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## USU asks students to open their pockets

By MEGAN ALLEN  
news senior writer

The USU Advancement office will be at Day on the Quad Sept. 1, handing out plastic piggy banks to students in order to help students give back to the university.

The new program, Aggies for Change, is a collaborative effort with the Advancement office and Dr. James Morales, vice president of student services.

"The initiative came because we are trying to help students realize they can make a difference without putting forth a lot of effort," Morales said.

Elizabeth Bare, the assistant director of the Aggie Fund, said Aggies for Change is the first all-student giving program at Utah State.

"We are hoping to educate students in philanthropy and the impact they can have," she said.

Bare said USU Advancement handed out plastic piggy banks to Connections students last week, and over the next couple of weeks they will be getting them to the rest of the student body, starting with Day on the Quad.

The goal is for students to use the banks and fill them with their spare change.

"You don't have to donate thousands of dollars," said Tessa Goodall, a senior in exercise science who is serving as the Student Giving Chair, "just your change can make a difference."

All the money raised will go to support student priorities, Bare said.

"We are going to put it toward whatever will benefit the greatest number of students," she said.

A vote will be held for students to decide what the money will be used for, Bare said. Some ideas include scholarships, specific college funds, or the general university fund.

"We want the students to be able to see the results of their donations," Morales said.

"We want it to go toward something of high visibility and high interest."

However, Morales said the money is secondary.

"Mostly," he said, "we want students to see themselves as agents of change."

Utah State University Charter Credit Union is sponsoring the program, and donated all the piggy banks, Bare said. None of the money raised by students will be benefiting the extensive university fund-raising campaign.

Each semester, University Advancement will have a collection day where students can bring all the change to a central location. This will also provide students an opportunity to see the money that has been collected so far, which will hopefully encourage them to donate more, Bare said.

In addition to the money raised by students, two unidentified companies have committed to matching the donations, Bare said.

University Advancement is hoping to make this a campus-wide project. Many student organizations, such as Student Alumni and ASUSU, are joining the effort to increase awareness and participation.

"We don't want to be just another student organization," Bare said. "We want to appeal to everyone. We want it to be part of the whole student body experience."

In the past, students have shown resistance to donating money to the university. They feel they already pay too much tuition and fees and shouldn't have to pay anything else, Bare said.

Bare reminded students that even though tuition increased 7.5 percent last year, the money they pay only covers about 75 percent of the actual cost of a semester.

"We don't want you to go into debt to donate," she said, "but just the small change that usually goes unnoticed can make a difference."

"Hopefully this can help students realize how important their education is," Goodall said, "and get them in the habit of giving back."

"Our main point as a program is for students to understand that if everyone gives a little, we can make a huge difference," Bare said.

"We can do it," she said. "I believe in the Aggies."

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CARL R. WILSON photo illustration

## Research funding reaches record high

By CATHERINE MEIDELL  
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USU research teams brought in \$42 million more in the 2010 fiscal year than the previous year, which made it a banner year with record awards totaling \$187 million.

Researchers in all departments were hungry for funding and submitted thousands of research proposals throughout the course of the year, said vice president for research Brent Miller. He said investing in faculty members who are skilled in developing thorough and professional proposals was a key factor in receiving funding. USU research created an office for proposal development two years ago in hopes of creating a greater probability that proposals are accepted.

The 29 percent increase in research funding is also due in part to the stimulus year in conjunction with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which yielded \$12 million. Miller said 70 percent of the research money is from the federal government. By receiving this money, USU research has been able to produce many job openings, which, in turn, has been a factor in fueling Cache Valley's economy.

"In doing all of this research there are discoveries and inventions that are found and can create new business," Miller said. "The research generates jobs directly, but it also generates a base for new jobs, which allows for economic activity."

Grant funding not only allows for more faculty and professional researching positions. Jeff Broadbent, associate vice president for research, said research funds invite opportunity for more graduate research assistants and undergraduate research positions. None of this would be possible, though, if concise proposals were not formulated, he said.

"Hundreds of proposals are written at a time," Broadbent said. "There are constantly proposals being looked over. It's a never-ending process."

In Utah, there are two research universities: University of Utah and Utah State University. Though the University of Utah has a greater

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GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS assist professors in writing research proposals in addition to performing hands-on research. By doing this, they will be better equipped to bring in research funds in their futures. BRECK BYINGTON photo

## Waitlisting flaws to be corrected

By MIKAYLA RICH  
staff writer

The new school year brought several changes to USU's policies and procedures, one of which is the new waitlisting feature available to students who are unable to sign into classes.

The new feature allows students to join a waitlist for classes that have reached their maximum occupancy. If someone drops the class, the first student on the list receives an email stating that they have 24 hours to add the class. Students are dropped from the waitlist if they do not add the class in the allotted time, and will have to rejoin the waitlist and wait until it is their turn again.

"We were sure to give professors a choice if they wanted to utilize this feature or not. We defaulted all classes to it unless the professor specified otherwise," Registrar John Mortensen said.

According to Mortensen, most of the complaints that students have had with the waitlist have been that they did not add their desired class in the allotted time.

"Professors' main complaint is that they could not add a student to a class if they weren't on the top of the wait list," Mortensen said.

Professors that decide to go with the waitlist option for their class aren't allowed to add students on their own because it can cause problems for students trying to get into the class who are on the waitlist.

An unexpected benefit of the waitlist is that departments can now see which classes are in the highest demand and how many students are on the wait list. This has allowed for more sections to be opened to meet the demand, Mortensen said.

"It was really convenient to get the email telling me I could sign up for the class, and it was nice to see exactly how much time I had to add the class," said sophomore Alicia Card.

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## ClarifyCorrect

A story in the Aug. 30 issue of The Utah Statesman showed a list of donations given to the USU comprehensive campaign. The two types of donations were incorrectly labeled. The top chart shows the support given by donors after USU solicitation and the bottom shows unprompted donations given in support of the campaign.

## Nat'l Briefs

### Curley is caught

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – A tip from a resident helped police on Monday capture a 23-year-old man who authorities say fatally shot a sheriff's deputy and went on the run for four days in the rugged wilderness along the Utah-Arizona border.

More than a dozen officers used night vision goggles and a helicopter to find Scott Curley armed with a rifle and hiding near the house outside Kanab, police said. Curley surrendered without a fight.

The resident had reported that a man who had a rifle slung over his shoulder was trying to break into the home, police said.

Authorities believe the rifle was the weapon Curley used to shoot Kane County Deputy Brian Harris.

### Official: Vets are fiscal challenge

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) – The system that automatically awards disability benefits to some veterans because of concerns about Agent Orange seems contrary to efforts to control federal spending, the Republican co-chairman of President Barack Obama's deficit commission said Tuesday.

Former Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson's comments came a day after The Associated Press reported that diabetes has become the most frequently compensated ailment among Vietnam veterans, even though decades of research has failed to find more than a possible link between the defoliant Agent Orange and diabetes.

"The irony (is) that the veterans who saved this country are now, in a way, not helping us to save the country in this fiscal mess," said Simpson, an Army veteran who was once chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

## LateNiteHumor

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4. I get to work with the great Tom Herrmann.
3. It still beats a Chinese traffic jam
2. I love wearing makeup.
1. Conan tells me to just be thankful I have a show.

# Castro apologizes for past

HAVANA (AP) – Cuba on Tuesday released pictures of Fidel Castro with an American magazine correspondent and a Washington-based policy expert, while a Mexican newspaper published an interview in which the gray-bearded revolutionary expressed regret for past persecution of homosexuals.

The images show Cuba's 84-year-old former leader with Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic and Julia E. Sweig from the Council on Foreign Relations during a visit Monday to the Havana aquarium. Castro's second trip there during a media blitz that has seen him making near daily appearances.

Goldberg is a national correspondent for the magazine who has written on the Middle East and Iran. State media reported that he and Sweig interviewed Castro, but gave no indication of what was said.

For months, Castro has warned of nuclear war that would pit Washington and Israel against Iran and would also involve an attack on North Korea. He even said he expected fighting to begin earlier this summer, but has since said those doomsday predictions may have been somewhat premature.

The Council on Foreign Relations is a nonpartisan think tank with offices in New York and Washington, and Sweig is a longtime scholar on the U.S.-Cuba relationship.

Also Tuesday, Mexico's left-leaning daily La Jornada published an interview in which Castro said Cuban authorities had been wrong to send gays and lesbians to work camps in the early years of his government.

"Those were moments of great injustice, great injustice!" the paper quoted Castro as saying.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, Cuban officials fired homosexuals from state jobs, imprisoned them or sent them to work camps. Castro told La Jornada, "Yes, we did it, us," but also said, "I am trying to limit my responsibility in all this because, of course, I personally do not hold those kinds of prejudices."

Still, when pressed if the Communist Party or some other entity was behind what occurred Castro said, "No, if any person was responsible, it's me."

He said he had been too busy coping with



THE HANDS OF CUBA'S FORMER LEADER, Fidel Castro, are seen during an interview with a group of Venezuelan journalists in Havana, Cuba, Sunday Aug. 8, 2010. (AP Photo/Cubadebate, Roberto Chile)

events such as the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis to stop what occurred. "We had so many and such terrible problems, problems of life or death, that we didn't pay it enough attention."

Government media campaigns now discourage age homophobia and the state has even paid for a few sex-change operations for transsexuals.

Also, Fidel's niece Mariela, the daughter of President Raul Castro, is today the country's leading gay rights advocate.

Castro's comments to La Jornada elaborated on past acknowledgments of his government's mistreatment of gays.

"I'd like to think that discrimination against homosexuals is a problem that is being overcome," he said during interviews with French journalist Ignacio Ramonet between 2003 and 2005. "Old prejudices and narrow-mindedness will increasingly be things of the past."

Cuba's ex-president underwent emergency intestinal surgery in July 2006 and disappeared

from public view for four years, recuperating from an undisclosed illness in a secret location. But he has been popping up everywhere of late.

He even took in the dolphin show at the aquarium on July 15.

Also accompanying Castro at the aquarium were leaders of Cuba's Jewish community.

Alan P. Gross, a 60-year-old native of Potomac, Maryland, was working for a firm contracted by the U.S. Agency for International Development when he was arrested Dec. 3 in Havana and sent to the high-security Villa Marista prison.

Cuba says Gross was distributing illegal satellite phones, but he apparently has not yet been charged with a crime, nearly nine months after his arrest.

Gross' family says he was distributing communications equipment to the island's Jewish community for humanitarian reasons.

# Survivor speaks about shooting

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) – A woman who survived a weekend shooting that left five people dead in western Arizona told a 911 dispatcher that she was shot in the neck and wasn't sure whether others around her were breathing.

Deborah Nyland, 44, was listed in good condition Tuesday at Sunrise Medical Center in Las Vegas, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Nyland called 911 just before midnight Saturday to report a gunman had shot several people at a Lake Havasu City home. She tells a dispatcher that a brown-haired man wearing a blue T-shirt entered the home and started firing at people there with a handgun.

"Do you know where they're at?" the dispatcher asks.

"Yes, they're all on the floor," Nyland said.

"Are they breathing?" the dispatcher asks.

"I have no idea," Nyland says and pleads with the dispatcher to hurry and send help and "more than one ambulance." Of her own injury, she said that "it hurts bad," but she was working to suppress the bleeding.

Nyland identifies one of the people lying on the living room and dining room floors as her husband, Russell Nyland, and another as her daughter's boyfriend, Brock Kelson. Sobbing, she says, "I don't know where my daughter is. She was

in the house also."

The shootings late Saturday occurred as 23-year-old Deborah Langstaff and friends were celebrating her boyfriend's birthday, authorities said. Brian Diez, 26, entered the home and fatally shot five people, including Langstaff – the mother of his two children – and her boyfriend, Primo Verdone. Nyland's husband, her daughter and Kelson also died.

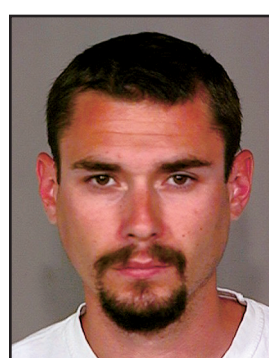
Authorities said Diez fled with the children to California after the shooting, where he killed himself.

Detectives from the Lake Havasu City Police Department were in the Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., area Tuesday to pick up evidence and to talk with authorities and family members there, said police Sgt. Joe Harrold.

He said investigators want to gather as much information as possible about what led up to the shootings that neighbors neither saw nor heard.

"We are advocates for the victims," he said. "Even though the suspect is dead, we still have living family members that we are working on behalf of."

Meanwhile, a memorial has gone up at Havasu Regional Medical Center where Langstaff started as a nursing assistant about four years ago and



DIEZ

most recently worked as a clinical nursing manager, said hospital spokeswoman Sheena Benson.

A framed picture of Langstaff, a memory book and flowers sit on a table draped with a green cloth (her favorite color).

"You look at the picture and you just see she was a ray of sunshine," she said. "She was really easy to get along with, easy to know and I think people responded to her very well."

The hospital staff plans to give the memory book to Langstaff's children – a 4-year-old and 13-month-old – who Benson referred to as "the apple of her eye."

"People want her children to have something to read as they get older on their mom, about how people really felt about her," she said.

Nyland told dispatchers that she didn't know who lived at the home where the shooting occurred, nor did she recognize Diez. Authorities said Nyland will be key in understanding the night's events.

The Nylands were well-known in Lake Havasu City for their cohesiveness and generosity.

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**FRISBEE GOLF** discs made large incisions in a wall of the Lundstrom building, which is one of the reasons it was removed from its location East of USU's campus. ALLISON OSTLER photo

# Course removed to ensure safety

By ADAM WARD  
staff writer

Some students returning to USU this semester were disappointed to see the frisbee golf course outside the Student Living Center taken down over the summer.

Steven Jenson, the executive director of housing and residence life, said the university decided to shut down the course due to damage to housing buildings, individuals being hit by frisbees, and concerns from residents about cars being hit by stray frisbees.

The course was shut down at the beginning of the 2010 summer semester, and has not been rebuilt. However, Kevin Kobe, the director of Campus Recreation said, "Campus Recreation and Logan city are working on a temporary agreement for the disc golf baskets to be placed in Lundstrom Park."

The decision to take down the frisbee golf course came as a collaboration between university housing and campus recreation.

"This past year we have experienced about a dozen broken windows in the Student Living Center, and I am only aware of one person that took responsibility for the damage this past year. We have also incurred additional damage to our roofs, and the stucco damage to the exterior of the Lundstrom Student Center," Jenson said.

Kobe said he has received several complaints and questions about the course being shut down, but after hearing about the issue caused because of the frisbee golf course's location, students were understanding regarding the reasons it was shut down.

Scott Treat, a senior in Watershed Sciences and self-proclaimed frisbee player, said, "I'm very sad to see the frisbee golf course taken down, it was always one of my favorite activities to do on campus. I think that if they are going to take it down though, they have to set it up again somewhere else on campus, or else give us another activity that we can do around campus."

Kobe echoed Treat's opinion that the university needs to provide more on campus recreation activi-

ties.

"All of us at the university should get together, put our heads together, and plan for the future of outdoor recreation spaces such as soccer, softball, flag-football, and the like," he said.

Treat was happy to hear Kobe's thoughts on setting up more outdoor recreation activities, and said he would like to see more activities geared toward students available on and near campus in order to give them a break from studies and the option to stay active outdoors.

Kobe said he is not sure when the alternate course will be constructed, but is hopeful that it will be set up soon in an area that is still easily accessible by students.

"I hope another location in a more open area will be found to provide this option for interested parties. This is a great sport, and in the proper location, would be a great addition to Cache Valley," Jenson said.

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## Briefs

Campus & Community

### Workshop offers budgeting advice

A financial management workshop will be offered to all those who are interested in going to back to the basics on budgeting.

Those who attend will also be informed about the basics of credit along with increasing income and decreasing expenses. An array of other budgeting tips will be discussed as well.

The first workshop will be held on Sept. 1 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. in The Family Life Center located on 493 N. 700 East.

Each household that attends will be required to pay a \$15 fee.

For more information about the financial management workshop call (435) 797-7224.

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### Allen to speak at Republican meeting

Representative Sheryl Allen will be in attendance at USU's next College Republicans' meeting. Allen plans on running in this year's election for District 19.

She will run against gubernatorial candidate Peter Corroon and will speak to the students about her campaign.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. and will be held in Old Main Room 115.

Pizza will be provided for all those who attend and is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni and all other community members.

Also, visit the club's Website <http://www.usu.edu/republicans> for more information for more about the College Republicans

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### Company awards engineering school

Two grants from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation will benefit USU undergraduate students studying engineering, and high school students interested in a future career in engineering, science, math or technology.

The foundation has awarded \$4,000 for engineering scholarships and \$2,500 for the university's Engineering State program, an intensive three-day program for high-school students.

"We are pleased to help support programs that will encourage students to consider a career in engineering," said George Humbert, Rocky Mountain Power's customer and community manager.

"Businesses require skilled engineers, and the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is proud to support programs that assist and motivate engineering students."

USU's College of Engineering has played a significant role in developing the technologies that shape our world, and has risen to prominence as a leader in engineering education and research.

The scholarships funded by the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation provide financial assistance to engineering students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

"This gift is one of many that has been provided by the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation to help support undergraduate students through our scholarship program and also help inspire young high school students to study engineering through our Engineering State program. They have made the difference in many young lives at Utah State University," said Scott Hinton, Dean, College of Engineering, Utah State University.

Engineering State is designed to encourage high school juniors and seniors to pursue careers in engineering, science, math and technology.

Each summer, students come to the USU campus to participate in engineering classes and hands-on learning sessions.

Compiled from staff and media reports

# Don't rain on my parade



**STUDENTS BRAVE** the downpour that drenched campus the first day of the semester. Some were prepared with umbrellas and rainboots, and others were left to ring out their notebooks after entering their new classes. SCOTT PAGE photo

# Event to encourage club enrollment

By JESSICA SWEAT  
staff writer

This year, HURD can be followed on Facebook and all those who pay the \$25 fee to join will receive a free t-shirt, said Alex Putnam, Athletics Vice President, during Tuesday's ASUSU executive council meeting.

Putnam said "I can already feel the excitement of Aggie athletics" and spoke of all the new elements of Aggie athletics to anticipate this football season.

Putnam spoke about HURD involvement and upcoming football season including the Sept. 11 game against Idaho State.

"We are pumped up about Aggie Football," Putnam said.

After council updates concluded, Tolson welcomed Linda Zimmerman the new interim director of student involvement and leadership center and current spirit squad advisor to the meeting. Skyler Jenks, business senator, opened up outside requests by pitching his own request for funding and support from ASUSU for business week.

Jenks informed the council of the events that the business school wants to hold including a musical concert by Kalai, an annual golf tournament, the Huntsman Hometown Race Series and more. Jenks said some events held will not include a cover charge but will ask for donations for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

"We want to give back to the Huntsmans for all they have given us at USU" Jenks said. Jenks then requested that the remaining \$3,000 be provided by the Capital and Support Fund.

So far, ASUSU has left the proposal pending until further notice.

Wrapping up the meeting was Diversity, Clubs and Organizations Vice President, Kaho Fiefa. Fiefa spoke of possible changes that he would like to make. Fiefa wants to improve club organization by having active club presidents report to their college senators. According to Fiefa this would make monthly meetings more effective because currently only 20-25 percent of club presidents currently attend meetings.

Other changes Fiefa brought up was the "Go Clubbing" event to be held this year which will encourage students to get involved in a variety of clubs and overall club organization. Fiefa wants to find out which clubs are currently active, but more importantly, sort out club funding and how it is being utilized in the 100 student-run clubs USU sponsors.

The funding currently designated to the International Student Council (ISC) is \$8,000 and \$9,000 will go to Multicultural Student Services (MSS). To ensure clubs get what they need and no funds are wasted, Fiefa wants clubs to make a bid for necessary funds.

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# Website promotes sustainability

By KATE AUMAN  
staff writer

After a year-long process, USU Extension launched the new website Livewellutah.com this summer. Eighteen team members volunteered to create a site anyone can go to as a resource to make educated decisions, as people, property owners and consumers, throughout the recession.

The site has six pillars: Food, Home & Family, Gardening, Energy Conservation, Finance and Just For Kids. Each pillar has information in an easy-to-navigate website. The data for the site was gathered over several months by extension members across the state who want to help serve their community with accessible information.

Marion Bentley, extension specialist and professor in the Applied Economics Department, said, "Even though everyone is busy, there is a need in the community. So, of course people took interest and knew the trends in their area and wanted to help out."

Livewellutah.com also includes a calendar of events open to the public, such as "Basic Landscape Design" and "Free Pressure Canner Lid Testing," which occurred on Aug. 30. The site also comprises news articles that address topics from "Cupcake Update" to "Boating Safety."

And, the events and news stories will be ongoing even as economic times improve.

"The site was originally "Sustainable Living," but when we thought about it we realized that people can use these tips even when the times get better to help enrich their lives, that is when we changed it to "Live Well Utah," Bentley said.

Many users have found the site to be a real help. Noelle Cockett, Vice President for Extension and Agriculture, said the site is a "first stop" for information on a variety of topics.

"I've used it myself for information on a garden I planted this summer, like what seeds to plant, how to prepare the soil, and possible pests. When I have more specific questions, I contact my local Extension agent. For example, I wasn't sure why the leaves on my tomato plants were curling so I took a picture of the plants with my cell phone and emailed it to the Cache County horticulture agent, who responded back on what the diagnosis was," she said.

The site was ultimately free-of-cost to the university, as it was paid for by grants and both federal and state government funding. The money from the grants went to marketing and conference calls, Cockett said. All of those who were involved were volunteers.

"They see a need and want to serve the community and they feel this is how

they can help make a difference. The economy is really hammering people and it's devastating especially in rural areas, like Logan, where dire circumstances are leaving so many unemployed," Bentley said.

Mike Whitesides, assistant Director of Marketing for Utah State University Cooperative Extension, was chosen for the job of designing, marketing and publicizing Livewellutah.com.

Whitesides said he did this through print and online advertising, and by having the website unveiled at many county fairs around the state. It will also be showcased at the state fair in Salt Lake City in September.

Overall, those involved said they were pleased with the outcome.

"I'm proud of the site because it's done well and professionally, because it represents the best efforts of a talented group of colleagues and because I think it has a lot of valuable information that will help improve people's lives," Bentley said.

"The site is easy to find and easy to navigate, and if people use it I think they will find answers and maybe solutions to some of the problems they face in difficult economic times - how to spend less on food and energy, how to live on a budget and within an income and many more that relate to home, family and personal relationships."

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## Classes: Students struggle to get in

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Mortensen said that during the summer, 1100 students were waitlisted and approximately 1000 of the students made it into the class they needed. He said the return rate was higher than he expected.

According to Mortensen, the biggest problem with the waitlist is that classes which require labs can't be set up with a waitlist, because the labs have to correspond with the classes. It's something they hope to be able to remedy before winter semester.

How does USU's waitlist program compare with other universities around the state? According to Utah Valley University's Registrar's Office, UVU uses Banner, so the waitlist system is exactly the same as USU's.

Brigham Young University's program works a lot like USU's old one. The Registrar's Office at BYU said that each professor is supplied with an add code, so if they decide to admit more students to the class they can just give the students the code.

The idea for the waitlist at USU was brought about because Banner had the capability, so university officials decided to try the feature. There's been nothing but positive feedback, Mortensen said.

The waitlist feature will be turned off this Friday, after that time all students will require the professor's signature to get into a class.

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## Proposals: The key to research success

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student population and offers medical school. USU has many of its own strengths, Miller said. Mostly, the University of Utah's prolific research is done in medicine, while USU is excelling in its agriculture and education

departments. Miller said a large bite of the \$187 million in funding was achieved through the Space Dynamics Lab, which collected \$62 million.

"Research funding is a pot of money that everyone in the

country is after," Broadbent said. "One in ten proposals or fewer will actually be funded. That's why it's important we invest in the proposals - to get better results."

Miller said USU's research ventures are unique because a very high proportion of the researchers are students both graduate and undergraduate. Cari Markham, a graduate student in human resources and science, is currently involved in a research project conducted by the business school that requires her to think critically about companies that were pioneered by entrepreneurs and became public businesses, and how they became big. Markham said because of her research experience, she has decided to get her Ph.D. after she completes her Master's program.

"For the business school, I think there is a lot of development in making companies and employees better through research," Markham said. "And for me, personally, as a student, it has given me the opportunity to dive into things outside of my nature. This research does give me the sense of how businesses are working and what they can do better."

In any type of research there are discoveries and inventions found that can create new businesses and advancements, Miller said. This is why it is crucial that proposals are sent out as often as possible in order to increase chances of funding, he said. Students are involved in the proposal writing process and collaborate with professors and researchers so that they can one day be prepared to take initiative and fund their own research project ideas.

"Many of the students and faculty come here because they like to be involved in discovery," Broadbent said. "If you want to pursue your dreams you have to get outside dollars to do it."

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Do you have any weird phobias?  
static shock – from someone rubbing their socks in the carpet.



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print journalism and English  
junior  
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What is a movie you absolutely hated that everyone else loved?  
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Do you have any weird phobias?  
I'm really afraid of skunks ... I had a bad experience.



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# One more summer s'more

I'm sure I'm not the only person wondering how three s u m m e r months just passed in what I could have sworn was three minutes' time. But, the newspaper you're reading right now is pretty solid evidence that summer is ending and that fall is on its way. I love fall, but the truth is I was still hoping to get in one more camping trip before either homework or the snow - it's hard to say which will happen first- start piling up.



**Eat That**

JENNELLE CLARK

If you, too, are reluctant to say goodbye to summer, you will probably appreciate this recipe. Chocolate and graham cracker cake batters are swirled together and topped with a buttery, graham cracker crumb topping and a lightly toasted marshmallow frosting to create the perfect s'more ... cupcake. It just tastes like summer. No campfire needed.

For the Batter:

Put half of each of the following ingredients into one mixing bowl and the remaining half into another. Use a wire whisk to combine:

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

- To one of the bowls add 3/4 cup cocoa powder. To the other add 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs. For this recipe you'll need about 17 whole crackers. You can also save yourself a step by buying ready-made graham cracker crumbs. They're basically the same price.

- Add 1/2 cup milk, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon of vanilla and 1/4 cup of oil to each bowl and beat on medium with a hand mixer until each batter is combined. Set batters aside.

- Make the graham cracker topping by combining 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs and 1/2 cup brown sugar. Add 1/4 cup melted butter and stir in until totally incorporated.

- Line a muffin tin with paper cups. Fill each cup with 1 tablespoon of graham cracker batter and top it with 1 tablespoon chocolate batter (be careful not to overfill the cups).

- Divide the graham cracker crumb mixture evenly over each of the cups.

- Bake at 350 degrees until done (check by inserting a toothpick in the middle and making sure it comes out clean), about 15 minutes.

- Move the cupcakes to a cooling rack and allow them to cool completely.

For the Frosting:

- Pour 1/3 cup cold water into a small mixing bowl. Sprinkle 1 envelope (just shy of a tablespoon) of unflavored gelatin onto the water and let it sit 5 minutes.

- Meanwhile, combine 1/4 cup cold water and 1 cup of sugar in a saucepan. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil until you reach softball stage, which usually takes 8-10 minutes.

You can test whether or not you've reached softball stage by pouring a little bit of the sugar into a bowl of cold water. If you can use your fingers to make a soft ball out of the sugar, it's ready. You can also use a candy thermometer. You'll know you're at softball stage when you reach 238 degrees.

- Remove the sugar mixture from the heat and add to the gelatin water. Beat with an electric mixer until soft, glossy peaks form (about 6-8 minutes).

- Immediately pipe the frosting onto the cooled cupcakes. Place the frosted cupcakes on a baking sheet and broil them in the oven for 2-3 minutes until the marshmallow frosting is lightly toasted.

Although I think the marshmallow topping is what makes these cupcakes legitimately reminiscent of actual campfire s'mores, you can simplify the recipe by topping the cupcakes with marshmallow cream or whole marshmallows. You could even melt marshmallows the way you would when making rice crispy treats and drizzle it over the tops of the cupcakes.

Whatever you decide, I hope these cupcakes will help your summer linger just a little bit longer.

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# Cache Valley and all that jazz

## Alumni brings unique musical styles to Logan community

By COURTNIÉ PACKER  
features editor

It is amazing where a little passion and determination can get students in life. At least, those are the two key ingredients that got USU alumni Jackson and Maggie Evans where they are today.

Jazz from a Lower Latitude is the concert event conceived by Jackson and Maggie in their Savannah, Ga. home. Both are requested musicians of the South and Wednesday, Sept. 1, the two will be returning to Logan to display their musical talents.

"This high energy music doesn't show up outside of the southeast very often," Jackson said. "The sound we culminate is a mixture of three unique musical styles."

Jackson said these styles include Latin American rhythms, southern swing and Georgia blues. Jackson comes from a background of jazz and blues, and Maggie has always had a love of Brazilian music.

"I had always been drawn towards it," Maggie said. "It is kind of like how you prefer one certain food, I gravitated towards Latin rhythms. I liked seeing it in a different language. It made it more about the rhythms."

Jazz from a Lower Latitude will feature songs in several languages. Maggie said she enjoys these songs because it is difficult to be caught up singing and listening to the

words because of the instruments and their beats. This instrumental music is what has always captured Maggie.

Maggie began her musical debut when she studied piano and the French horn. When she became a teenager, her brother started a punk band and she wanted to become involved. She said she knew her classical piano skills weren't the best for Nirvana covers but she wasn't about to give up. Her dad then bought a bass and she thought it would be cool.

"I didn't take it seriously, like I did the piano," Maggie said.

"I was mostly just figuring stuff out. I liked learning the bass like that. It allowed me to do more and I was more comfortable playing."

As a high demand bassist, Maggie has worked with numerous groups in many styles but Maggie specializes in the music of Latin America such as the Salsa, Latin Jazz and Bossa Nova.

Jackson has become one of the most requested guitarists of the South. He graduated from USU in 2004 with a degree in guitar performance. He has also established an extensive resume in the Southeast with experience as an accompanist, arranger, composer, lyricist, teacher and performer.

"We have been here since 2004 and it has been a great experience musically," Jackson said.

"The south traditionally is a



**MAGGIE AND JACKSON EVANS**, USU Alumni, are returning to Cache Valley. They bring with them musical inspiration from Latin America, southern swing and Georgia Blues. photo courtesy JACKSON EVANS

musically rich culture."

Jackson co-leads a jazz trio, Silver Lining, in Savannah. He has performed with numerous performers such as Ben Tucker, Howard Paul

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### What comfort object from home did you bring to school with you?



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- Ashley Peterson, sophomore, mathematics and statistics

"Jumpy my stuffed monkey that I have had since I was two."

- Joanna Johnson, senior, theater



"My grandma's quilt that she made for me that I have had since I was five."



- Christopher Jensen, junior, electrical engineering



"A blanket that I have had since I was a little girl. I would put it over my face when I would sleep."

- Katie Buckner, senior, animal dairy and veterinary science

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# How to succeed in college without really trying

By KELLYN NEUMANN  
assistant features editor

Feeling lost, overwhelmed and just a little bit nervous are all normal for incoming freshmen. Between living with a new set of people, choosing a class schedule and competing with higher expectations, the methods best for passing classes can become unclear. For those who want the road map to college success, here are the keys to rising above the haze of average learning.

## How to get good grades

Woody Allen once said 80 percent of success is showing up. Going to class is absolutely essential for getting that much-coveted A. While most teachers will put their lecture notes on Blackboard, not everything talked about in class will be included. When it comes time for an exam, those three random, class-discussed questions may be the difference between a sigh-of-relief grade, or a study-harder one.

Luke Martin, senior in international studies and history, suggests that students should read their textbooks. Repetition and reinforcement are key in retaining crucial information for exams and quizzes. By reading the text before the class, listening to the lecture in class and reviewing the information after class, that material is repeated in a student's mind at least three times, ensuring that information is remembered later on.

"Don't put your assignments off," said Lyndsie Davis, senior in English. Megan Johnson, a senior in international studies and his-



**FRESHMAN STUDENTS LOOK** at a map of campus. Eighty percent of success in college is attending classes. ALISON OSTLER photo

tory agreed, saying, "Time management is important, don't be afraid to seek out help."

Procrastination may have worked in high school, but it is much harder to get away with it in college. Teachers have a sixth sense of their own, one that can tell the difference between a paper written over a couple of weeks, and one started at 10 the previous night.

## How to please your professors

Huiyun Feng, professor of political science, lists a couple of ways for students to interact better with their teachers. "Go to the library, and use

the tools it has," she said.

A common misconception from students is that everything needed for a paper is now online, and that print has become obsolete. This is not the case. Many books are not found online, and much of that research could be useful. Print also tends to be more reliable than the internet, as not everyone can post information in a book.

Feng also believes that teachers should try to understand the students better. She has tried to stay current in her usage of technology so that she can bridge the gap between generations.

Students can help professors by answering questions, paying attention in class and assisting in those technological problems that often happen.

## How to get along with your roommates

While it seems awkward at first, once everyone moves in, the novelty quickly fades. Without the skills to move into friendship, shyness can turn into annoyance. "Don't come with any expectations of what you want them to be like," Johnson said.

"Don't judge them at first because you don't know

them yet," added Malynne Young, a junior majoring in Psychology.

Stereotypes can damage a friendship just as much as gossip can. Roommates will find out what is said about them, and it is better not to say anything at all.

Davis advises that roommates pick their battles. "Choose what is most important to you and let everything else slide," she said.

Everyone is unique, and certainly no one is perfect, so disagreements will happen. The best way to get through those battles is to be objective. Seeing both sides of the argument, understanding that everyone was raised differently, and knowing that everyone has imperfections will win respect and friendship from any kind of roommate.

A wise professor once asked his students if they were in college to get an education or a degree. When the ceiling starts to close in, and the light at the end of the tunnel starts to fade, remembering the reason for being here may be the difference between moving back in with the parents and receiving that diploma.

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## Music: Bringing back jazz

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and USU's Mike Christiansen. Jackson said performing is the highlight of his career.

"Anytime I am in front of people playing, I am happy. The attraction of being a musician is all about the high that comes from playing in front of people. I am straight up addicted. It is the best feeling in the world," he said.

Jackson said life as a musician is a bit tiring. When he and Maggie go out for the evening, they don't leave without an agenda. They attend a show to network a gig or have another alternate plan in mind.

"This is a 24/7 job as a musician," he said. "It is tiring, but that is also the fun part. This is something we are both extremely passionate about and we both get to make it our professional life. We are lucky in that regard."

Both Jackson and Maggie are excited to be back in Logan performing in their hometown and displaying their style and sound.

"It is going to be an exciting night," Jackson said. "Maggie and I take pride in bringing a high energy performance. This is crowd-friendly, exciting and highly crafted music. Entertainment is our number one priority."

Maggie not only agreed with Jackson but said this is also an opportunity to support independent art shows.

"With a large school in town, there is a lot of talent and not always a lot of outlets for it," Maggie said. "This is an unfinished art without an audience. It is our responsibility to support that. We need to keep a buzz and scene going."

Jackson and Maggie will also be sharing the stage with local musicians Eric Nelson and Jason Nicholson. A special appearance will also be made by USU professor Mike Christiansen.

Jazz from a Lower Latitude will begin at 7:30 in the Logan Arthouse and Cinema located on 795 N. Main St. Admission will be \$12 at the door.

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## BYU to go independent; USU future in doubt

By ADAM NETTINA  
sports editor

Brigham Young University is planning to leave the Mountain West Conference (MWC) to become an independent in football and a member of the West Coast Conference (WCC) in all other sports. This according to the Salt Lake Tribune, which reported on Tuesday afternoon that BYU had made its intentions known to the MWC schools' presidents. BYU will continue to play as a member of the MWC for the 2010-11 academic year, with the transition to independent status in football becoming effective June 30, 2011.

A press conference announcing the decision has been scheduled for today at 12 p.m. at LaVell Edwards Stadium in Provo, Utah. It comes after a two and a half week period in which the school mulled its options following an earlier announcement that

it would join the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in all sports except football. In response to the news, Fresno State and Nevada chose to leave the WAC and join the MWC, while Utah State turned down an invitation to the MWC with the presumption that the WAC would stabilize with BYU joining the conference.

But the WAC, facing a future with only six member teams, no longer appeared to be an attractive conference for BYU's non-football sports, prompting the school to consider moving its other teams to the WCC. Prior to reconsidering its decision to move its teams to the WAC, BYU had worked out a plan to play several WAC schools each year in football, including Utah State.

BYU will become the fourth NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team to become Independent, joining Notre Dame, Navy and Army. The school, which is owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is hoping that the

move increases its exposure, but will face challenges in filling out future schedules.

BYU's move away from the MWC is a blow to both the MWC and the WAC, and a win for the WCC, which improves its basketball profile with the addition. The move could be the final deathblow to the WAC, which will operate with only six members during the 2012 season. Utah State will also likely suffer from BYU's declaration of football independence, and could be left without a conference if the WAC dissolves in the near future.

As for that future, it will likely be addressed today at 2 pm, when WAC commissioner Karl Benson holds a teleconference to address media members in wake of BYU's decision not to join the WAC. Among the many questions that he'll have to address is how he plans to keep the conference together, and what schools the WAC could target for its own expansion.

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### The Great WAC Shakedown of 2010

**June 11:** Boise State leaves the WAC to join the MWC in all sports for the 2011 season.

**Aug 18:** Fresno State and Nevada accept an invitation from the MWC to join following the 2012 season.

**Aug 31:** BYU announces its decision to go independent in football and join the WCC in all other sports following the 2011 season.

## Superstars in the making, not replacements

By MATT SONNENBERG  
assistant sports editor

The 2009 football season didn't just see a remarkable improvement in Utah State's offensive production; it saw a full-scale turnaround in fortune that witnessed the fall of numerous school records. Guided by first-year offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin, USU's offense soared to new heights in 2009, finishing 12th in the nation in total offense.

USU's three-headed monster at quarterback, running back, and wide receiver was a prime reason for the Aggies' unprecedented success. Running back Robert Turbin proved to be one of the conference's most dynamic players, becoming the school's first 1000-yard rusher since 2001 en route to earning All-Western Athletic Conference honors as a sophomore. Wide receiver Stanley Morrison - also a sophomore in 2009 - led the team in receptions and receiving yards while also providing game-changing athleticism in the return game. And who can forget quarterback Diondre Borel, who set a USU record for total offense in a season while leading the charge for an Aggie offense that gained more yards than any other Utah State team in history.

That was year one under Baldwin, so one can only imagine just how far the Aggie offense would fly in year two, especially considering that the dynamic, three-headed beast of Turbin, Morrison, and Borel would be coming backing 2010 to do it all again.

Two freak injuries later, that beast has been momentarily subdued. Two freak injuries later, that excitement is clouded with uncertainty. Two freak injuries later, the Aggies - so potent on offense a season ago - will be without Turbin and Morrison, and will have to rely on a new group of offensive players to rebuild Baldwin's offensive behemoth.

There will be a new top rusher and a new top receiver for Utah State in 2010, and two of the prime candidates to fill those roles are looking to step up in more ways than just show up on a stat-sheet.

Senior running back Michael Smith and junior wideout Matt Austin both bring their own skills and talents to the already stellar offense, but given the scenario of stepping up for injured superstars, each has welcomed the load of increased leadership duties and expectations.

"I felt like I was a leader once I stepped on the field," Smith said. "It's an opportunity for me to step up even bigger. Right now I've got shoes to fill."

While Smith says he's always felt like he was in a leadership role on the team, Austin's case isn't as similar. A promising prospect for the Aggies last preseason, the former Mt. San Antonio junior college star never saw the field thanks to a preseason foot injury. He worked his way back this spring, however, and steadily rose up the depth chart by displaying soft hands and elite athleticism.

Austin may have looked to be among the offense's primary contributors this season with or without a healthy Morrison, but he never anticipated being the unquestioned No. 1 receiver going into the season.

Yet as training camp got underway in August, that's exactly the role Austin embraced. Aside from being asked to catch passes and score touchdowns for USU, Austin will also be called upon to be a leader on the offense. It's an unfamiliar role he's had to adjust to given Morrison's injury.

"I'm not really a vocal leader, but I think I have to be," Austin said. "Now I've gotten better with it and really I'm just being a leader on the field and off the field and making plays to be a leader too."

Baldwin voiced his own excitement for Austin's ability to make plays and to be a leader, saying, "I expect a big impact from Matt. He's got great hands. He goes up and gets it. He's definitely our go-to receiver."

Baldwin and the rest of the coaching staff aren't the only ones fueling the hype for Austin. The 2010 Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook named Austin as its pick for the WAC's Newcomer of the Year award.



**RUNNINGBACK MICHAEL SMITH AND WIDE RECEIVER MATT AUSTIN** are looking to shine in big ways on and off the field in 2010, rather than just fill in for injured stars Robert Turbin and Stanley Morrison. CARL R. WILSON photo

Austin appears to have the same type of confidence in both himself and in the receiving corps in which he has assumed the leadership role of, and feels that USU's receiving corps - while inexperienced - is capable of picking up any slack left by the off-season loss of Turbin.

"I think we have enough talent in the receiving corps to step up and take that load off the running backs," Austin said.

Smith, on the other-hand, isn't as concerned with filling the void left by Turbin as much as he is with performing at his best and bringing the rest of the tailbacks up to a high level of performance. Smith said that USU's backs aren't going to try to imitate Turbin's punishing style of play on the field, and will instead bring their own unique talents to the position.

"We don't try to be like him," Smith said of Turbin. "I know how to break plays. We can all catch. We can all run. Going into the summer we had so much confidence and such a positive mind-set. I feel we can do anything."

Smith's 2009 campaign left plenty of reason for excitement despite his limited role in the offense. He rushed for 290 yards and four touchdowns on the year while averaging 6.3 yards-per-carry, the same average as Turbin. Smith also showed he could be just as dangerous of a receiving threat as Turbin, catching 19 passes for 220 yards and two touchdowns.

USU has other options at running back besides Smith. Two other players Aggie fans should be on the lookout for are senior Dervin Speight and sophomore Kerwynn Williams. Both Speight and Williams figure to see plenty of reps at running back this season, much like Smith and Speight each did a year ago behind Turbin. Baldwin expects the three back rotation to be a valuable addition to the USU offense, but said that Smith will take on the leading role in the trio.

"He's got to be a go-to running back, but we have horses behind

him," Baldwin said of Smith.

As the 2010 season draws closer and the Aggie opener in Norman, Oklahoma looms, USU is down two superstars. In their place, however, are two players who have all the tools to step up and fill the void left on the offense. And, according to Austin, the players' hard work and relentless attention to detail will pay off come September.

"We're all hungry. We all want to win, and we're going to prove ourselves this year."

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# Aggie runners face great expectations in 2010

By JORDAN ALLRED  
staff writer

The Utah State men's and women's cross country teams stride into action this Saturday as they begin their respective seasons at the Utah State Open. The men are looking to build on their dynasty after winning their fifth consecutive WAC

Championship in 2009 and return 10 runners this season. Junior Brian McKenna leads the Aggies this year. McKenna, who was the 2009 WAC Runner of the Year, expects the Aggies to have a special year in 2010.

"We are going to go all out," said McKenna, who ran in the NCAA Cross Country Championships in 2009. "We set individual goals and as we

bring those (goals) together we realize it's going to take us as far as we have ever gone."

"Big things are coming," he added.

The Aggie men have built a special bond. The juniors and seniors have all experienced the Aggie tradition of winning championships, and as McKenna describes it, they are all very close friends.

"We have great dynamics

between the guys. I don't have any better friends than the guys on this team," he said.

This summer the team spent a lot of time getting ready for the season. Aside from his weight training, McKenna and his teammates averaged between 70 and 90 miles of running each week in preparation for this season. "As always, we focused on high mileage over the summer," McKenna said. "The further you run, the better

you'll run."

An academic all-WAC selection, McKenna is the embodiment of a student-athlete. He said that while many of USU's athletes can feel overwhelmed with the extra stress that comes from competing at such a high level, he himself has found that running cross country has helped him in other areas of his life.

"I feel like running more than anything helps me learn from my mistakes, and that has helped me to be motivat-

ed in all aspects of my life," he said.

The Aggie men are excited to show the rest of the nation what they are capable of when they travel to South Bend, Ind. on Oct. 1 to compete in the Notre Dame Invitational. "It's our best gauge for where we are as a team," McKenna said. "We will be up against some big schools."

The Utah State men's team isn't the only cross country unit facing great expectations in 2010. The women have just as much, if not more, to prove this season. They are coming off a second place finish at last year's WAC cross country championships and are returning all but one runner from last year's team. Senior Kim Quinn, who placed 19th at last year's championships, pointed out that this year's team should be the favorite to win the WAC.

Like the men, the women have been hard at work in training for the season. Over the summer, Quinn and her teammates worked on building a base for this season. Recently the Aggies held their cross country camp in Altamont, Utah, giving the runners a chance to train hard together and bond as a team.

With so many returners and a group of great freshmen, Quinn is hopeful that the Aggie women will have what it takes to win by the end of the season. "It's my senior year so I want to do better than I have done before," she said. "As a team we want to win conference."

The Utah State Open will be held at the American West Heritage Center in Wellsville, Utah at 9 a.m.

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**JUNIOR RUNNER BRIAN MCKENNA** competes in cross country action a year ago. McKenna looks to build on his success from 2009 and make a return to the NCAA Cross Country Championships again in 2010. Statesman file photo

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## Stiff-arm watch 2010: Race for the Heisman

By ADAM NETTINA  
sports editor

Who are the Heisman trophy favorites coming into 2010? Here are my preseason picks to make it to New York City for the Heisman presentation in December.

### RB Mark Ingram, Alabama

Last year's Heisman winner, Ingram is the undisputed leader of Alabama's offense and the South Eastern Conference's premier running back. He rushed for 1,658 yards and 17 TDs for the Crimson Tide last year, and distinguished himself in match-ups against some of the best defenses in the country. It'll be tough for him to win the Heisman this year, though, as he'll likely have to split carries with up-and-coming sophomore Trent Richardson.

### QB Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State

Will the Ohio State signal caller finally live up to his billing as the next Vince Young? An athletic 'freak' at 6-foot-6, 233 lbs., Pryor has uncanny speed for his size, and sports a strong arm and pinpoint accuracy as a passer. While his maturity level has been a question mark in the past, his status as the leader of the Big 10 favorites makes him a legitimate candidate to take home the Heisman.

### RB Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech

A freshman All-American in 2009, Williams stepped in valiantly for the injured Darren Evans in Blacksburg, rushing for 1,655 yards and 21 touchdowns while leading Virginia Tech to a 10-3 record. Like Ingram, Williams' biggest obstacle will be having to split carries with another star athlete in the backfield.

### RB John Clay, Wisconsin

The Badgers are this year's dark horse to win the Big 10, and Clay is one of the prime reasons- why. A punishing runner who accounted for 1,517 yards and 18 touchdowns on the ground last year, Clay will have the benefit of a veteran offensive line which comes into the year having started a combined 107 games.

### QB Andy Dalton, Texas Christian University

Dalton returns to Forth Worth after his best season yet, hitting on over 60 percent of his passes during TCU's 12-1 run in 2009. He's shown improvement in each of his three seasons for the Horned Frogs, and will have the benefit of returning his four top pass-catchers from a year ago. If TCU should go undefeated and make it into a BCS bowl game, Dalton will likely find himself at December's award presentation.



# Wildcats Subdued by Aggie Hitters

By TYLER HUSKINSON  
web editor

The Utah State Aggies (3-0) continued their hot start to the volleyball season Aug. 31 by defeating the Weber State Wildcats in three sets at home. The Aggies improve to 2-0 on the season against in-state rivals, while the Wildcats dropped to 0-4 on the season and just couldn't find a comfortable groove against the Aggies. The Wildcats struggled mightily with ball control throughout the entire match and the Aggies were able to capitalize.

"We were able to serve well enough tonight," said USU head coach Grayson Dubose. "I thought we were able to get those guys uncomfortable and out of system a lot."

The Aggies jumped out to a quick and commanding 5-0 lead early in first set, forcing the Wildcats into an early timeout. The Wildcats wouldn't go quietly in the first set, however, battling back to tie the set 12-12. Junior Liz McArthur, fresh off of being named WAC Player of the Week, put the Aggies up 17-13 with one of her five kills during the set. USU never looked back, closing out the set 25-17.

The Wildcats battled back, and the second set swayed in their favor early on as they kept the score close and fought to a 13-11 lead. Sophomore outside hitter Bethany Wray, who had five kills in the first set, had six more kills in the second set, but it wasn't enough as the Aggie defense tightened up by going from two blockers to three blockers on the front line. The adjustment played to the Aggie advantage and allowed USU to take control of the set.

"We feel like that when we serve well and know where they're going, we can get three

blockers up, and that really plays to our advantage so that we can run our system and keep them out of system," said senior middle blocker Katie Astle.

Astle had two kills in the second set and finished with seven kills on the match. Junior outside hitter Liz McArthur continued to play strong and scored a career-high five service aces, including three in a row in the second set. The Aggies won the second set 25-19 and carried the momentum in to the third set.

The Aggies jumped out to a commanding 11-4 lead in the third set, forcing the Wildcats to call another timeout. The Wildcats trimmed the lead to 14-10, but the USU rallied off three straight points to force the Wildcats into their final timeout. It was another stirring performance by USU, but in the end, Dubose was just happy to get a win.

"I think we work hard and I think good things should happen when we work hard. It's a nice team win. We mixed it up a little bit and got some people experience. It's kind of nice to reward everybody for working hard," Dubose said.

The Aggies will next take their undefeated record to the Arizona State hosted Sheraton Classic. They will face San Diego State and Seattle University on Friday, followed by Arizona State on Saturday. Coach Dubose said his team will need to step up to be successful over the weekend. "We need to be focused; we need to be dialed-in right from the beginning. It's going to be a challenging couple of matches for us," he said.

The Aggies will take on San Diego State for their first match of the Sheraton Classic on Friday morning at 11 a.m.

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**OUTSIDE HITTER LIZ MCARTHUR** goes for a spike during Tuesday's sweep of Weber State. **TODD JONES** photo

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## McArthur named as WAC's player of the week

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State volleyball player Liz McArthur has been named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week, it was announced by the league office Monday. McArthur was also named the America First Credit Union Utah State Student-Athlete of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Aug. 29, an award that is voted on by a state-wide media panel.

It is the first time in her career that McArthur has been named WAC Player of the Week, and the third time she has received USU student-athlete of the week honors.

McArthur, a 6'1" junior outside hitter from St. George,

Utah (Snow Canyon HS) was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2010 Utah Classic as she led Utah State to wins against UC Davis (3-0) and Utah (3-1) to claim the tournament championship. The win against the Utes was USU's first since the 1990 season, snapping a 13-match road-losing streak to Utah. Against UC Davis, McArthur had 19 kills and hit .500 (19-3-32). Against Utah, she tied her career-high with 25 kills and added a career-high 15 digs for her first double-double of the season. She also hit .512 (25-3-43) in the match. For the tournament, McArthur hit an unbelievable .507 (44-6-75) and averaged 6.29 kills and 2.57 digs per set.

## Merrill is soccer player of the week

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State goalkeeper Mollie Merrill was named the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week, Monday. This is the first career WAC Player of the Week honor for Merrill. It is also the second-straight player of the week honor for the Aggies after junior forward Shantel Flanary earned the WAC Offensive Player of the Week award last week.

Merrill, a junior from Bountiful, Utah (Bountiful HS), registered her second-straight shutout as the Aggies tied Idaho State, 0-0, in double overtime in Pocatello on Sunday. Merrill had two saves in 110 minutes of action, facing 13 shots, including seven in the first half. It marks the first time in her USU career that she has had back-to-back shutouts. She has now gone 202 minutes without

allowing a goal, dating back to the season opener against Weber State on Aug. 20.

Yolanda McMillion, a sophomore forward from New Mexico State, led the crimson Aggies to the Hotel Encanto Aggie Classic title with the first hat trick in school history to earn WAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Merrill, who is in her second season as the Aggies regular starting goalkeeper, has allowed only one goal in three matches this season for a goals against average of .31. She has made seven saves this season. She has a stellar .875 save percentage this season.

USU continues its road trip heading to the Golden State for the first of six matches in California. USU will take on Long Beach State on Friday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. and San Diego State on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.



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## Spectrum magic needs to migrate north

As if it wasn't a big enough shock that this fine publication would choose to give me a weekly column in the first place, let's go ahead and brace for the shattering of the earth now that Section F will grace these pages for a third consecutive year.



**MATT SONNENBERG**

Although I, myself, sarcastically questioned the journalistic integrity of a column that was created with the purpose of blending objective reporting with rabid fan-hood, maybe this concept is the future of reporting. It's tough to argue that the old methods are working to perfection with all the changes and budget cuts at major newspapers around the country. If nothing else, a fan base as rabid as Utah State's, particularly for basketball, should have some kind of presence in a media outlet ... so here we are.

Since its inception, Section F has seen two outright Western Athletic Conference basketball championships, a WAC tournament championship, two NCAA tournament appearances, the national sensation that is "Wild Bill" and the implementation and ruthless perfection and perpetuity of the "winning team, losing team" and "I believe" chants.

There's a glaring problem in all of this, though. It's a problem that has been touched on in Section F before, and it's something that I believe is close to seeing a solution.

While it's easy to understand that a large, rowdy, coordinated, killing machine of a crowd might have a tough time formulating around a 4-8 football team, forget not that our Aggies are 6-5 at home over the past two seasons, despite two losses coming against teams who went on to finish the season ranking 4th or better in the nation. And, one of those games included that 58-yard field goal against Fresno State in 2008. For the most part, Utah State fans have not been let down at home, especially relative to the overall records of the team the past two years.

The Spectrum has something magical about it. Nobody who has been there can objectively deny that fact. In many people's eyes, the debate over which student section is the best in the nation was put to rest last winter following four appearances

on national television for Utah State basketball.

It is time, if not long overdue, that the USU student body rallies together and translates the legendary power of the Spectrum into a new kind of dominance during Saturday afternoons at Romney Stadium.

Sure, you could be one of those people who claims to be better than those who would support a program that hasn't had a winning season since any of us have been old enough to drive a car. If you want to go through your life as a shameless fan of the fairest weather, I imagine it is relatively easy to throw on the t-shirt and hat of a perennial powerhouse program and feel like a winner because of it. But I can guarantee it would be much less rewarding than playing a crucial role in establishing a winning program, or in the case of Utah State, bringing a program back to a long-lost level of prominence. In other words, building a bandwagon for people to ride on is much more rewarding than simply jumping on.

And to those of you out there who claim to have grown up as a BYU, Utah or Boise State fan, those allegiances obviously weren't strong enough for you to attend school at any of those places, so take your rightful place alongside the rest of your fellow Aggies and be a part of turning Romney Stadium into something as special as The Spectrum.

For anyone who knows the recent history of USU athletics, it was during Stew Morrill's second season that he took the Utah State basketball program to heights that hadn't been reached in decades. If history does indeed repeat itself, and it does, Gary Andersen's second year as head football coach will provide plenty to be excited about.

If and when Andersen brings the Aggies back to football prominence, I doubt I'm the only one who would like to see the Utah State student section at Romney Stadium being mentioned among the best in the country, much like we've done at the Spectrum.

It's up to everyone to make it happen.

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## USU linebacker Ah You out for season

By ADAM NETTINA  
sports editor

When it rains, it pours, and right now, it's pouring. Less than a week away from the start of the 2010 college football season, USU was dealt another setback this past week, as it learned that senior linebacker Matt Ah You will miss the season after suffering a shoulder injury in practice. According to USU coach Gary Andersen, the decision was made with more than just Ah You's football future in mind.

"The doctors have done everything that could be done, but the bottom line is we wanted him to have a shoulder that would allow him to throw a ball with his kid," Andersen said. "We did not want to put him in a position that would hamper him the rest of his life."

Ah You's career comes to an end after a long, injury-prone career. He originally played for Brigham Young University, even starting all 13 games for the Cougars during 2008. Following his 50-tackle performance that season, Ah You transferred to Central Washington, but played in only one game before suffering a season-ending injury. He was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA

and came to USU amidst high expectations, but had been hampered for much of fall camp with a shoulder injury. While he was not a starter, Ah You was expected to supplement junior Kyle Gallagher at middle linebacker.

His injury hurts the Aggies, but Andersen has moved quickly to address the loss. He plans to use former safeties Joey Schrader and Gavin Jones as linebackers, and has moved cornerback Quinton Byrd to safety. Andersen said he has confidence in the athletic and intelligent players to make the grade at their new positions, although he said that both Jones and Schrader will have to play bigger than their size.

"Those are two guys that are 205 pounds right now. Hopefully they are eating as we speak to keep them moving in the right direction," Andersen said. "That will help solidify the position. They are both smart kids. They haven't played a lot of linebacker but our scheme will protect them a little bit."

USU opens the season this Saturday in Norman, Okla. against the seventh-ranked Sooners. USU students are invited to view the game in the Fieldhouse at 5 p.m.

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# Adam's WAC football power poll: Week 1

Week one of the 2010 college football season is upon us, with eight of the WAC's nine teams taking to the gridiron during the next six days. Everyone's eyes will be on Boise State's visit to Landover, Md. to play Virginia Tech on Labor Day, but the conference's first action kicks off when Idaho hosts North Dakota on Thursday night (7 p.m., on Altitude). Each week I'll compile my "Power Poll" of WAC teams, basing the rankings on strength of overall wins and losses, schedule, and on-field performance. Here's how the teams stack up before the season kicks off:



**1) Boise State:** The Broncos have only lost two conference games since 2002 and bring back the most experienced and talented team in the WAC this year. QB Kellen Moore is among the best in the country, while the Bronco defense should be lights-out with four returning all-WAC selections from 2009. They do have to face Nevada on the road but head coach Chris Peterson does a great job at preparing his team on a week-to-week basis. This year's team is a national-title contender.



**2) Nevada:** The Wolf Pack started slowly in 2009 but went 7-1 in conference play, losing only to Boise State. QB Colin Kaepernick might be the most exciting quarterback in America, while an experienced offensive line should pave the way for returning 1000-yard rusher Vai Taua. The only concern this year is the defense, which head coach Chris Ault said must improve if the Wolf Pack are to unseat Boise as the league's top team.



**3) Fresno State:** The Bulldogs may lack the star power that they've had in the past, but coach Pat Hill has a solid group that is led by one of the most experienced offensive lines in the entire country, as well as a veteran defense anchored by first team All-WAC defensive end Chris Carter and middle linebacker Ben Jacobs. While the team loses running back Ryan Matthews to the NFL, Hill was confident at WAC Media Day that his young offensive playmakers will prove their worth in helping the team get back to a fourth straight bowl game.



**4) Louisiana Tech:** The Bulldogs went a disappointing 4-8 season last year, but former Arizona OC Sonny Dykes brings a dynamic spread offense to Ruston this year. WR Philip Livas is one of the most explosive players in college football, while the offensive line returns 126 combined career starts. Expect the defense to be stiff as well: 1st Team All-WAC linebacker Adrian Cole returns after a 93-tackle effort in 2009.



**5) Utah State:** Are the Aggies this year's Idaho? Utah State received plenty of publicity as an up-and-coming program during WAC media day, but the Aggies will have to overcome the loss of RB Robert Turbin and WR Stanley Morrison to injuries. The offense should still be explosive, but whether or not the Aggies go bowling could come down to whether or not LB Bobby Wagner and the defense can show marked improvement against the run in 2010.



**6) Idaho:** Robb Akey's Vandals were one of the best stories in college football last year, but even the straight-shooting head coach will be the first to tell you his team won't be sneaking up on anyone this year. QB Nathan Enderle returns for a senior season, while a trio of tall, fast receivers give Idaho's offense the kind of firepower to go toe-to-toe with anyone in the conference. The good news on defense is that ten starters return. The bad news is that ten starters return on a defense that was second to last in the country in pass efficiency a year ago.



**7) Hawaii:** The Warriors will have to completely re-tool their offensive line from a year ago, but the team did finish strong in 2009 and returns the best wide receiver in the WAC in Greg Salas. After an injury rattled year last season the defense has nowhere to go but up, but questions still remain at quarterback after returning starter Bryant Moniz missed spring practice.



**8) San Jose State:** Dick Tomey's final season as the Spartan head coach was not a memorable one, with new coach Mike MacIntyre inheriting a 2-10 team. There is hope, though, as MacIntyre was the former DC at Duke and his Blue Devil defenses showed amazing improve-



ment over the last three years. Still, the team will be adjusting to a radically different offensive and defensive scheme, and with many players switching positions, it's likely a rebuilding year for JSU.

**9) New Mexico State:** Dwayne Walker was known as a defensive mastermind while at UCLA, but he has his work cut out for him in Las Cruces. The Aggies have some hope with an experienced offensive line and returning 1000-yard rusher Seth Smith, but the quarterback position will remain a question mark with junior college transfer Matt Christian taking over. NMST limped out of 2009 with seven straight losses and does not catch any breaks in this year's schedule.



Got beef with my picks? Think I missed the mark? We want to hear from you. Drop me a line at [adammettina@gmail.com](mailto:adammettina@gmail.com).

## Utah State to play Southern California, Wyoming in football

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State Director of Athletics Scott Barnes announced Thursday that USU has signed agreements to face Wyoming in a four-game series starting in 2011 and will also play at Southern California in 2013.

In addition to the football agreement with USC, the deal also includes a men's basketball home-and-home series with the Trojans.

USU will host Wyoming on Oct. 8, 2011 in the first of a four-game non-conference series, spanning six years. The Aggies will play at Wyoming on Sept. 13, 2014 before hosting the Cowboys on Sept. 19, 2015 and then returning to War Memorial Stadium in Laramie on Sept. 10, 2016.

"Adding Wyoming to our home schedule early in 2011 gives us a nice regional rivalry and will fill the vacancy created by Boise State," Barnes said. "It will also allow us to continue our master plan for a balanced schedule and give us six home games, which is great for our fans."

USU will host six home games for the second year in a row in 2011, as the 2010 ledger has the Aggies at home for six games for just the third time in the past 13 seasons. In 116 seasons of Utah State football, the Aggies have had six home games on the slate a total of only seven times: 1952, 1978, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2008 and 2010.

Hosting Wyoming in 2011 will mark the 12th time in the 13-year history of the Mountain West Conference that the Aggies have hosted a MWC team, hosting BYU this season, both BYU and Utah in 2008, UNLV in 2007, Utah in 2006, UNLV in 2005, Utah in 2004, Wyoming in 2003, both BYU and Utah in 2002, Wyoming in 2001, Utah in 2000 and BYU in 1999.

"It's great to have a home game against a Mountain West team in Wyoming, especially where it is placed in the schedule. That is big for our program, our community and our fans. That gives us the opportunity to hopefully be on a good television network,

whichever one it may be," USU football head coach Gary Andersen said.

Barnes also announced that he has signed an agreement to play a non-conference game at Southern California, as USU will take on USC on Sept. 21, 2013 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

"The USC football agreement will give us a chance to play in an important recruiting market," Barnes said.

USU football will be taking on USC for the first time since 1989, and the Aggies are 0-4

all-time against the Trojans, facing them in 1928, 1930, 1984 and 1989.

"We recruit California heavily so it is great exposure for us. It will obviously be a very challenging game for us, but we're looking at getting one of those games every year that puts us in the national spotlight. The USC game definitely does that for our program. As we continue to move forward, we need to take those challenges on and prepare in a way that we know we're going to play a high-quality opponent

very early in the season and we're excited about that opportunity," Andersen said.

The 2010 edition of Utah State football had its final two-a-day of preseason camp on Thursday, and wrapped up with single practices on Friday and Saturday to work on preparations for the 2010 season-opener at No. 7 Oklahoma on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. (MT). The Aggies' home-opener is Saturday, Sept. 11 vs. border-foe Idaho State at 6 p.m. (MT).

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### First tuition, now our pocket change

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They say they don't expect us to give them thousands of dollars - because oh wait, we did that already - they just want us to give out our extra change. Filling up a piggy with extra change could end up being a good chunk of money, a chunk of money that we would like to spend on say ... groceries? I have a light out in my bedroom, too but, hey - what is living in the dark as long as you're giving, right?

Our children are going to have to hear about how back in our day, we couldn't eat our servings of fruits and vegetables because we were giving our hard earned change to our school. We will be free from eating Top Ramen every night to eating half of a potato because you can buy a month's worth of that food for \$4 at Wal-Mart.

We understand the idea of "giving a little, seeing a big change" and we don't want to sound heartless by saying we have an issue with this new idea. This idea, however, doesn't give any specifics about what we are raising money for. As appealing as putting money in a jar for the heck of it sounds; scholarships, college funds, or just the general university fund is a bit too vague for us to feel comfortable with donating to a school to which we have already given thousands, and will eventually give tens of thousands.

College students are open-minded. We are unselfish when it comes to helping others when we think it can make a change. We raised \$3,000 for a soccer team because the Freshman class read a book about it - and yes, we gave them our extra change. However, the majority of college students aren't well-off enough financially to just give money to a cause that hasn't been specified simply because cute piggy banks are handed out.



## Forum Letters

Letters to the editor • A public forum

### Fugees Fundraiser

To the editor:

This year, the freshmen Connections class read the book, *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John. The book was about a refugee soccer team named the Fugees near Atlanta, Georgia. The coach, Luma Mufleh, came and spoke to the classes and said their organization was planning to build a private school for the refugees as well. To raise money for the

school, they entered a fundraising competition put on by Kohl's to win half a million dollars. To win, they need to receive a lot of votes.

Please vote for the Fugees on Facebook or by following the link on their website, [fugeesfamily.org](http://fugeesfamily.org). Each person can vote for the school five times and voting closes Friday so we need to take action fast. These kids have next to nothing so please take the time to vote and tell your family and friends to vote too.

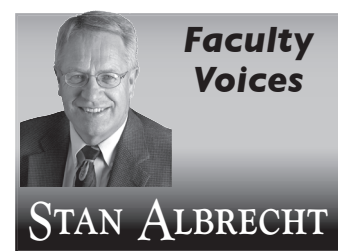
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### Your letter here

## Utah State continues to grow

I have always enjoyed Carl Sandburg's autobiography, "Always the Young Strangers." Sandburg highlights what he refers to as "the essential revitalization of society" that is made possible by the emergence of what he calls young strangers - young people who have the ability to lead their contemporaries in the renewal of the key values that sustain our culture. Those of us who comprise the more enduring part of our campus community - faculty, staff, and administration - have the opportunity to experience that revitalization and renewal each fall as we welcome first-time and returning students to our campus. This is the time of the year that I enjoy most. The excitement and enthusiasm you bring renew us all.

We begin this new academic year having reached a number of important new milestones. This includes our selection by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's top-tier universities- the first time we have achieved that status. Several of our individual colleges and programs have been recognized as among the very best in the country. For example, USU is No. 17 of "30 Awesome College



Faculty Voices  
STAN ALBRECHT  
 Labs," according to Popular Science's online magazine, "PopSci." USU's Center for Integrated BioSystems got the nod for its genetics research involving cloning.

We are approaching, again for the first time, the \$200 million mark in annual research grants and contracts, placing us among the elite of our country's research universities. This is important to your education, both because you have the opportunity to study with what truly is a world-class faculty, and because many of you will serve as research fellows, or undergraduate or graduate research assistants, where you will have direct mentoring experiences in the laboratories and classrooms of our finest research faculty.

Other important milestones include our having reached the \$300 million mark in our \$400 million comprehensive campaign - a campaign that is generating a very signifi-

cant number of new endowments that will provide financial support to our students. We are reaching new enrollment highs, both in Logan and at our regional campuses. And speaking of our regional campuses, we are thrilled to welcome the College of Eastern Utah as part of the Utah State University system. This means that we now have campuses in the Uintah Basin, Tooele, Brigham City, Price and Blanding, making a USU educational experience possible across most of the state.

In the next four weeks, we will dedicate four beautiful new buildings that will add significantly to the teaching and research space on our campuses. You will also note that some parts of our campus are a little torn up as we continue construction of the new Agricultural Sciences Building that will anchor the east side of our historic quad.

The list of new milestones could go on, but I wanted to share with you briefly just some of the changes that reflect the excitement we feel for the future of this great university.

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## I'll take coffee, thanks

Has anyone sat back and wondered, at least recently, about the complete compost-pile that our country has become?

Daily we are bombarded by pathos-skewed rhetoric in an attempt to sway our irrational, emotional selves into action without serious thought to consequence, or even an in-depth analysis of what is argued.

One pundit that has rapidly grown in popularity favors strong emotional argument, without a lot of rationality to back up her own arguments, is Sarah Palin.

From Mrs. Palin we receive lectures about what "real America" wants. And here I always thought I was real enough. I suppose that the philosophy of "I think, therefore, I am" doesn't apply in this new world logic.

This, naturally, begs the question: "What is a real American?"

According to Sarah Palin, who is generally given credit for coining the phrase in recent times, a real American is someone that:

1. Farms
2. Lives in a small town



BEN ZARITSKY

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# Albrecht: Be involved on campus

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I urge you to become involved in all aspects of campus life. Do your best in your classes, but also become engaged in ways that will allow you to experience the fullness of what the university has to offer. Become involved in one or more of the over 100 clubs and student organizations that are available. Find ways to make our campus, community, and world a better place by sharing your time and talents with one of the many

service organizations on campus. Attend a concert in our wonderful new performance hall. Extend your Aggie Spirit by supporting athletic events. And, I hope you will let me know how you are doing. To facilitate that, I will have regularly scheduled presidential office hours. You can schedule an appointment, if you choose, by contacting my staff at 797-7172.

Please know that it is a great honor for me to serve as

your president. GO AGGIES!

*Stan Albrecht is President of Utah State University.*

*Faculty voices appears each Wednesday in The Utah Statesman. If you are a member of the USU faculty interested in writing a column, send an email to statesmaneditor@aggiemail.usu.edu or stop by TSC 105.*

# Pundit: What is a real American?

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3. Teaches small children (sorry professors, you are more of the elitist types that are destroying the country)

4. Fights in a war

Geography and vocation can't be the only thing that makes a person a real American. If that were the case, Mrs. Palin herself - being a beauty-queen-turned-political-failure who, to the extent of my knowledge, has never fought in a war - would be considered fake.

After all, if that were true, only a select few cities - and the whole state of Idaho - could be considered part of real America.

There must be another way to find out who in this country is actually real. After all, it would be rash to assume that Sarah Palin doesn't really understand all of what she is saying when she says it.

Let's look to those who Mrs. Palin has specifically endorsed or condemned.

**Endorsed:** Dr. Laura and her First Amendment right to freedom of speech. For those of you unaware of the issue, Dr. Laura used the "n" word several times during one of her programs, and has been avidly supported recently by Mrs. Palin, especially over Twitter.

Palin tweets, "Dr.Laura: don't retreat... reload! (Steps aside bc her 1st Amend. rights ceased 2exist thx 2 activists trying 2 silence..." and again, "Dr.Laura = even more powerful & effective w/out the shackles, so watch out Constitutional obstructionists. And b thankful 4 her voice, America!"

Despite the fact that her argument is about as stable as decades-old dynamite - yes, I can use violent metaphors, too - let us, for one second, keep this in mind as her criteria for a real American.

So. Number five on the list of what makes a real American: must uphold the constitution in all of its various aspects.

With this last criterion, I think we have it complete ... except for the fact that even Sarah Palin, under this criteria, still would not qualify as a real American.

**Condemned:** Just a short time ago Mrs.

Palin tweeted to those who supported the mosque being put up at Ground Zero.

She tweets "Peace-seeking Muslims, pls understand, Ground Zero mosque is UNNECESSARY provocation; it stabs hearts. Pls reject it in interest of healing".

While I hate to be nit-picky, I have to question the logic here.

Last I checked freedom of religion, and the inability of the government to interfere in its practices, is an important part of the constitution. If I remember correctly, one of the reasons so many came to America was for the freedom of religion it offered. In fact, it is in the very same amendment that Mrs. Palin used in order to defend Dr. Laura.

Side note: Why is it unnecessary provocation to build a place of worship somewhere, but not unnecessary provocation to use the "n" word on a program wherein a person calling in to describe how that word offends her?)

I suppose I just don't understand. Unfortunately for myself, and half of the rest of America who swing a little more left than right (or anyone in a metropolitan area for that matter), we just do not have the luxury of being "real Americans" any longer.

Our right to that has been revoked - do I need to fear being deported?

And if we are not real, what are we? Have we ceased to exist all together? Or are we merely separated from the nation and being forced to become a new one altogether?

From the way pundits - on all sides - carry on, you would suppose that we have become two separate nations: those who are right, true and, most importantly, American, form the United States; and those who fall short of the mark are becoming depraved socialist, "fascist," freedom-hating, Nazi-resembling ... fake Americans?

I guess I'm still having a hard time figuring out the opposite of a real American.

*Ben Zaritsky is a senior majoring in Print Journalism.*

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## Danish TV station charged with promoting terrorism

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A Kurdish-language TV station with a Danish broadcast license has been charged with promoting a group linked to terrorism, Danish prosecutors said Tuesday.

Top prosecutor Joergen Steen Soerensen said that Roj-TV is helping promote the PKK, or the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which is considered a terrorist group by Turkey, the U.S. and the European Union.

PKK rebels have been fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey in a conflict that has killed tens of thousands of people since 1984. Turkey accuses Roj-TV of being a mouthpiece for the PKK.

According to Soerensen, Roj-TV has "per-

sistently" aired shows with interviews of PKK members and supporters but also about skirmishes between Kurds and Turkish forces. The station's content was "aimed at promoting and supporting the activities of the terrorist organization PKK" and its political wing, Kongra-Gel, the prosecutor said.

The programs "must be regarded as having the characteristics of propaganda in support of PKK," Soerensen said. The charges came after "extremely comprehensive investigations" of the connections between Roj-TV and PKK, he added.

The charges also include Mesopotamia Broadcast A/S METV, a company behind Roj-TV.

## Families, troops excited about Obama's end to combat in Iraq

President Obama called America's troops the "steel in our ship of state." Many of those men and women of steel — and the parents who helped forge them — said they think the president is plotting the right course as he declares an end to combat in Iraq.

"I'm just glad we're in a total transition now," Steve Baskis said, snapping the fingers on a nerve-damaged hand.

Baskis, 24, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., lost his sight and full use of his arms in a May 2008 explosion in Baghdad that killed one of the men in his armored vehicle. Listening to the president's speech in a living room filled with beach wedding pictures he can no longer see, the former Army specialist appreciated the president's words of support and praise, even

though much still needs done.

"I think that for my buddy who died and all the ones who lost their lives, I think it would mean a lot to them," he said as his bulldog Sophie trotted around.

"We can see all the work that we did. ... Ten, 20, 30 years from now, we'll know what this whole war, Iraq and Afghanistan, what we risked."

Obama marked the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom by noting that we lived in an "age without surrender ceremonies."

James Helis, an Army colonel who chairs the Department of National Security and Strategy at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., said that he liked how the president addressed everyone.

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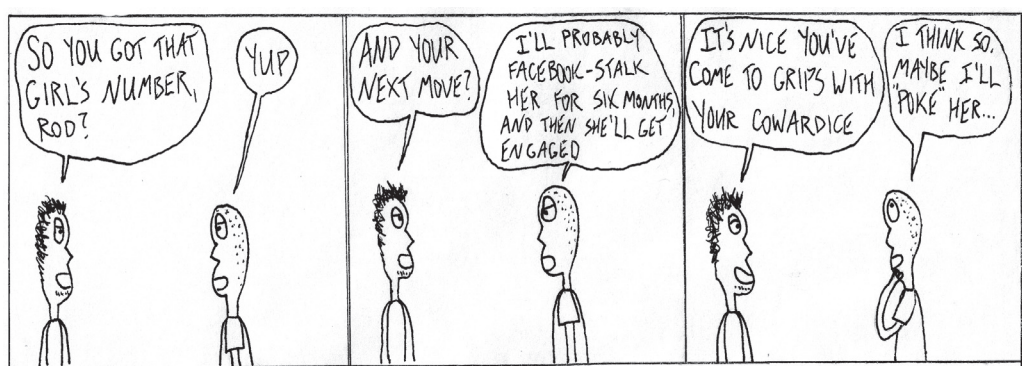
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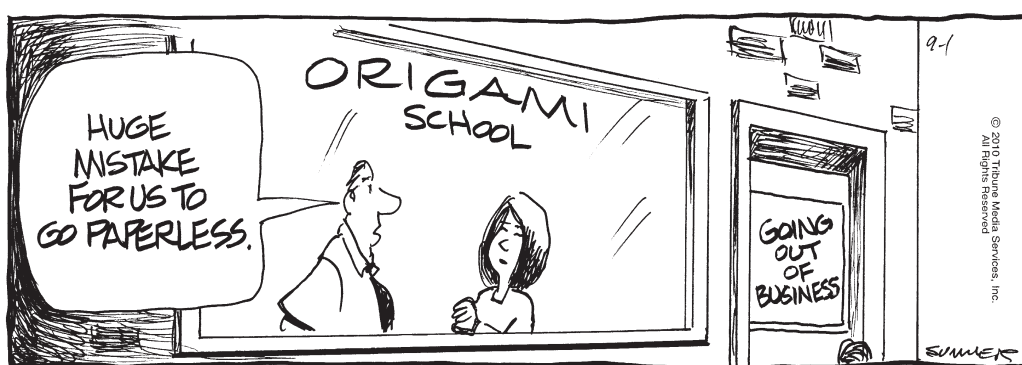
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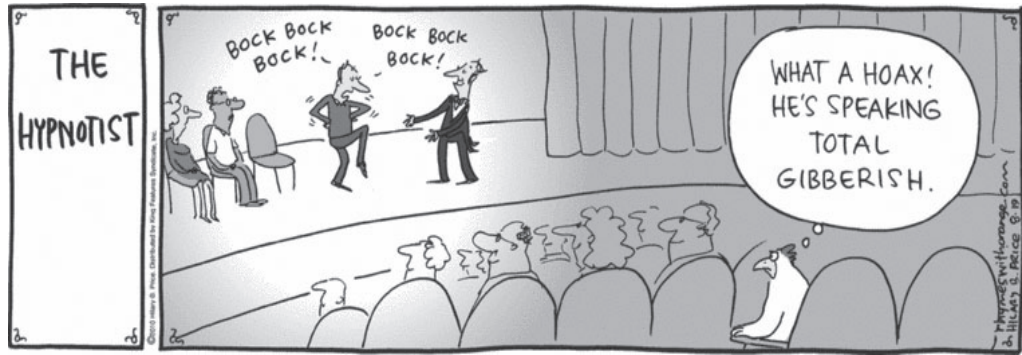
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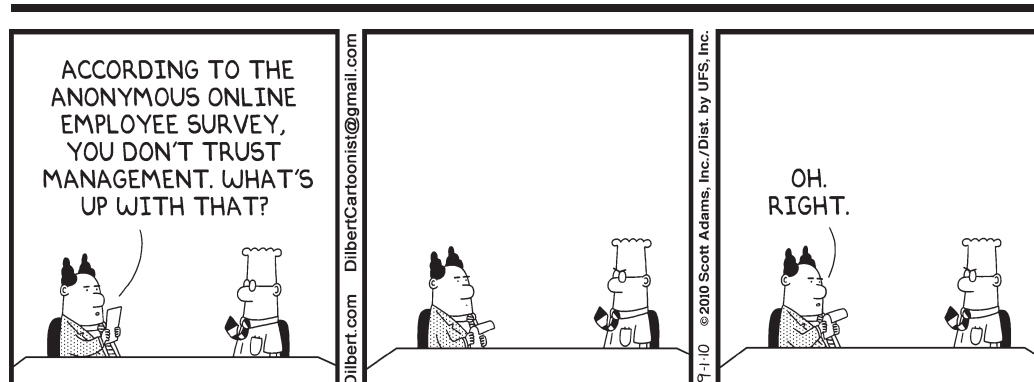
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Method
- 4 Scent
- 9 Proof letters
- 15 Raw mineral
- 13 Apple pie maker's device
- 14 Guitar's cousin
- 15 Huge Asian snake
- 17 Still, in verse
- 18 — de plume
- 19 Avaricious
- 21 Renounce
- 24 Deserve
- 25 Meadow
- 26 Parched
- 28 Dining room need
- 31 Diplomacy
- 33 Pouch
- 35 Feeder filler
- 36 Egyptian crosses
- 38 "— favor, señor"
- 40 Compass dir.
- 41 Carina
- 43 Actor Liam
- 45 Cantankerous
- 47 Kans. neighbor
- 48 Evening hour
- 49 "The Sign" band (1994)
- 54 Sprite

**DOWN**

- 1 Stir-fry pan
- 2 "Entourage" role
- 3 Japanese money
- 4 Agreement slangly
- 5 Tenants
- 6 Sphere
- 7 Become one
- 8 Noah's land- ing site
- 9 Hive leaders
- 10 Supplement- mented, with "out"
- 11 Contradict
- 16 Wildebeest
- 20 History chapters
- 21 Sash. neighbor
- 22 Legume
- 23 Type of dive
- 27 Mouth, slangly
- 29 O'Brien's predecessor
- 30 Paradise
- 32 You, old- style
- 34 Mean
- 37 Angelic figure
- 39 Short coat
- 42 Wetsuit material
- 44 Recede
- 45 Microwave, e.g.
- 46 Anger
- 50 Chow down
- 51 Time of your life?
- 52 The Red or the Black
- 53 Ostrich's relative

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# Statesman **Back Burner**



Today is Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Katie Fredrickson, a senior majoring in English Education from Bountiful, Utah.

## Almanac

**Today in History:** In 1864, Union Army General William Tecumseh Sherman lay siege to Atlanta, Georgia, a critical Confederate hub, shelling civilians and cutting off supply lines. The Confederates retreated, destroying the city's munitions as they went.

## Weather

**High:** 75° **Low:** 45°  
**Skies:** Sunny



## Wednesday Sept. 1

- SI for General Ed classes
- Blood Battle, TSC Lounges, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Day on the Quad, 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
- Greek Recruitment Orientation, Library 154, 3 p.m.
- RHA BBQ, Central Campus Lawn, 4 p.m.
- Nut and Bolts, Family Life Center, 6:45 p.m.

## Thursday Sept. 2

- Blood Battle, TSC Lounges, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Free Aggie Ice Cream, Fountain Patio, 11:30 a.m.
- High Stakes Bingo, TSC Ballroom, 7 p.m.

## Friday Sept. 3

- Blood Battle, TSC Lounges, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at San Diego State, 11 a.m.
- Greek Recruitment Orientation, TSC Auditorium, 12:30 p.m.
- Crazy for You, Pickleville Playhouse, 5 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at Long Beach State, 6 p.m.
- 80s Dance, Quad, 9 p.m.
- Antics Comedy Improv, Logan Arthouse, 10:30 p.m.

## Important Dates

The Registrar's office would like everyone to be aware of the following dates: Sept. 3 is the Last Day to Add without an Instructor's Signature and a Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline. On Sept. 4 all wait lists are discontinued and registration purge will take place Sept. 4-6. Labor day is on Sept. 6, there are no classes.

## SI for General Ed

SI begins for selected General Ed classes. Students attending 6 or more times earn a 1/2 grade or better for their final course grade.

## New ASL section

NEW section of American Sign Language I: ComD 2910-004 (CRN 51707) has been opened. Class is scheduled MWF 1:30 - 2:20 in Lillywhite 006.

## Refugee school

Please consider helping an awesome school that is going to be the first and only school for refugees in America. Go to their website [fugeesfamily.org](http://fugeesfamily.org), and vote for their school, Fugees Academy. They can get \$500,000 if they get enough votes.

## Ecology seminar

Ecology Center 2010-11 Seminar Series presents Dr. Carlos Martinez del Rio from the Department of Zoology & Physiology at the University of Wyoming on Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. in NR 105. Admission is free and open to the public.

## Major fair

The Major Fair will be held on Oct. 1 in the TSC International Lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come learn about the variety of majors, minors, and degree programs available at USU. Enter the drawing for great prizes! This event is designated as an Aggie Passport opportunity. More info available in TSC 304.

## You need to know...

**HUGE Big Band Show & Dance!** The popular Celebrate America Show takes you back-in-time to 1942, to Hollywood's famous Coconut Grove, where celebrities in the audience take the stage to entertain and support the USA through promoting War Bonds. USU Ballroom. Must have current Student ID for Student Price. Public welcome!! Tickets sold at the door, TSC ticket office, or online [www.celebrateamerica-cashow.com](http://www.celebrateamerica-cashow.com).

Utah State University's Merrill-Cazier Library sponsors "Ancient Painters on the Colorado Plateau," a Utah Arts Council Traveling Exhibit that features the photographs of USU professor Craig Law. The exhibition can be seen in the library's atrium Aug. 13 through Sept. 15. Law is featured in an exhibit lecture and public reception Thursday, Sept. 2, 5-6:30 p.m., Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101.

**Youth Conservatory** fall Registration Aug. 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to be held at the Chase Fine Arts Center (FAC) Courtyard. The Youth Conservatory is the Music Department's long-running piano study program for young musicians, ages 4-18.

Stokes Nature Center invites toddlers, ages 2-3, to join them for **Parent Tot** from 10 - 11 a.m. on Sept. 3. This program is parent interactive, and all toddlers must have a parent present to participate and explore along with their child. The program fee is \$3 To register, call 435-755-3239 or email [nature@logannature.org](mailto:nature@logannature.org).

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