play somebody they could dominate."

Matthews isn't just singing the praises of his own program. For anyone thinking that his team's win came over a dead-in-the-water, overrated Virginia Tech team, I have news for you: you're dead wrong. Sure, Virginia Tech may not be the national title contender we thought they'd be two weeks into the season, but that doesn't mean the Hokie ship has sunk.

At least that wasn't the case last season, when the then No. 22 Iowa Hawkeyes needed two consecutive blocked field goals to secure a 17-16 win over Northern Iowa - another "lesser" FCS team which nevertheless finds itself in the FCS playoffs on an annual basis. While panic struck out across the heartland after Iowa's near disaster, the Hawkeyes recovered for the season, winning 10 of their last 12 games, including a 24-14 victory over Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

If the example of the 2009 Iowa team doesn't prove Moore's point to you, perhaps recent history of FCS upsets will. We all know about Michigan's unthinkable 2007 upset at the hands of Appalachian State during the first week of the 2007 season, but consider some of the upsets we've seen already during the 2010 season. Virginia Tech wasn't the only Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team to fall to an FCS on Saturday. In addition to Jacksonville State upsetting Mississippi 49-48 and North Dakota State knocking off Kansas 6-3 in week one, Saturday saw Minnesota fall 41-38 to South Dakota and Liberty beating Ball State 27-23.

Why so many upsets?

I used to write a college football blog called

"Pitch Right," and in a post on it two years ago, I speculated that upsets like James Madison's would become more commonplace in the coming years. Working solely off of a rudimentary, if not totally misplaced, conception of economics learned from my Advanced Placement class in high school, I hypothesized that an influx in high school football participation had provided a supply of FBS capable prospects that had outpaced the demand for their services at the FBS level. To put it another way, my theory of "Competitive parity in Division 1 football as it relates to inter-subdivision play" held that the FBS allotment of scholarships per team (85) was insufficient to given the amount of high school prospects currently in the market, and that when given the choice to walk-on to an FBS program or accept an FCS scholarship, more and more players were choosing the latter. This dynamic, I speculated, had been in the work for several years, and was why we were seeing (and continue to see) a ripple effect with an increase in upsets.

Not to go all Nostradamus on you, but according to Matthews, my prediction is ringing true.

So, are upsets like James Madison's here to stay? For the time being, I think they are. With more and more FBS caliber players on FCS rosters thanks to the imbalance of supply (not to mention transfers) in the talent pool, the top teams at the "lower" level of Division I will continue to put the scare in FBS teams looking for an easy win. It's a dynamic that makes each Saturday a new adventure for college football fans, and one which gives fans of small schools everywhere the chance to celebrate their teams accomplishments on the sport's grandest stage.

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## Hits: gameday

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game. "Our offensive linemen take a lot of pride in what they do. And I'll tell you what, they're not too happy with the result," Hill told the Fresno Bee following the game, which saw quarterback Ryan Colburn complete 75% of his passes and no interceptions. "We'll get back down to basics with the offensive line and get back into a good, hard-nosed groove of running the football." If Fresno can do that against USU, expect the play-action pass the open up downfield, where receivers Jamel Hamler and Rashad Evans could cause headaches for the USU secondary.

**When USU has the ball:** Look for USU offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin to employ more diversity than the United Nations when the Aggie offense takes to the field. The Aggies were extremely balanced last weekend against the Bengals, rushing for 275 yards and passing for 267. Once more, USU ran and threw the ball out of numerous formations ranging from heavy sets with two tight ends and two backs to wide open, five wide receiver sets that tested the Bengals' ability to compete in the open field with the Aggie athletes. With three solid options at running back, look for USU to rotate players frequently, and attempt to tire out Fresno's defense with an up-tempo attack. USU will likely attempt to neutralize Fresno State's aggressive pass rush through a number of means, including read-option plays and quick screens.

**X-factor:** Utah State offensive tackle Spencer Johnson. It's not often that fans think of an offensive lineman as a "game changer," but that's exactly what Johnson could become against Fresno State. As the rock who will guard Diondre Borel's blind side against Fresno defensive end Chris Carter, Johnson will have to use his quick feet and strong hands to keep the All-WAC defensive end away from his quarterback. Carter had three sacks against Cincinnati, and is the kind of player who is almost always double teamed by opposing teams. Yet with the rise of Logan Harrell (3.5 sacks against Cincinnati) at defensive tackle, it's a pick-your-poison proposition to defending Borel for Baldwin, who may need to ask the four-year starter to go it alone against one of the nation's quickest and most feared defenders.

**Crunching Numbers:** Just how committed will Fresno State be to establishing a running game? When you consider that the Bulldogs have had a 1,000-yard rusher in 12 of the past 15 seasons, last week's performance starts to give some clarity to Hill's statements about needing to reestablish a physical presence up front ... While the Bulldogs have won three straight in the series, Fresno State has won just three of eleven games on the road against USU in the all-time series. That said, Fresno State is 10-3 in WAC season openers under Hill, including 4-1 in openers on the road.

**Statesman Prediction:** While it's only the third week in the season, this could very well be a "must win" game if the Aggies are to accomplish their team goal of getting to a bowl game this season. This week's game will tell USU fans if the team really has broken through. On paper, USU should struggle against Fresno's defensive line, while the USU secondary will have its hands full with Fresno State's wide receivers. Yet that's the same situation the Aggies found themselves in going into the game against Oklahoma, and the team nearly came away with the upset in that game. Behind Borel's legs, Andersen's aggressive defensive attitude and a little luck, the Aggies surprise the Bulldogs in this one.

## Challenge: early WAC test for USU

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the field. If you just let him come off the ball and go one-on-one, you are going to have some issues."

Given how effective Fresno's pass rush was in the opener, the Aggies are likely to try to attack the Bulldog defense on the ground. According to Aggie running back Kerwynn Williams, USU will be looking to exploit the aggressiveness of the Bulldog front four and establish the running game early.

"Everyone needs to know what they are doing, and know what way the run is going," said Williams, who ran for his first collegiate touchdown against Idaho State last Saturday. "If we can get that front-four blocked we can have a significant increase in rushing yards this

game. We just need to come out fast, and establish a run game early."

USU's players, especially the seniors, have extra motivation to beat Fresno State. While the Aggies have fallen short of beating the Bulldogs in each of the past three seasons, they've been close to pulling the upset more than once in that span. According to senior cornerback Curtis Marsh, the chance to upend the rival Bulldogs presents a real opportunity for Utah State to show it has arrived on the national scene.

"We haven't beaten them since I've been here and, as you know the last two games have been really close," Marsh said. "They are a real physical team, and they have been one of the best teams in our

conference for years. It is definitely a big game, and I am really looking forward to it, and playing well."

Marsh said the key to stopping Fresno State will be in stopping the run game and limiting Fresno State when it comes to taking advantage of play-action in the passing game - factors which ultimately undid Utah State's near upset bid last year.

"They always have a great running game, so we are defending the run first," Marsh said. "We need to be on our game when it comes to play action passes. That is how they hurt us the most last year, big plays on play action passes."

Marsh said the team will need to play mistake-free ball if it is to beat the Bulldogs. USU missed two potentially game-changing field goals against Fresno State is last year's four-point loss.

"If we can play well consistently against the run, and not give up the big runs, and eliminate mistakes like penalties and missed field goals, we will be in good position to win the game at the end," Marsh said.

Despite the challenges in facing Fresno, USU may have lucked out when it comes to this week's game. Fresno State head coach Pat Hill announced earlier this week that starting running back Robbie Rouse will not play in Saturday's game, and that sophomore running back A.J. Ellis will make his first career start in Rouse's place. Fresno will also be without big-play receiver Devon Wylie, whose ability to stretch the field would have tested the athleticism of USU's secondary.

Not that it's any consolation to Gary Andersen, who knows the challenge of defeating a perennial winner like Fresno State will take more than luck and injuries.

"The opportunity to have a team like Fresno State come into our place, and a team who is one of the best in our conference, you have to play very well to beat Fresno State," Andersen said.

"They kind of have the whole package going for them right now, and we will have to play very well to have the opportunity to win."

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**UTAH STATE RUNNING BACK KERWYNN WILLIAMS** breaks into the open field against Idaho State last Saturday. The sophomore running back should see plenty of action against Fresno State on Saturday as both a runner and return man. TODD JONES photo

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# Hockey team boiling over in experience, expectations

## Team starting what looks to be a promising season with weekend set against Boise State

By MATT SONNENBERG  
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Plain and simple, the goal for USU hockey this season is to make it to nationals. Featuring 16 returning players from a team that finished last season with a record of 23-5-1, along with seven players entering their final season in an Aggie uniform, the expectation is to compete at nationals, rather than come up short for a fifth straight season.

"I don't think we have any excuses this year to bow out in regionals," winger Kent Arsenault said. "Right now our goal is to aim for nationals for the number one spot."

That task will be a bit taller than normal during the 2010-2011 season with San Jose State, who plays in the same region as USU, will be hosting nationals, which affords them the luxury of an automatic bid to the tournament, regardless of final ranking. Because of this, an automatic bid will be awarded to only the No. 1 ranked team in the region at season's end, rather than the top two finishers, leaving the rest of the teams to battle it out in the regional tournament for the final two spots.

There seems to be little doubt, though, that this year's team is capable of getting back to nationals, despite the stakes being raised.

"This year, like every year, we're expecting big things," Arsenault said. "But I think we've got a little surprise coming for all the fans with the new core of guys we've got and the returning players."

Joining those 16 returning players will be 10 new members to the Utah State program

coming from as far away as Alaska and New York, as well as a few new Canadians being added into the mix that have head coach Jon Eccles optimistic as well.

"I'm pretty excited," Eccles said of the new players coming in for the 2010-2011 season. "They're all hard-working."

The influx of youth into the program also adds depth to the third and fourth lines of the team, an area that became one of concern a year ago when the injury bug bit the team.

"I really think we've got a good strong core back there, plus if injuries happen we're not going to be scrambling," Eccles said. "We've got enough guys to fall back on."

Aside from some quality youth, the Aggies return five players who racked up more than 55 points each a year ago in Arsenault, Billy Guthro, Tyler Mistelbacher, David Wyman and last year's leading scorer Brendon McDonald. Six other Aggies were responsible for at least 20 points during last season, all of whom return for 2010-2011.

In net the Aggies return last year's team leader in goals against average (3.10) in Dan Cornelius, and despite losing some depth with the graduation of goalie Greg Finatti, Eccles is confident that the depth along the blue line will take a lot of pressure of the goaltenders this season, as well as provide a jump-start to the offense. Arsenault went as far as to say that the defense is looking like the strongest aspect of the team at this point, particularly from the contributions of one newcomer singled out by both Arsenault and Eccles, defenseman Ty Johns.

"His presence in practice, it just shows what he's going to bring in games," Arsenault said. "You can just tell he's going



UTAH STATE'S KENT ARSENAULT and the rest of the USU hockey team are bringing high expectations into the 2010-2011 season along with 16 returning players and a solid core of incoming talent. Statesman file photo

to be smashing bodies around."

"We're really deep in the D-men," Eccles said. "That will help the forwards, too. With stronger D-men they'll all be able to break out quicker."

That quickness on the rush is another aspect of this team that everyone is anticipating as an upgrade this season.

Eccles said, "We'll be a much faster team

than we were last year. It'll be a much faster brand of hockey for us."

Utah State opens its season this weekend with a two-game set on the road against Boise State, before returning to Eccles Ice Center on Sept. 24 for the home opener against Weber State.

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## Volleyball: weekend tournament

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Marymount will play at 10 a.m.

Utah State is 10-0 on the season and ranked 28th in the nation after winning at Brigham Young in five sets in its last match. USU is off to its best start since the 1979 AIAW National Runner-up team won its first 11 matches of the season.

Utah State is led by junior outside hitter Liz McArthur who is hitting .313 and averaging 4.45 kills, 1.89 digs, 0.45 blocks and 0.34 service aces per set. Sophomore opposite side hitter Shay Sorensen is hitting .277 and averaging 2.18 kills and 0.75 blocks per set, while senior setter Chelsea Fowles is hitting .325 and averaging 10.03 assists, 2.13 digs, 0.95 kills, 0.66 blocks and 0.37 service aces per set. As a team, Utah State is hitting .241 on the year as compared to a .153 hitting percentage for its opponents.

Loyola Marymount is 4-5 on the season after dropping matches to Brigham Young (3-2), Wichita State (3-0) and Houston (3-0) at the BYU Molten Classic last weekend. The Lions are led by junior outside hitter Jasmine Rankins who is hitting .217 and averaging 3.73 kills, 2.45 digs, 0.45 blocks and 0.42 service aces per set. As a team, LMU is hitting .209 on the season as compared to a .222 hitting percentage for its opponents. The Lions return six starters and 10 letterwinners from last year's team that went 12-17 overall and finished in seventh-place in the West Coast Conference with a 3-11 league mark.

Utah Valley is 5-5 on the season after defeating UC Riverside (3-0), Arizona State (3-2) and High Point (3-1) to win the Arizona State Invitational last weekend. The Wolverines are led by senior outside hitter Kayli Doxey who is hitting .162 on the season and averaging 3.53 kills and 2.11 digs per set. As a team, UVU is hitting .183 on the season as compared to a .209 hitting percentage for its opponents. Utah Valley returns four starters and nine letterwinners from last year's team that went

22-10 overall and finished in second-place in the Great West Conference with a 10-2 league mark.

UC Riverside is 1-8 on the season after defeating High Point (3-0) and losing to Utah Valley (3-0) and Arizona State (3-0) in a tournament hosted by the Sun Devils last weekend. The Highlanders are led by senior outside hitter Kelly Simpson who is hitting .113 on the season and averaging 2.59 kills, 2.69 digs and 0.59 blocks per set. As a team, UCR is hitting .124 on the season as compared to a .202 hitting percentage for its opponents. The Highlanders return two starters and seven letter-

winner from last year's team that went 6-21 overall and finished in ninth-place in the Big West Conference with a 3-13 league mark.

Utah State is 1-1 all-time against Loyola Marymount, 5-2 all-time against Utah Valley and 9-4 all-time against UC Riverside.

Utah State is 82-36 (.695) at home in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum during the last 10 years, which includes a 19-6 (.760) record against non-conference opponents and a 14-4 (.778) record against teams from the state of Utah. USU is 1-0 at home thus far this year defeating Weber State in three sets on Aug. 31.

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# California Trio Has One Final Mission: Win

BY USU ATHLETICS

Curtis Marsh, Chris Randle and Nathan Royster all have an image of themselves in the future. Successful and prosperous, they want to be remembered as young men who excelled both on the field and in the classroom during their college years at Utah State. But the California natives don't just want to be known for their GPAs and yearly tackle totals: they want to be remembered as members of the class that finally brought Utah State football back to glory.

Following a near-upset of national powerhouse Oklahoma in week one, the three California natives are well on their way to doing just that.

"They're tremendous kids," said Aggie head coach Gary Andersen. "They have worked their tails off and they are very talented young men on the football field. I thought they played very well in the first game of the year and did some very good things against some very talented football players."

The three players, who all grew up in and played high school football in the state of California, are among the premiere reasons why Utah State's defensive outlook continues to look bright as the 2010 season kicks into full gear.

It all starts with Randle, who was named one of three defensive team captains before the season began. The senior cornerback and three-year letterwinner was a monster on the field during his junior campaign in 2009, finishing the season with 53 tackles and seven pass breakups. No less accomplished is fellow cornerback Curtis Marsh. A former running back credited with five pass breakups in 2009, Marsh brings intelligence and athleticism to the position opposite Randle. Together, the two give Andersen a luxury few coaches have – the confidence to play man coverage in pressure situations. That luxury, said Andersen, can make all the difference for a defense.

"In our defense it means everything," Andersen said. "If we can't play man coverage than we have no chance to be successful. Right now we can play man coverage and we play it pretty well."

Playing man coverage against some of the nation's top receivers takes a special kind of player – one with both the physical tools to match up, and the mental wherewithal to stay focused in the face of adversity. Fortunately for Aggie fans, both Randle and Marsh are among the few players who possess both attributes.

"The main thing you've got to do is just stay focused," said Randle, who recorded his third career interception when he picked off Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones in the season opener. "Even when you're tired, you've just got to rely on your technique and the things the coaches tell you."

Marsh, who had five tackles against the

Sooners, agreed with his teammate. "It is true what they say – if you get beat, a lot of times it's six points because you're one on one with guys who have speed."

"You have to be focused on every play. You can't take a play off," he added.

No less important to the continued success of USU's defense is the play of defensive tackle Nate Royster. While undersized at only 6-feet tall, what Royster lacks in height he more than makes up for in his tenacious play and relentless effort. Like Randle and Marsh, his talents were on full display when the Aggies nearly shocked Oklahoma.

"Nate played very well in the Oklahoma game," said Andersen. "I thought he had his best game since I've been here as an Aggie, and he played very well. He was physical and he was tough."

On the field, the three seniors constitute the core of the Utah State defense, but off the field, they represent an unparalleled tradition of excellence both in the classroom as students and on the practice field as leaders. These latter assets, said Andersen, are what separates the three California natives from so many other senior football players across the country.

"More important to me is what they do in the classroom and what they do as far as team leadership, and how they handle themselves out in the community," Andersen said. "They've done a fantastic job for us in all three areas that we care about."

It doesn't take long to gather that the academic and leadership components of the game mean a lot to Randle, Marsh and Royster. Randle, who is majoring in human resource management, made it perfectly clear what his mission in Logan is, saying, "education is the main reason why we're here. We're student-athletes and I put that first."

Marsh couldn't agree more with his fellow cornerback's assessment of the academic component of being a Division I student-athlete.

"It is the most important part," he said.

**"A bowl game is definitely the ultimate goal... with the team we have now and the way we're playing right now I feel like a WAC Champion and a bowl if definitely not too far fetched"**

Nathan Royster

"That's the ultimate goal; To leave here with a degree. I'm going to be really glad that after this semester I can say that I did that. I take that just as seriously as football."

Along with holding themselves to high academic standards, the three seniors have all embraced their roles as leaders on the Aggie team. For Royster, the decision to take an active leadership role was a no-brainer. Guided by the advice of former USU football players during his underclassman years in Logan, it seemed only natural that he lend advice once he was in a position

to do so.

"I definitely feel like now that I'm a senior, I feel almost obliged to take some sort of a leadership role," Royster said. "I'm a veteran, and have wisdom that a lot of our young players haven't had, and I know a lot of things our younger players don't know. I feel like I owe it



**UTAH STATE CORNERBACK CHRIS RANDLE** is a California native and was recruited by Fresno State out of high school, but never offered a scholarship by the Bulldogs. Randle started all 12 games for USU in 2009, and is off to a solid start after two games this season. He was named third-team All-WAC by Phil Stelle magazine prior to the start of the season. Photo courtesy of USU Athletics

### Chris Randle

- Had 53 tackles in 2009, including two for a loss and a sack.
- Has one interception so far this season, and has three interceptions in career.

### Curtis Marsh

- Began career at the Naval Academy Prep School
- His father, Curtis Marsh, Sr. played wide receiver at the University of Utah and in the NFL

### Nathan Royster

- Is a member of the USU Student-Athlete Mentors Program.
- Has half a sack and a tackle for a loss so far this season. Had two sacks last year.

to them to teach them what was taught to me when I was younger."

As if bowl aspirations and personal perfection weren't incentive enough for the three defenders, each will be playing with a little extra motivation this Saturday when the team takes on Fresno State. Having played their high school ball in California, Randle, Marsh and Royster are well acquainted with the Fresno State program. Not only did all three attend camps at Fresno State while in high school, but all three count former prep teammates among current Bulldogs. According to Marsh, beating those old teammates – a feat still unaccomplished in their USU playing careers – would be a great way to go out as seniors.

"I get excited to play those guys," Marsh said. "They have some friends of mine, and we haven't beaten them since I've been here.

We've had a couple of close games. Last year and the year before were like two or three point losses, so we definitely have to get them this year."

The three seniors aren't ready to take their final curtain call quite yet. They've heard past Aggies talk-the-talk when it comes to turning the Utah State program around, only to see them and their teams come up short. But after a promising 4-8 season in 2009 and a fast start to 2010, Randle, Marsh and Royster are ready to walk-the-walk when it comes to taking USU to the postseason.

"A bowl game is definitely the ultimate goal," said Royster. "Since I've been with this program I think we've won probably nine games, but with the team we have now and the way we're playing right now I feel like a WAC Champion and a bowl is definitely not too far fetched."

## Gameday fun for everyone for Fresno State Game

BY USU ATHLETICS

There will be plenty of activities for fans surrounding Utah State's 2010 Western Athletic Conference opener against Fresno State on Saturday. Kickoff for USU's first conference contest of the season is slated for 6 p.m. at Merlin Olsen Field at Romney Stadium, and all gates open at 4:30 p.m.

The Macey's Tailgate runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the parking lot just west of Romney Stadium. Lots of food, music and fun will be provided. Fans are encouraged to come out and help kick off USU's WAC opener by joining fellow Aggie fans at the Macey's Tailgate. Other sponsors attending include Westhost, Ensign Toyota Honda, Pinnacle Security, Convergys, Pita Pit and Stokes Car Entertainment.

There will also be a pizza party for Jr. Aggies, presenting their membership card.

The HURD's festivities will start with the Aggie Stampede through campus starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Living Learning Community (LLC). At 4 p.m., the HURD tailgate party will start at the Romney Stadium parking lot. New HURD members can also sign up at this time.

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# Census: 1 in 7 Americans lives in poverty



**DOTTIE ALBERTIE FILLS A BAG** of food for Douglas Willock and Stephen Smith Thursday, Sept. 16, in Miami's Pass-It-On Ministries. The unemployed men were given advice about job fairs and a week's worth food. The ranks of the working-age poor climbed to the highest level since the 1960s as the recession threw millions of people out of work last year, leaving one in seven Americans in poverty. AP photo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ranks of the working-age poor climbed to the highest level since the 1960s as the recession threw millions of people out of work last year, leaving one in seven Americans in poverty.

The overall poverty rate climbed to 14.3 percent, or 43.6 million people, the Census Bureau said Thursday in its annual report on the economic well-being of U.S. households. The report covers 2009, President Barack Obama's first year in office.

The poverty rate increased from 13.2 percent, or 39.8 million people, in 2008.

The share of Americans without health coverage rose from 15.4 percent to 16.7 percent — or 50.7 million people — mostly because of the loss of employer-provided health insurance during the recession. Congress passed a health overhaul this year to address the rising numbers of uninsured people, but its main provisions will not take effect until 2014.

In a statement, President Barack Obama called 2009 a tough year for working families but said it could have been worse.

"Because of the Recovery Act and many other programs providing tax relief and income support to a majority of working families — and especially those most in need — millions of Americans were kept out of poverty last year," Obama said.

The new figures come at a politically sensitive time, just weeks before the Nov. 2 congressional elections, when voters restive about high unemployment and the slow pace of economic improvement will decide whether to keep Democrats in power in the House and Senate or turn to Republicans.

The 14.3 percent poverty rate, which covers all ages, was the highest since 1994. It was lower than predicted by many demographers who were bracing for a record gain based on last year's skyrocketing unemployment. Many had expected a range of 14.7 percent to 15 percent.

Broken down by state, Mississippi had the highest share of poor people, at 23.1 percent, according to rough calculations by the Census Bureau. It was followed by Arizona, New Mexico, Arkansas and Georgia. On the other end of the scale, New Hampshire had the lowest share, at 7.8 percent.

Analysts said the full blow of lost incomes was cushioned somewhat by increases in Social Security payments in 2009 as well as federal expansions of unemployment insurance, which rose substantially under the economic stimulus program. With the additional unemployment benefits, workers were eligible for extensions that gave them up to 99 weeks of payments after a layoff.

David Johnson, the chief of the Census Bureau's household economics division, estimated that expanded unemployment benefits helped keep 3.3 million people out of poverty last year.

The 2009 poverty level was set at \$21,954 for a family of four, based on an official government calculation that includes only cash income, before tax deductions. It excludes capital gains or accumulated wealth, such as home ownership, as well as noncash aid such as food stamps.

An additional 7.8 million people would have been counted above the poverty line if food stamps and tax credits were included as income, Johnson said.

## Judge frees two men wrongly jailed for 30 years

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — A judge on Thursday freed two men who spent three decades in prison before DNA evidence showed they didn't rape a woman and cut her throat in a grisly 1979 attack.

A crowded courtroom erupted in applause after Forrest County Circuit Judge Robert Helfrich's ruled to set aside the men's guilty pleas, ending what some described as a 30-year ordeal for the imprisoned men.

Helfrich said the case was marked by a series of tragic events — from the violent attack on the woman to the years the men spent in prison for a crime they didn't commit.

"The common thread in this case is tragedy," Helfrich said.

Helfrich ruled on a petition filed by the Innocence Project on behalf of Bobby Ray Dixon and Phillip Bivens. He'll rule later on a posthumous petition for Larry Ruffin, who died in prison in 2002.

The three men were convicted in the 1979 rape and murder of Eva Gail Patterson, whose 4-year-old son watched her be killed.

Dixon, who has lung cancer and a brain tumor, received a

medical release from prison last month. He and Bivens were both in court.

"I feel good. I've been blessed," said Dixon, who later added, "I was done wrong. I know that."

Bivens, 59, simply said, "Thank God." Bivens, who arrived at court dressed in a red prison jumpsuit, also said he was ready to return home to California. He was released after the hearing.

Ruffin's family, wearing blue and gray T-shirts that read, "Free at Last," wept and hugged each other. His sister, Teresa Strickland, said she feels her brother has already been cleared. "The DNA cleared my brother when we got the results," she said. "We just can't hug him, but he's free."

The victim's son, Luke Patterson, has always maintained there was a single assailant. The sheriff's department arrested Ruffin first, and months later they apprehended Dixon and Bivens. All three men initially confessed and then recanted.

However, Bivens and Dixon later pleaded guilty to murder in 1980 and were sentenced to life in prison. They testified that Ruffin had actually raped and killed Patterson.

The Innocence Project filed a motion earlier this year to have DNA evidence tested. The semen from a rape kit on Patterson was run through an FBI database that matched it with Andrew Harris, a man already serving a life sentence for a rape that occurred in 1981.

Emily Maw, an Innocence Project attorney, told Helfrich false confessions were not uncommon. Sixty-three confessions have been proven false through DNA around the country since 1990, she said.

Bivens said he confessed because he didn't want to go to the gas chamber. He said he had been in Mississippi visiting relatives when the crime happened.

Court records show Dixon was considered mentally impaired because he had been kicked in the head by a horse as a child and suffered from seizures and memory loss.

District Attorney Jon Mark Weathers said he's struggled with the case because Bivens and Dixon's statements were used to convict Ruffin.

"I don't know what was running through Bivens' and Dixon's minds," said Weathers.

## Freed American stays out of spotlight in Oman

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — American Sarah Shourd stayed out of the spotlight for a second day Thursday, resting privately in Oman's sunny seaside capital after more than 13 months in an Iranian prison.

It is unclear how long the 32-year-old plans to stay in Oman. The Gulf Arab sultanate played a key role in securing her release by acting as intermediary and handling the details of her \$500,000 bail.

Since arriving at a royal airfield aboard a private jet here late Tuesday, Shourd has had a medical checkup and spoke briefly by phone with the mothers of two other Americans — Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal — also detained along Iraq's border with Iran last year.

The U.S. Embassy in Muscat said Thursday it has been told by Shourd's family that she would not be speaking to the media in Oman except for a statement she plans to make immediately before leaving the country.

The mothers of the other jailed Americans — Laura Fattal and Cindy Hickey, Bauer's mother — said Wednesday they were encouraged by Shourd's release and hope their sons will be

freed soon as well. They spoke with Shourd by phone for a few minutes Wednesday afternoon.

"She said they're very strong," Hickey said. "Their spirits are up and they have positive attitudes, and that too was a great relief to me."

The mothers are calling on Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to bring their sons with him when he comes to New York for the United Nations General Assembly next week.

Omani officials have offered few details of their involvement in securing Shourd's release.

To help secure Shourd's release, Oman, which is considered an ally by both Washington and Tehran, played intermediary for a \$500,000 bail that satisfied Iranian authorities and apparently did not violate U.S. economic sanctions.

The source of the bail payment has not been disclosed, though it is likely that Oman's long-standing ruler, Sultan Qaboos bin Said, played a key role in winning Shourd's freedom.

Shourd's attorney, Masoud Shafiei, said in Tehran that a "foreign individual paid the bail in Muscat" and insisted it was "neither a government nor an embassy."

But Mustafa Alani, the head of security

studies at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai, questioned whether any money changed hands, suggesting instead that Oman may have made a promise to guarantee Shourd's bail to give authorities in Iran political cover.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, currently en route back to the United States from the Middle East, had called the Swiss foreign minister to thank her and express "the strong gratitude of the American people" for efforts made by Swiss diplomats in pressing for Shourd's release.

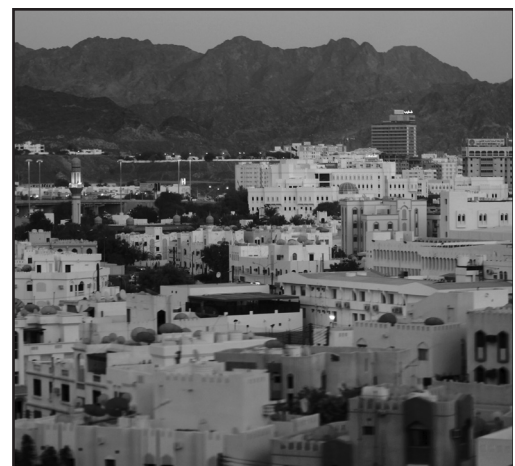
He added that Clinton was expected to make a similar call to Omani leader Qaboos bin Said.

Crowley also repeated calls for the release of Shourd's two companions, saying their cases were identical to hers.

"The facts regarding Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal are identical," he said. "So, if the Iranian judicial system has reached a judgment with respect to Sarah Shourd, we believe very strongly they can reach the same judgment with respect to Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer."

The two remain in Tehran's Evin Prison

under indictment on espionage-related charges and could soon face trial. The three were detained along Iran's border with Iraq in July 2009 and later accused of spying.



**A GENERAL VIEW** of Muscat, Oman, on Sept. 15. Oman's royal leaders have always preferred the understated approach: No highrises like their Gulf neighbors and policies that quietly balance the West and nearby Iran. AP photo

## 15 die in Somalia as parliament demands gov't vote

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Mortar rounds fired by suspected Islamist insurgents crashed into Somalia's government complex on Thursday, killing three government soldiers, wounding a member of parliament and triggering a counterattack that killed a dozen more people.

The attack happened while parliament was in session to pass a motion asking leaders of the shaky government to appear within three days for a vote of confidence.

One member of parliament was wounded in the face and five government troops were also hurt. Government and African Union troops responded by firing mortars into the main Bakara Market. At least 12 people were killed and 40 were wounded there, said Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu's ambulance service. Among them was a little boy. He lay limply in his older brother's arms as he was rushed into a hospital.

In a hospital run by Burundian peacekeepers, small children flinched as AU and government troops nearby fired their own mortars.

"We need peace so badly," said 17-year-old year old Kalima Abdi, who lay under a blue mosquito net. "The fighting is too much."

Abdi was paralyzed a month ago by a mortar that was fired at an African Union base but landed on her house, killing her seven brothers and sisters.

The legislators accuse Somalia's transitional government of failing to perform its duties, including trying to foster peace between the country's warring factions and increasing humani-

tarian efforts. A long-running feud between Somali President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed and Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke has flared again in recent days. Last May Ahmed

fired Sharmarke but returned the decision days later.

The latest rift appears to be about the country's draft constitution, an initiative backed by the United States, the European Union and the United Nations. The prime minister wants the document passed by parliament and civil society representatives while the president wants it put to a referendum.

The new top U.N. envoy to Somalia, Augustine P. Mahiga, told the Security Council at United Nations headquarters in New York on Thursday that a plan to add another 2,000 peacekeeping troops should be "speedily implemented" to bring the force up to its approved level of 8,000.

"Experience in Somalia has shown that the more delayed or inadequate the response is, the more complex the crisis becomes," Mahiga told the 15-member body. "We have to act in a comprehensive manner to address these complex challenges."

Somalia hasn't had a functioning government since 1991, when warlords overthrew the president. The country's most dangerous militant group, the al-Qaida linked al-Shabab, has increased attacks on the government complex and is believed responsible for Thursday's attack. The militants who control much of this Horn of Africa country want to overthrow the government and install a conservative brand of Islam across the country.

Critics accuse the president of wanting to remain in office beyond his term's expiration next August. If he succeeds in dumping the prime minister, that could kill the draft constitution and possibly extend his term.



**A MAN CARRIES** his young brother, to Medina Hospital, Mogadishu, Somalia, Thursday, Sept. 16. He got wounded by mortar shrapnel during clashes between Somali insurgents and African Union troops. AP photo

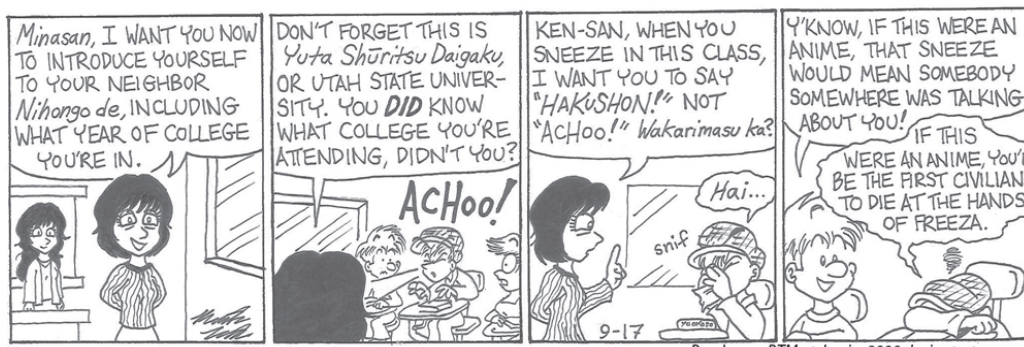
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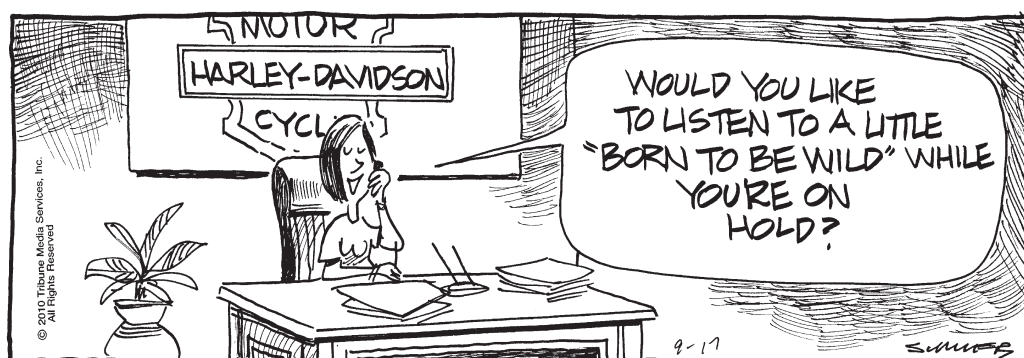
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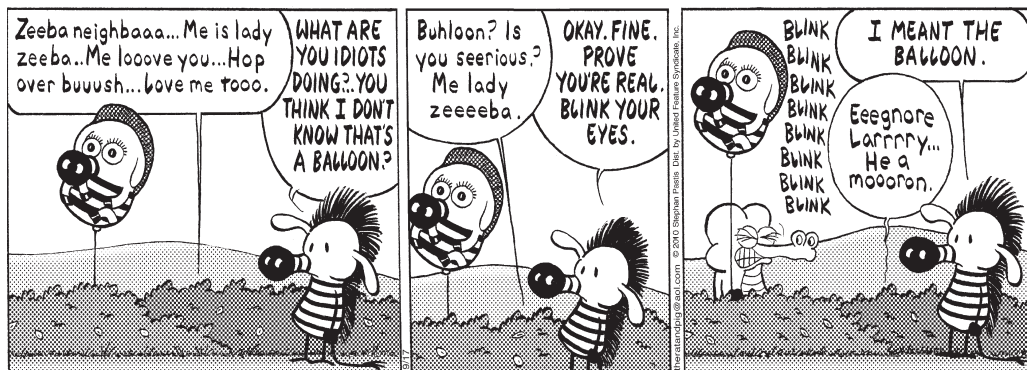
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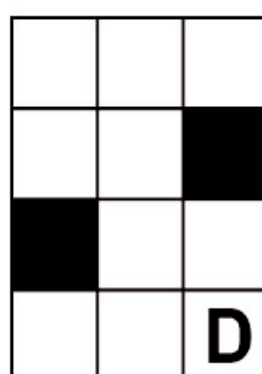
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## Pathem™ the path word puzzle



### "Wikileaks Docs"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (50pts)

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#### HOW TO PLAY:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.



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## top ten New words for old things

1. Cloth diapers
2. Acoustic guitar
3. Conventional warfare
4. Natural childbirth
5. Hardcover book
6. Snail mail
7. Landline
8. Broadcast TV
9. Hard copy
10. Silent movie

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	X		-		19
+		÷		÷	
	÷		x		15
x		+		x	
	+		x		16
13		9		2	

DIFFICULTY: ★★  
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 5 Social rebuff
- 9 Tunesmith Porter
- 13 Hang glide, say
- 14 RL and TL automaker
- 15 Top
- 16 What b.i.d. means, in prescriptions
- 18 Masters champ between Fuzzy and Tom
- 19 spill
- 20 When Good Friday occurs
- 21 Like citrus juices
- 23 Many a really deal
- 25 North African port
- 26 Some rear entrances
- 32 Garage, perhaps
- 35 Minuscule bits
- 36 Dover is its cap.
- 37 Feudal laborer
- 38 "clear day ..."
- 39 Beales girl who paid the dinner bill
- 40 de vie; brandy
- 41 Singer K.T.
- 43 Eye or ear follower
- 44 The first official one was November 11, 1919
- 47 Detective fond of aphorisms
- 48 Stranded at the ski lodge, perhaps, and a hint to this puzzle's hidden theme
- 52 Deep bow
- 55 Wild party
- 57 Transfer
- 58 Dubai leader
- 59 Many are German shepherds
- 62 Pull-down item
- 63 Still-life subjects
- 64 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
- 65 Tees off
- 66 Like morning grass
- 67 Kaddett automaker

**DOWN**

- 1 Fur giant
- 2 Knife named for a frontiersman
- 3 Gets water out of
- 4 Softball pitch path
- 5 CAT procedure
- 6 Jour's opposite
- 7 Link letters
- 8 San Francisco and environs
- 9 Vegas attraction
- 10 Page with views
- 11 Johnston, former fiancée of Bristol Palin
- 12 Corp. VIP
- 14 Like ... in the headlights
- 17 Sitcom with a coming-out episode
- 22 Slimeballs
- 24 Dating from
- 25 Pump figure
- 27 Benny's instrument
- 28 Greek column style
- 29 Chief Valhalla god
- 30 On Soc. Sec., maybe
- 31 Off, so to speak
- 32 On the briny
- 33 Letter starter
- 34 19-Across holder
- 39 Martha of comedy
- 41 Workers' protection gp.
- 42 Ready to mail
- 43 Slashed supply of myth
- 46 Frisbees, e.g.
- 49 Slump
- 50 Brit's fireplace
- 51 Like a cold sufferer's voice
- 52 Weigh station rig
- 53 AKC part: Abbr.
- 54 Sausage unit
- 55 Lost, as a big lead
- 56 Open to breezes
- 60 Have obligations
- 61 Giovanni's god

By Mike Peluso

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# Statesman **Back Burner**



Today is Friday, Sept. 17, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Kellie Norton, an undeclared freshman from Logan, Utah.

## Almanac

**Today in History:** In 1787, the Constitution of the United States of America is signed by 38 of 41 delegates present at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Supporters of the document waged a hard-won battle to win ratification by the necessary nine out of 13 U.S. states.

## Weather

High: 87° Low: 47°  
Skies: Sunny



## Friday Sept. 17

- Women's Tennis, BYU Fall Tournament, All Day
- Women's Volleyball Tournament, 10 a.m.
- Women's Soccer at Loyola Marymount, 5 p.m.
- Salsabration, TSC Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- The Scarlet Pimpernel, Ellen Eccles Theater, 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday Sept. 18

- Cross Country at Montana State Open, All Day
- Women's Tennis at BYU Fall Tournament, All Day
- Women's Volleyball vs. UC Riverside, 12 p.m.
- The Aggie Stampede 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- HURD Pregame Tailgate Party 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Football vs. Fresno State, Romney Stadium, 6 p.m.
- Demolition Derby, Cache County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

## Monday Sept. 20

- Men's Golf at Falcon Invitational, All Day
- Service Fair, TSC International Lounge, 8:30 a.m.
- VIBE Fashion with a Cause, TSC Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- Skate with the Aggie's Night, Eccles Ice Center, 7:15 p.m.

## Registrar dates

The Registrar's office would like everyone to be aware of the following dates: Sept. 20 is the last day to receive 50% Tuition refund, last day to add classes and last day to drop and is also a Tuition Payment Due date.

## Thai cookout

Come to the Thai Student Association Cookout on Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the TSC Patio. Combos are \$7.

## Service fair

Want to become more involved with service? Come to the Utah State Service Fair! This year's Fall Service Fair will be held in the TSC International Lounge with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 20.

## Freedom fireside

Friday is US Constitution Day. Celebrate with us by attending the 19th Annual Prelude to Freedom Fireside at 7 p.m. at the Logan Tabernacle. Enjoy an evening of patriotic music and speeches from Founding Fathers.

## Glennon lecture

"Unquenchable: America's Water Crisis and What to Do About it" capturing the tragedy and irony of water in America by Dr. Glennon. Free admission lecture and Q&A on Sept. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in TSC Auditorium.

## Workshop series

Upcoming Academic Resource Center Workshop Series every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in TSC 335 starting Oct. 6. This ongoing workshop series will address psychological issues that impact academic success. For questions or additional information, please contact 797-1128.

## You need to know...

**Hockey Home Opener** is on Sept. 24th against Weber State at 7 p.m. at the Eccles Ice Center. Student Admission is \$5.

**Got Anxiety?** Come to a screening and learn about anxiety and see what you are someone you know can do about it on Sept. 21 in TSC West Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The University Inn and Conference Center presents a **Value Added Seminar** on improving communication in the workplace on Sept. 23 at 12 p.m. in Eccles Conference Center room 205. RSVP now at [valueaddedworkplace.usu.edu](http://valueaddedworkplace.usu.edu).

Come watch **USU cowboys and cowgirls** compete for the best buck, biggest buckle and fastest time at the Cache Country Fairgrounds Sept. 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. Purchase tickets at the gate or discounted tickets sold on campus. For more info, visit [ag.usu.edu](http://ag.usu.edu).

**VIBE Fashion with a Cause** Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in TSC Ballroom. A service learning event bringing together food and fashion to raise awareness about hunger and sustainability. Bring a can of food for admission to benefit SNAC.

Stokes Nature Center invites toddlers ages 2-3 to join them for **Parent Tot** at 10 a.m. on Sept. 17. All toddlers must have a parent present. To register, call 435-755-3239.

**USU Employee Wellness** is offering a FREE t-shirt and 15 min. chair massage when employees sign up for their FREE fitness assessment every Thursday from 12-4 p.m. Limited to first 70. Call 797-8519 for more info.

**Demolition Derby** on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Cache Country Fair Grounds. \$12 for online reserved seating, \$8 general admission.

Comedy **Improv Night** featuring Out of the Blue Entertainment on Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. in the TSC Auditorium. Tickets are \$5, \$3 with ID.

## Flight Deck • Peter Waldner



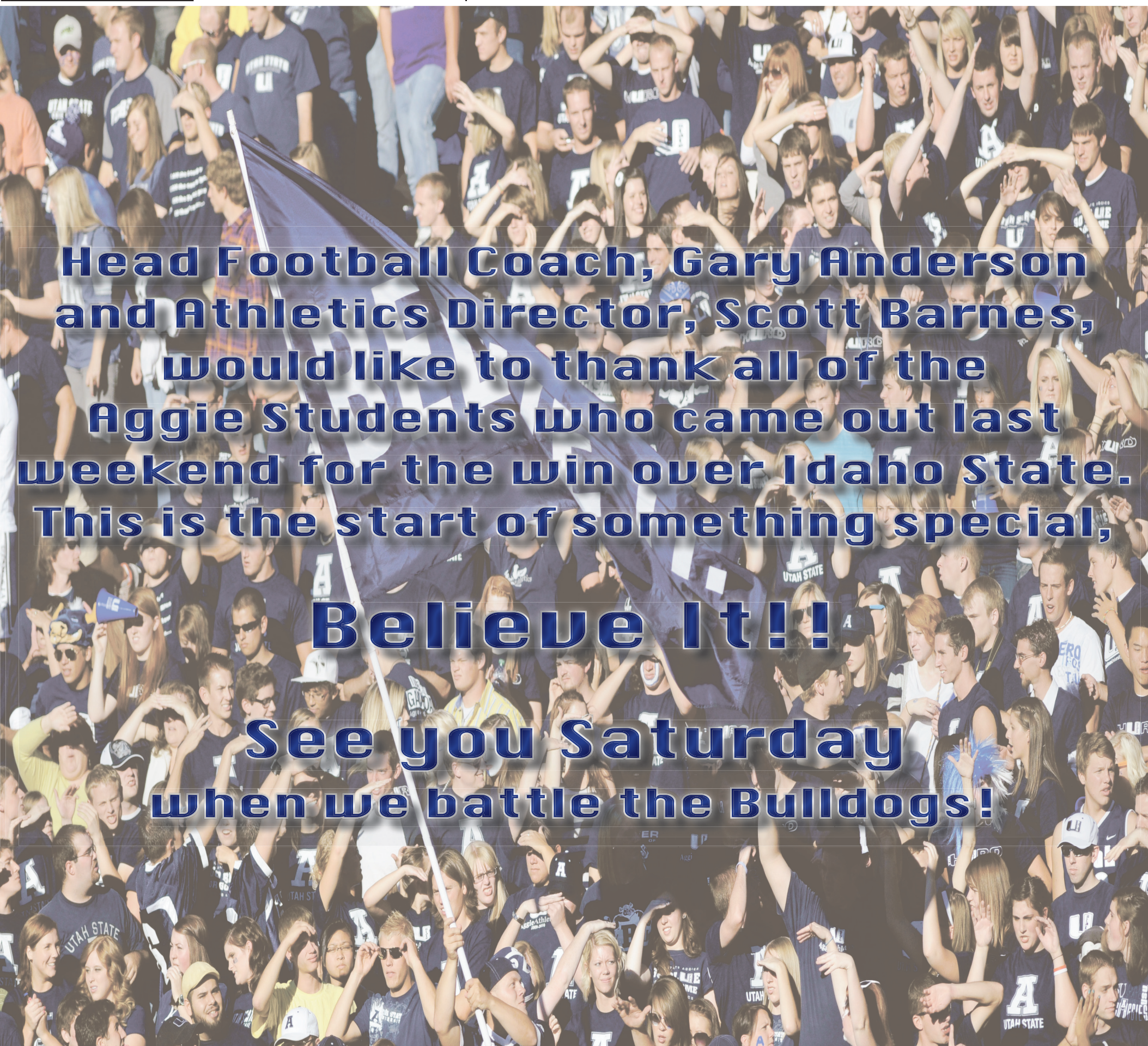
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**Head Football Coach, Gary Anderson and Athletics Director, Scott Barnes, would like to thank all of the Aggie Students who came out last weekend for the win over Idaho State. This is the start of something special, Believe It!! See you Saturday when we battle the Bulldogs!**